

**TOWN OF GOSHEN**  
**TOWN BOARD COMBINED WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING**  
**December 17, 2018**  
MINUTES

A combined meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 17th day of December, 2018 at 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 Van Der Molen	Councilmember

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

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA**

**C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)**

None at this time.

**D. REPORTS:**

**Councilperson Gallo** stated that the JRC did not meet in December. They are finalizing the budgets, and looking for public input for ideas for next year. There are two projects they will be working on: pickle ball and the pocket park in Arcadia Hills.

**Councilperson Lyons** reporting for the Highway Dept. The most time consuming work done this month was brush/leaf removal in the developments. So far about 500 cubic yards of leaves were picked up with a dumping fee of approximately \$3,300.00. Repairs to road shoulders and ditches were performed on Reservoir Road and Milburn Road. Brush was cut back in Arcadia and Goshen Hills. Eight days of cold asphalt patching was accomplished.

On another note, meeting with Supervisor Bloomfield and Greg Townsend of Marshall & Sterling Insurance resulted in good news. With the cyber/crime added to our policy, the Town insurance premium went down from last year. In 2018 the premium was \$116,289.66 and for 2019 it will be \$112,764.84.

**Councilperson Newbold** stated that paving and striping the parking lot has been completed. He is working on a criteria with the Engineer to go out for bids to install LED lights in the Town buildings.

**Councilperson Van Der Molen** reported that the Senior Commission did not meet this month and will break for the holidays until February.

**Supervisor Bloomfield** reported negotiations continue with the CSEA/PBA. He received a letter from the Environmental Facilities Corporation informing that the Town was not selected to receive a NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement grant for Arcadia Hills Sewer Rehabilitation. We asked for the same grant (\$30,000) as we received for Hambletonian Park.

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. DISCUSS LETTER FROM VILLAGE OF FLORIDA MAYOR TO ANNEX PARCELS LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF GOSHEN INTO THE VILLAGE OF FLORIDA.**

The Village of Florida owns two parcels located in the Town of Goshen at 32, 34, 36 Meadow Road (SBL 20-1-43.22) and 28 Meadow Road (SBL 20-1-42). The two parcels are presently uninhabited by residents and are improved with a substation for the New York State Police and the Village's sewage treatment plant. The Village Mayor Daniel Harter Jr. sent a letter requesting the Town of Goshen to annex the stated parcels into the Village of Florida.

Supervisor Bloomfield referenced a map showing that that requested annexation borders a parcel owned by Mr. Mulrad who is in the process of building two large commercial buildings. By allowing the annexation will give the *opportunity* for the Village of Florida to annex surrounding parcels. He recommends not to proceed with the request.

Attorney Golden informed the Board that the standard for an annexation "must be interest for all". Not only just the Village of Florida or the Town of Goshen, but of other taxing entities such a school & fire districts. If the Board believes that it is not in the best interest *for all* it would be grounds not to go forward with the annexation.

Supervisor Bloomfield asked for comments from the Board. With some discussion the consensus was not to annex said parcels to the Village of Florida.

Attorney Golden will notify Mayor Harter, Jr. that his request has been denied.

**2. DISCUSS REQUEST BY ROBERT RAMETTA, ESQ. TO CONTINUE TO BE SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE TOWN OF GOSHEN AT HIS CURRENT HOURLY RATE OF \$150.00.**

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with Robert Rametta, Esq. reappointing him as Special Counsel to represent the Town in its Tax Certiorari proceedings and to prosecute and negotiate the traffic tickets at the same rate as in 2018 in the amount of \$150.00 per hour. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

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

**3. DISCUSS LETTER FROM RESIDENTS ON PHILLIPSBURG ROAD REQUESTING ROAD & NO DUMPING SIGNAGE AND CLEAN-UP OF DUMPED DEBRIS ALONG THE ROAD ADJACENT TO THEIR HOMES.**

This is the "old" part of Phillipsburg Road which is dead-ended. New homes were built in a cul-de-sac turning off to the right on a road with no name. Technically, Phillipsburg Rd. is not the name of this section.

The Highway Superintendent suggested to officially name the road and put it in the system. This will satisfy the residents and enable the fire dept. and ambulance corp. to easily locate the address in case of an emergency. Perhaps the residents can come up with a name for their road.

**F. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. INFORMATION: THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS MADE FUNDS AVAILIABLE TO THE ORANGE COUNTY CDBG PROGRAM FOR A \$30,000 GRANT FOR THE SENIOR CENTER ADA AUTOMATED DOORS.**

As stated, for information only.

**2. INFORMATION: THE HAMBLETONIAN PARK SANITARY SEWER LINING REHABILITATION PROJECT WILL START IN EARLY JANUARY 2019.**

As stated, for information only.

**G. FINANCE:**

Councilperson Gallo made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run for 12/17/2018 amounting to \$29,010.86. Councilperson Van Der Molen seconded the motion.

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

**H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of 11/8/18, combined work session & regular meeting minutes of 11/19/18 and public meeting minutes of District 1 on 12/5/18. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, John Van Der Molen	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, Melissa Gallo	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>		

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

**I. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Question was raised pertaining to a *rumor* that construction workers on the Legoland property accidentally cut power to the Dept. of Mental Health. Answer: Rumor not confirmed.

*Wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season to all.*

**J. ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Newbold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Time: 7:55PM

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Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk





