

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
**TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION**

May 22, 2017  
M I N U T E S

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 22nd day of May, 2017 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:	Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
	Melissa Gallo	Councilmember
	George Lyons	Councilmember
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilmember
	John VanDerMolen	Councilmember

Also Present:	Richard Golden, Esq.	Attorney for the Town
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. REVIEW TOWN OF GOSHEN 2016 YEAR-END BUDGET TRANSFERS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET OFFICER AND APPROVE AS PRESENTED**

Christine Cavaliere, Budget Officer, presented a listing of expenditure accounts that have exceeded their budgeted amounts. Therefore, she is requesting an approval to make year-end budget transfers in all funds to cover Expenditure Accounts that have exceeded their budgeted amounts. These transfers will be funded by Contingency Account budgets from accounts with excess budgeted amounts available for transfer and from Fund Balance Accounts where necessary.

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to authorize the Budget Officer to make year-end budget transfers in all funds to cover expenditures as presented. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, Van Der Molen  
0 NAYS

**2. REVIEW TOWN OF GOSHEN 2016 YEAR-END FUND BALANCE SUMMARIES AND POTENTIAL 2017 LIABILITIES**

Christine Cavalier, Budget Officer, submitted a listing summary of revenues and expenses in every fund. The *funds* are: A FUND-General Town-Wide, B FUND-General Outside, DA FUND-Highway Town-Wide, and DB FUND-Highway Outside. The *liabilities* are: (1) Turi Tax Certiorari \$123,545 due in 2017 (2) Retirement-should stay same. In 2016 ERS decreased 30,000; Police increased 15,000 (3) Workers' Comp. Premium-typically 4% increase (5,000) and (4) Healthcare-estimated 7% increase, \$34,382 with 60% HRA usage.

**3. INFORMATION: THE TOWN OF GOSHEN HAS RECEIVED OUR FIRST APPLICATION FOR A SOLAR FARM**

The Town has received an application for a solar energy facility: Davis Solar, LLC. which is a

limited liability company indirectly owned by Cypress Creek Renewables, LLC (CCR). The proposal is to develop a 2MW Solar Energy Facility on roughly twenty (20) acre parcel located near the intersection of Owens Rd. and Phillipsburg Rd. at 131 Owens Road. Davis Solar, LLC expects to invest approximately \$4,350,000 into this facility. Goshen can expect to receive over \$2,100,000 locally with about 23 local construction and installation jobs. There is a procedure to opt-out of NYS tax exemption for solar projects to get the tax revenue. This will be looked at.

Discussion: Councilperson Lyons noted that the anticipated power output of this project is approximately 3.6 million kilowatt-hours annually, enough to power approximately 500 single-family homes.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilperson Van Der Molen made the motion to approve the work sessions of April 10, April 24, and May 8, 2017 and regular meetings of April 13, 2017 and April 27, 2017. Councilperson Gallo seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, Van Der Molen  
0 NAYS

#### **(Addition) STATUS UPDATE OF TOWN HALL ROOF REPAIR**

Supervisor Bloomfield spoke to our engineer, Sean Hoffman P.E., who is working with a contractor to repair the roof on the Town Hall. There are two approaches to remedy the leaks; (1) Mr. Hoffman is working to obtain a grant from the office of Senator Bonacic to fund the entire roof repair project. (2) If conditions worsen, money will need to be spent to patch the problem areas to make it through the winter. Hopefully, we'll have more information at the next meeting.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Discuss Pending Litigation
2. CSEA Negotiations

With the intent not to return. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Newbold. Motion Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:00PM**

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Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk