

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 25th day of October, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:

Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor	Philip Canterino	Councilman
Kenneth Newbold	Councilman	Louis Cappella	Councilman
George Lyons	Councilman		

Also Present: Dennis Caplicki, Town Attorney

A. CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Bloomfield opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA: Supervisor Bloomfield said he would like to amend the agenda to include, as item three, under New Business, Appointment of Dennis Lindsay, P.E. and Riddick Associates, P.C. as Town/Planning Board Engineers.

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: No response.

Supervisor Bloomfield stated he would like to recognize Assemblyperson Anne Rabbit. He said she has been here since 5:30 p.m. talking with residents about their concerns. He thanked her for coming.

D. REPORTS:

Councilman Canterino reported Joint Recreation had a Halloween Party at Craigville Park and attracted approximately one thousand people. He said it was an incredibly great success. He said there are some things the Joint Recreation Commission have to go over regarding insurance and he will report back to the Board on this at a later date.

Councilman Lyons reported he would like to mention the Halloween Party as well. He thanked the Police Department for helping out with all the festivities that were held. "It was a great time for all". He said the Chief had informed the Board, and he would like to inform the public, that there is now a tactical response team being formed which would include the Village of Goshen, Town of Goshen, Town of Blooming Grove, Town of Warwick and the Town of Chester Police Department. He said it is now in the formative stages and he will be reporting back to the Board as it comes to fruition. Councilman Lyons also reported that the Chief is in the process of putting in his "wish list" to Senator

Larkin for different items and police cars. He also asked Assemblyperson Annie Rabbit for her help.

Councilman Lyons reported, Sergeant Imperio wrote a grant and submitted it to the New York State Division for Criminal Justice Services and we are in the process of receiving a license plate reader. The amount of the grant was \$18,675.00.

Councilman Newbold reported he had been in touch with the Humane Society and they would be getting in touch with the Board as soon as possible in reference to their yearly financial report. He also reported, he called Al Turi and the Board of Fire Commissioners and requested their help in putting a tarp over the tower on the Salesian property to preserve it. Mr. Turi said to notify them when the Board is ready and the equipment should be available to us. He thanked the Police Department for helping him set up for the Halloween Party, he said they arrived early to help and did a really great job.

Councilman Cappella reported the Senior Center is doing well and the rentals are up, so this is helping their finances. He said that he and Highway Superintendent Andryshak are putting their list together that they will submit in the search for grants also. He said the paving is finished and the men are now working in Arcadia dealing with some drainage issues.

He also reported on Dial-A-Bus and the approval given by the Board to authorize the Supervisor to purchase a used van from the County. The van is needed, to continue to serve the seniors, when one of the other buses break down or is being serviced. We are not scheduled to receive a new bus for another year and a half. He said very often a rental van is not always available. He said Supervisor Bloomfield worked out a good deal with the County which was asking \$1,000.00 and the Town will be purchasing it for \$500.00. Councilman Cappella said he also would like to thank the Police Officers who worked on the Halloween Party for doing such a great job and making the party such a success.

Supervisor Bloomfield said the whole Board is in agreement on recognizing the Police Officers who participated in the success of the Halloween party. He reported the Board submitted two PDR parcels to the County today for matching funds. He said these two parcels are contiguous to each other and are very nice properties. He said hopefully the County will approve the purchase of one or both of these properties.

He reported he talked with John Hall's office today relative to the \$400,000.00 grant for the water pipes in Hambletonian Park and he was told it is still in the Senate, as there is a lot of dialogue going on in reference to financial bills, but they are optimistic. Congress

usually vacates about the first of October, but this year they may work well into November.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing: Coding and Zoning Local Laws #2 and #3. Attorney Caplicki explained this Public Hearing is being continued from a prior date and he would recommend it be continued to the November 19th meeting. He said during this time the Board will receive written or oral comments from interested parties. Councilman Canterino made the Motion to continue the Public Hearing to the November 19th meeting and during this time to continue to receive written and oral comments. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Application for Cable Franchise for Hometown Online, Inc. – Notice of Consensus to Move Forward :

Attorney Caplicki explained this application is for a cable franchise for Hometown Online, Inc., a subsidiary or an affiliate firm of Warwick Valley Telephone. He said they are proposing competitive service to an area near the border of Florida, New York. They have previously appeared before the Board to ask for a waiver from the Public Service Commission. He said he is sure this is no longer required and he has contacted their attorney to indicate that, and is waiting for a response. He said the next step would be for the Board to acknowledge our interest in their pursuing the application. Since a waiver is not needed, Attorney Caplicki suggested the Board, if so inclined, authorize him to pursue the negotiations on the franchise agreement and then submit it to the Board for their approval.

Councilman Cappella made the Motion to authorize Attorney Caplicki to negotiate a franchise agreement with Hometown Online, Inc. and submit the results back to the Town Board for approval. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Councilman Canterino asked if the franchise would be town wide? Attorney Caplicki replied no, it will take in a small area, Industrial Drive, Durland Road, Route 94 going to Chester. He explained, Warwick Valley is making cable available through it's existing service area. He stated they might choose to expand into the rest of the Town at a later date. Attorney Caplicki stated that statutorily the fee paid to the Township is five percent, and some companies will try to negotiate this. However, Warwick Valley Telephone has offered to pay the maximum amount allowed by statute. Supervisor Bloomfield called the vote: Motion carried unanimously.

F. NEW BUSINESS: 1. Tax Levy – Unpaid Water and Sewer Bills: Supervisor Bloomfield introduced and read the re-levy Resolution.

TOWN OF GOSHEN RESOLUTION

RELEVY OF UNPAID WATER AND SEWER CHARGES

BE IT RESOLVED that the following charges for water and/or sewer service remaining unpaid as of the date of this resolution be re-levied upon the 2008 real property tax rolls:

Levy of Unpaid Utilities

NAME	SECTION-BLOCK-LOT	AMOUNT
Hambletonian Park	District 1 Water	\$43,644.05
	District 1 Sewer	\$28,530.55
	Subtotal	\$72,174.60
Arcadia Hills	District 2 Water	\$69,350.47
	District 2 Sewer	\$66,094.73
	Subtotal	\$135,445.20
Stone Hedge	District 3 Water	\$10,101.15
Scotchtown	District 4 Water	\$ 4,529.90
TOTAL LEVY OF UNPAID UTILITIES FOR 2007		<u>\$222,250.85</u>

Levy of Meter Installation

Hambletonian Park	District 1 Water	\$5,412.42
Arcadia Hills	District 2 Water	\$8,370.27
TOTAL LEVY OF METER INSTALLATION 2007		\$13,782.69

On a Motion by Supervisor Bloomfield, seconded by Councilman Canterino the resolutions was adopted on a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The Supervisor declared this resolution adopted.

Dated: 10/25/2007

**TOWN OF GOSHEN WATER & SEWER
Levy of Unpaid Utilities – 2007**

Hambletonian Park – District #1

SC Water \$ 43,644.05

SA Sewer \$28,530.55

#1 TOTAL \$72,174.60

Arcadia Hills – District #2

SD Water \$69,350.47

SB Sewer \$66,094.73

#2 TOTAL \$135,445.20

Stonehedge-District #3

SE Water \$10,101.15

#3 TOTAL \$10,101.15

Scotchtown – District #4 \$ 4,529.90

#4 TOTAL \$ 4,529.90

TOTAL 2007 LEVY \$222,250.85

**TOWN OF GOSHEN WATER & SEWER
Levy of Meter Installation -2007**

Hambletonian Park – District #1

SC Water \$5,412.42

#1 TOTAL \$5,412.42

Acadia Hills – District #2

SD Water \$8,370.27

#2 TOTAL \$8,370.27

TOTAL 2007 Meter Levy \$13,782.69

Attorney Caplicki said he would also at this time present a Resolution to place a tax levy on 6 Larchwood Drive.

**TOWN OF GOSHEN RESOLUTION
TAX LEVY FOR 6 LARCHWOOD DRIVE**

Introduced by: Supervisor Douglas Bloomfield

Seconded by: Councilman Philip Canterino

Date of Adoption: October 25, 2007

BE IT RESOLVED that the following charges for Property Maintenance of 6 Larchwood Drive, Town of Goshen, Section 25-Block 3, Lot 14, be levied upon the 2008 Real Property Tax Rolls.

Property Maintenance - \$3,700.00

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor	Philip Canterino	Councilman
Kenneth Newbold	Councilman	George Lyons	Councilman
Louis Cappella	Councilman		

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

2. Tax Levy – Open Space: \$171,062.00

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
TAX LEVY FOR OPEN SPACE**

Introduced by: Councilman Kenneth Newbold
Seconded by: Councilman George Lyons
Date of Adoption: October 25, 2007

BE IT RESOLVED that the following charges for Open Space for the 2008 tax year be levied upon the 2008 Real Property Tax rolls:

<u>Levy of Open Space Debt:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
“A” Fund – Townwide Residents	\$171,062.00

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor	AYE	Philip Canterino	Councilman	AYE
Kenneth Newbold	Councilman	AYE	George Lyons	Councilman	AYE
Louis Cappella	Councilman	AYE			

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

3. Appointment of Engineer for Town and Planning Board

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
RESOLUTION
Appointment of Engineer for Town and Planning Board**

Introduced by: Councilman Philip Canterino
Seconded by: Councilman George Lyons
Date of Adoption: October 25, 2007

At a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Goshen, County of Goshen, State of New York, held at Town Hall in said Town on the 25th day of October, 2007

WHEREAS, the Town of Goshen and Town of Goshen Planning Board requires the assistance of an Engineer for municipal and planning purposes; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Lindsay, P.E. and Riddick Associates, P.C. of 139 Lafayette Avenue, Suffern, New York, has submitted fee proposal(s) for representing the Town of Goshen and the Town of Goshen Planning Board and for providing assistance thereto in connection with various municipal applications coming before said Boards;

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the fee for professional engineering of \$160 per hour, and the fee for non-engineering services such as draftsmen and CAD Operators for \$75 per hour are accepted. Additionally, Dennis Lindsay, P.E. and Riddick Associates, P.C. are appointed as Town engineer, Town of Goshen and Planning Board Engineer to the Planning Board of the Town of Goshen to serve at the Town's pleasure and to be paid based upon the aforementioned fees and subsequent to the submission and approval by the Town of Goshen of periodic time billing (s).

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Douglas Bloomfield	AYE	Councilman Philip Canterino	AYE
Councilman Louis Cappella	AYE	Councilman George Lyons	AYE
Councilman Kenneth Newbold	AYE		

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

G. FINANCE:

Councilman Cappella made a Motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Check Run dated October 19, 2007 amounting to \$61,350.05. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Goshen Police Officer Richard Walls addressed the Board stating he is one of the School Resource Officers at BOCES. He stated the following: "Personally speaking I am very grateful to be employed by the Town of Goshen." Prior to the SRO program being implemented originally at BOCES, our department ran, on an average, two calls per day there. That campus houses 2,600 students, factor in the staff, and you have a population about the size of the Village of Florida. It was first funded by a grant and then BOCES picked up the contract and paid for the officers. I understand we are now at a point of renegotiating that contract. What this has done for the Town is, it took this 3,000 population center, where the officers were running constantly to handle calls and make arrests, and it freed those officers up to patrol the forty some miles of the Town more effectively, and the cost is being paid for by BOCES, actually from their component districts, every school district of Orange County and parts of Ulster County. There are many SROs being paid for by the Townships themselves and others where the Towns and the schools share the cost. Officer Walls presented the Board with the annual year end report and highlighted the 54 arrests that were made at the BOCES center. He stated that if the officers were not already on campus, then they would have had to be handled by the

officers on patrol, therefore depleting the services to the rest of the town. He said when there is a snow day and the SROs don't go to the school, they work for the Town Police Department, out attending to traffic accidents, etc. Sometimes the officers have to come off the campus to go to court and the Grand Jury. To his knowledge BOCES does not bill back for the hours the officers are away. There is a lot of flexibility here. He asked that the Board take a good look at this and the ramifications for the officers that work there, the students, the teachers and other workers, as well as the residents who live there. He thanked the Board for their time.

John Blaine approached the Board saying he is a resident of Goshen, a resident of Sawyer's Peak and also a teacher at BOCES. He said from a professional standpoint he has enjoyed the safe environment. The officers park their cars out front of the school, visible from the street, just their presence slows traffic and puts police officers in the area nine hours a day. He said as a teacher and a taxpayer he would encourage the Board to keep this program going. There has been an incredible difference to the staff and the students as well, since the officers have been on campus.

Supervisor Bloomfield stated the Board is negotiating with BOCES, representing the citizens of Goshen who do not need to be subsidizing Orange and Ulster Counties with Goshen taxpayer money. "It is one of finance, it has nothing to do with the quality of workmanship in the program. "We absolutely value the program, we would like to see the program stay there."

Officer Mike Wilson, a part time police officer for the Town and Village of Goshen, who lives adjacent to the BOCES School. He said he would encourage the Board to look at this as a value rather than a cost. He said there is a significant difference. He thought the SRO program should have a place in the budget, whether it be for the cars we are being forced to drive or the fact that we are not supplied with our own weapons when we are doing our job, "keeping the citizens of Goshen safe." "We are not about writing tickets or putting people in handcuffs, we are about protecting and serving and it is more of a value, not cost."

