

**Town of Goshen
Town Board Meeting
September 23, 2021
Minutes**

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A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 23rd day of September, 2021, at Goshen Town Hall, 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:	Douglas Bloomfield	Town Supervisor
	Philip Canterino	Councilmember
	George Lyons	Councilmember
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilmember
	Richard Florio	Councilmember

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

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

Old Business

Review current status of the following projects.

Whereupon, Mr. Hoffman summarized his report as follows:

- Project to reduce brown water in Hambletonian Park, the application to the Department of Health was submitted back in August. Mr. Hoffman followed up on September 22, 2021 with Steve Gagnon who stated an expedited review could take three to four weeks. Mr. Hoffman suggested that Supervisor Bloomfield contact Steve Gagnon directly to emphasize the need to expedite.
- Town acceptance of Heritage Estates infrastructure, Attorney Naughton and Mr. Hoffman had a video conference on September 15 with Developer Mumford. The smaller punch list was completed. Developer Mumford indicated the remaining punch list items such as catch basin repair, confirmation by Village of Goshen of the adequacy of the manhole connection, identification of Water Treatment Building for E-911 response and repairs to the storm drain at No. 54 Laurel Circle remain outstanding. Developer Mumford has been responsive and they are currently working on easements needed. Well 6 is an outstanding issue, and is currently being reviewed. Whereupon, there was a discussion on retaining a performance bond for the work on Well 6. It was discussed that a cash bond would be requested determined by Mr. Hoffman's estimate and at the discretion of the Town Board.
- Town acceptance of Woodland Estates infrastructure – As reported in previous meeting, a field meeting was done with Superintendent Knoell, Building Inspector Halloran, Developer Hirsch and Engineer David Higgins. On September 9, Mr. Hoffman spoke with

David Higgins regarding remaining items requested. Engineer Higgins forwarded additional items on the September 10. These items are being reviewed. Whereupon, there was a discussion on the asphalt plants and their schedule.

- Plans for repairing the Highway Garage and supplemental insurance recap of damages - On September 21, 2021, received a verbal proposal from TAM in the amount of \$88,000 for the temporary shoring. Whereupon, there was a discussion and noted that the building was constructed in 1966 and is a fairly complex building. It was also noted that Tokyo Marine paid a check in the amount of \$77,000 back in September of 2020. In the correspondence they stated if the contractor found additional damage where repairs would be needed, to contact them. Pursuant to the discussion Councilmember Lyons will be in contact with the insurance carrier.

Review and approve minutes of the September 9, 2021, Town Board Meeting.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Newbold, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the September 9, 2021 minutes. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

Review updated approach to support demolition of the Salesian School Building.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on the purchase of the Salesian property and noted that Fund A was used for the purchase. Fund A is tax money from both the Town and Village. Supervisor Bloomfield noted the Town has been protective of borrowing money. Back in 2006 there were nine separate debts totaling four and half million dollars to be paid off. There was a 25% increase in taxation in 2007. The Town has been paying as they go for 16 years. Eight of the last nine years there has been a decrease in taxes.

Councilmember Canterino – prepared a brief overview of the project.

- August 25, 2020, discussion with Town Engineer Sean Hoffman. Discussion with Attorney Golden on liability insurance.
- September 10, 2020, initial discussion with Mike Nuzzolese, Village Mayor, to assist in opening the building for inspection and condition analysis. Last inspection was done in 2012.
- September 23, inspection completed by Larry Holzapfel, CEO of Quest and his engineer.
- October 23, received estimates (1) of asbestos abatement then demolition, which involved sending engineers into the building first, having to shore the building, and that was an unknown cost. (2) designation of the whole building containing asbestos material and taking it down.

- Joint meeting with the Village was held in December 2020. The consensus was we would take down the whole building. Village said they would discuss it and come back.
- Middle of January we had not come to any consensus how we were doing; the Village was concerned about finance.
- May 7, Bill Troy spoke to Peter Smith and the discussion revolved around the fact the Village was responsible for \$10,000 of the expenses. Referring to the Intermunicipal Agreement, that is not true, both Town and Village would be responsible.
- It can be done, (a) Town wide finance through Fund A both Town and Village residents pay equally (b) can take a BAN which is renewable annually for 5 years, hopefully can be paid off in 2 years (c) able to close on BAN within 60 days.
- Mr. Hoffman has been asked to write up bid process and Attorney Golden to review process and talk to the Village Attorney to review the details and come to an agreement on how to proceed.

Attorney Golden, in summary, stated the payment of the BAN would be through Fund A. He had contacted Attorney Donovan for the Village with the proposal that Councilmember Canterino had described, and he had no objections. Discussed having the Town and Village pursuant to State law, exempt from local zoning and permitting. Have both building inspectors from Town and Village oversee the project for safety reasons.

Supervisor Bloomfield stated it should be taken down in February and March when there are less people, for safety reasons.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the Town Attorney to draft a resolution based on the discussion held, giving approval for this project, asking the Engineer to prepare bidding specs, and also requesting the Village to approve and exempt the project from the local zoning and permitting process. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

Bill Troy, thanked the Town Board. Stated he was happy for the resolution. New driveway coming into the property, would there be a way to plan removal of the contaminated material through some kind of a temporary drive cut in the back of the property to Craigville so it's not trucked out through the main driveway.

Keith Roddey, stated it's about time.

Whereupon, there was a discussion and Sean Hoffman will contact Orange County DPW to reactivate the driveway and obtain any permits necessary.

Finance

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Newbold, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the Supervisor to pay account payable check run for September 23, 2021 in the amount of \$220,978.53. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the Supervisor to pay Workman's Comp claims in the amount of \$1,847.52. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Florio, seconded by Councilmember Canterino, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the Supervisor to pay Manual A/P run for July 31, 2021 in the amount of \$36,765.73. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Newbold, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the Supervisor to pay Manual A/P run for August 31, 2021 in the amount of \$17,251.41. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Bob Smith, in summary, was concerned about the BAN for Salesian property and impact to taxes. The response was that Fund A has a big balance and it will not be noticeable. Depending on the revenues coming in there may be a tax decrease. Mr. Smith stated he was happy with the way the Board handles finances.

Keith Roddey, in summary, was concerned the Town shouldn't be run by part-time workers, and the open space bond in 2004.

The Board responded that the Town consolidated services with the County. The Town has full time employees, who have 100% of their health insurance paid. The open space bond was passed in 2004. The Town spent 2.2 million purchasing four farms. The Town was authorized to spend up to five million, but was broke in 2008 and had a 24% tax increase.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Canterino, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to go into executive session with the intent not to return. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm