

**Town of Goshen
Town Board Meeting
September 22, 2022
Minutes**

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A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 22nd day of September at Goshen Town Hall, 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present: Joseph Betro Town Supervisor
 Douglas Bloomfield Councilmember
 Philip Canterino Councilmember
 Richard Florio Councilmember

Also Present: Rory Brady Town Attorney
 Broderick Knoell Highway Superintendent
 Mary Riso Town Clerk

Absent: George Lyons Councilmember

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Canterino, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to open the meeting at 7:30 pm. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Public Hearing

Public Hearing on turning Duck Farm Road and Partridge Lane into a one-way.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to open the Public Hearing. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Supervisor Betro read a letter from Chief Post.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on the danger of walking on the trail by Duck Farm Road and of recent accidents located at the intersection.

Mr. Krish, 1 Partridge Lane, in summary, stated he had lived there for 48 years, he is opposed to the one way entrance, has gone out that way many times with no problem. His driveway is a 100 feet from the intersection. Noted this was discussed many years ago and people were encouraged to use Stonehedge if they're not comfortable using the Partridge exit. Suggested that the speed limit be lowered to 35 mph.

Christopher Donovan, in summary, had close calls exiting onto Knoell Road, felt it was very dangerous. He agreed there could be alternatives, such as a blinking speed limit sign of 35 mph and/or a speed bump at the start of the crest. Felt it was a very dangerous situation.

Superintendent Knoell stated, in summary, it was his personal opinion that it's dangerous. He's watched cars go faster and faster over the years down Knoell Road.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on speed bumps and lights. It was determined that a traffic study should be done to check the current standards for sight distance. Noted the first call is safety.

Jean Kirsch, suggested that people should be encouraged to use Stonehedge.

Mr. Donovan noted that no one reads signs.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to close the Public Hearing. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to make Duck Farm Road a one way. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Further study on Partridge Lane will be done.

Public Hearing on Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2022, Adopting a Moratorium on Certain Solar Energy Uses

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to open the Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2022, Adopting a moratorium on Certain Solar Energy Uses. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Attorney Brady read comments received in an email from Alicia Legland. Whereupon there was a discussion and review of the law. It was noted the proposed law would move forward as presented.

Sister Ellen Rita Picaro, 105 Railroad Avenue, in summary, after hearing the discussion realize the application they already submitted will be moving forward.

Jim Langlois inquired if this related to individual residences. The response was no.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Florio, seconded by Councilmember Canterino, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to close the Public Hearing. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to adopt Introductory Local Law 3 as Local Law 2 of 2022. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Items for Discussion/Action

Review and approve acceptance of deed for portion of property measuring twenty-five (25) feet from the centerline along the southeasterly side of Johnson Road for Highway purposes, in connection with the two-lot Johnson Subdivision.

Attorney Brady reviewed the resolution of acceptance.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve resolution of acceptance as prepared. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Discuss Town Conveyance of 25x50 Parcel to lot 18-2-42 in Northgate.

Alec Gladd, Cudy & Feder, LLP was present. Attorney Gladd stated he would prepare a quick deed claim and resolution for approval at the October 13 meeting.

Discuss Young's Grove Force Main.

Whereupon, there was a discussion, in summary, noted the DEC did not give a decisive answer, noted it was something they like to approve and the process is long and drawn out. Leaning towards a force main based on the letter. It was noted it was in the financial interest of the Town to approve the force main.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the force main for Young's Grove. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Steve Esposito noted that the process would take a year.

Review and discuss Comprehensive Water and Sewer Master Plan prepared by Delaware Engineering.

Mary Beth Bianconi, Tracey Ledder, and Mike Aiello, P.E., were present from Delaware Engineering. They gave an overview presentation of their study on the water/sewer districts in the Town.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on prior work completed in the districts. The aging water lines were discussed and noted that there is \$200,000 in the capital reserve fund for Hambletonian Park. Consolidation and increasing the scoring for future grants were discussed. The consolidation process would require an internal agreement. It's a legal process with a great deal of paperwork. A public hearing would have to be conducted with the establishment of a rate structure. It would be filed with the State. District consolidation would take four or five months total. It was recommended we take the initial steps in November.

Review and discuss the Town of Goshen 2023 Tentative Budget. Following the discussion, the Town Board needs to approve a 2023 Preliminary Budget to be presented to the public on October 27, 2022.

Supervisor Betro thanked Budget Officer Cavaliere for her work on the budget. Noted the fund balance was maintained with a 3% decrease in taxes to the Town and Village.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on increasing GOVAC from \$50,000 to \$60,000, the mortgage tax, MTA tax, and pilots.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget and set a Public Hearing for October 27, 2022. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Review and approve the September 8, 2022 Town Board Minutes.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the September 8, 2022 minutes. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Review and approve energy rate contract. (See attached)

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the energy rate contract as presented. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Review and approve the hiring of part-time police officer, Jacob Motz at \$28.10 per hour.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the hiring of part-time police officer, Jacob Motz at a rate of \$28.10 an hour. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Finance

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Florio, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the Supervisor to pay accounts payable check run on September 22, 2022 in the amount of \$1,027,638.80.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the Supervisor to pay Workman's Comp claims in the amount of \$1,921.92.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Privilege of the Floor

Keith Roddey, inquired to the removal of the ruins at the Salesian Park.

Whereupon, there was a discussion, in summary, regarding the ruins being a safety issue. The matter is being addressed.

Mary Troy, Vice President of the Friends of the Library, stated she would like to see the Town and the Village create master plan for the park. She submitted a letter for the record.

Bill Troy, member of the board of trustees for the library, stated his concern about potential liability. Agreed that any hazards should be looked at and addressed. Supervisor Betro responded that they are waiting on the mason to come with a cost to repair and make it safe.

Irma Langlois, Scotchtown Road asked how much JRC receives in the Budget. Supervisor Betro responded \$125,000.

Jim Langlois thanked the Board for working with the Village and getting the school taken down. Stated that it looks fantastic. Recommended that Joint Rec should have a master plan for all the parks.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue for the building department with the intent not to return. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.