Officer Edwards asked the Board to realize that their decision on the matter would affect the residents, the officers and their families and their lives.

Supervisor Bloomfield said the Board has been looking at everything. Councilman Canterino said BOCES deals with Ulster County and Orange County and we are the Town of Goshen. He said BOCES' budget is close to a hundred million dollars, the Town's budget is six million dollars. "It is a valuable program for BOCES, the distance is very, very narrow, but we need to protect the tax payers in Goshen." "We are looking only for reimbursement, we are not looking for anything over, just for whatever the tax payer is subsidizing Orange and Ulster Counties."

Officer Walls asked if BOCES had ever asked for reimbursement for snow days? The Board agreed they would not discuss this further as it is still being negotiated.

Theresa Makuen spoke saying a lot of you out there are our friends, you are costing us millions of dollars by what you are doing with the proposed zoning. "I ask myself who are these people, I don't recognize them any more." "I feel you take a stand that you are elite, that you are distant from us, we have elected you to serve us, not just some of the people, but all of the people." "You have devalued our land without talking to us." We are told this is the way it is going to be. "It is not fair and it is not right." "I thought this Board was about doing what is right, am I wrong?"

A gentleman asked if the SRO officers would lose their job if BOCES does not accept the agreement? Supervisor Bloomfield said he felt they would accept the agreement, if not, he was sure the officers would not lose their job.

Officer Wilson again repeated that everything he has heard and seen as a Police Officer and a resident is not about the value, it is not about the service, it is about the money. "It is actually a shame, when you compare what is being done in the Town of Goshen Police Department and what is going on in other departments."

Supervisor Bloomfield stated: "let me share something with you." "In 2001, the Police Department in the Town of Goshen cost about \$275,000.00, in 2007 it is one and a half million dollars, it has gone up 27.4% a year from 2001 to 2006." "But I keep hearing we are not supporting the Police Department". "To the contrary, none of our other departments can even come close to being funded as well as we are here". "We have put more full-time officers on, we got more cars, we got this, we got that, we have been spending a great deal of money". "Today affordability is a big issue". Citizens keep asking me when are we going to control cost?

There was a lengthy discussion between the police officers and the Board in reference to the expenses of the Police Department. The Supervisor ended the discussion saying "This Board is a balancing act, we try to combine the most service we can, for a reasonable cost, and that is what we are all about."

Theresa Makuen said she would like to offer that there are some solutions. Our Planned Adult Community on 17A, if we took sewer and water that would significantly reduce the cost of water and sewer as well as taxes, and make a huge difference. "But instead you opt to reject our award winning zoning that hasn't even been tried and you said "well we can't have those because there are too many popping up". "To my knowledge, beside ours, in the Town, there is only one other". "You have been quoted in the paper saying that there are a number of Planned Adult Communities around, that in my opinion, is not totally correct". "There are a few small ones in the village". "We could help the taxpayer if you would cooperate with us instead of focusing on the zoning".

Susan Shapiro suggested the zoning be kept as it is, so that homeowners could do as they want, but not give bonuses. She also felt the Town should be thinking of and planning green, by requiring the builders to use energy efficient materials such as solar panels, etc. She also stated this was an award winning plan and stated others copied the plan.

Floyd Makuen said his family has been in Goshen for five generations, he said we are here to stay. He said he feels the farm families are being thrown to the wolves. He spoke of Mrs. Persoon who says she cannot get her land sold, that she can have only four lots. The Supervisor replied their phase one has been approved and it will have five homes. There will also be two more phases. It will be done in three phases at the request of the developer.

Mrs. Makuen said the new zoning would make her property useless. By zoning the front and back of the property residential and the middle commercial it would be impossible. The residential will not want the commercial and the commercial will not be seen from the highway and will not want to be in the middle of the residential areas.

Mrs. Shapiro suggested the Board meet with the applicants now before the Planning Board and review them all. She asked also that the Public Hearing to be held on November 19th be held open.

Councilman Newbold commended the SRO Officers and said the Town Board has been very generous to BOCES. It is a very hard decision to make on behalf of our taxpayers as everyone appreciates the job the officers are doing.

J. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments from the public, Supervisor Bloomfield made a Motion to close the business meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss 6 Larchwood Drive and the SRO Program, with no intent to return. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried unanimously.

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk