

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 11, 2017

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 11th 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 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 7:34pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Councilperson Lyons reported that the "Spring Fling" on the Village Green has been rescheduled from May 13th to May 20th. This event will feature a car & motorcycle show, farmers market vendors, live music, food and fun for everyone.

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. INFORMATIONAL UPDATE BY DAWN ANSBRO OF THE ORANGE COUNTY FILM OFFICE, CREATING NEW TAX INCENTIVES TO DRAW MORE PRODUCTIONS TO ORANGE COUNTY

This will be rescheduled to a later date.

2. DISCUSS AND APPROVE TWO (2) SITE IMPROVEMENT BONDS FOR THE HERITAGE AT GOSHEN SUBDIVISION: ONE FOR PHASE 2 AND ONE FOR PHASE 3 OF CONSTRUCTION.

Supervisor Bloomfield read from a letter from Sean Hoffman P.E. dated February 24, 2017, "Based on the foregoing, and an application of 10% contingency factor, we recommend a total bond for Phase 2 in the amount of \$347,700". Another letter from Sean Hoffman P.E. dated April 14, 2017, "Based on the foregoing, and an application of 10% contingency factor, we recommend a total bond for Phase 3 in the amount of \$143,700". [The details of the item description can be found in the Clerk's office.]

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to approve two site improvement bonds for the Heritage At Goshen subdivision: one for Phase 2 dated February 28, 2017 in the amount of \$347,000.00 and one for Phase 3 dated April 25, 2017 in the amount of \$143,700.00. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

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

3. **INFORMATION: THE GOSHEN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, SPONSORED BY THE GOSHEN VFW POST 1708, WILL BE HELD MONDAY, MAY 29, 2017. LINE UP AT 10 – 10:30AM BEHIND THE ORANGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. THE PARADE WILL START AT 11:00AM WITH STEP OFF ONTO ERIE STREET.**

As stated, for information only.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. **STATUS OF TEMPORARY EASEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEW GOSHEN LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION.**

The Temporary Access Easement Agreement with the library allows for the Town to put down an item #4 (gravel) driveway for the citizens. The current entrance will be used for the construction equipment. At the end of the construction, the item #4 driveway will be removed and restored to grass. The second Temporary Access Easement with the Haight Family Cemetery allows for a connector roadway between the Haight Property and the library property.

F. FINANCE:

Councilperson Van Der Molen made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run for May 11, 2017 amounting to \$251,429.44. Councilperson Gallo seconded the motion.

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

G. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Comments in general: Councilperson Gallo received a “thank you” for spearheading the movement to get a basketball court in Arcadia Hills.

Explained the Chester School budget decrease in school taxes as a result of AMSCAM back on the tax rolls. In the long run, who benefits from the Pilot programs?

A request to the Highway Superintendent to place rumble strips in the roadway mediam. “A great safety measure” to be included in the highway budget.

Complaint as to the absence of doggy bags at the Salesian Dog Park. Please work on a solution to clean up the situation. Dog poop receptacles / DogPoopBags.com.

Replacement/repair to the roof on the Town Hall is ongoing-why. Should be taken care of before the leaks cause major damage. Grants are worth waiting for, but if there is a critical situation, use the surplus funds.

Changes to the zoning began in 2015 seeking more commercial lands along with changes to solar & wind in our code. Zoning changes require public hearings.

Distribution Centers don’t give a great return to the community, they “eat-up valuable farm land”.

Complaint: Improvements to his home, (leased solar panels & whole house generator) resulted in a substantial increase in his home assessment. Was not comfortable with the assessment interpretation. Intention is to grieve the assessment.

Comments regarding the Legoland project: Compared a typical day of 20,000 attendees at Legoland to the air show at Stewart Airport. Will need to hire extra officers. Why rush the vote on the Host Agreement. Questioned the wording of the Oath Of Office. Elected officials represent everyone. Request was made to allow the 3 minute rule at the May 15th special meeting and to separate the sign-up sheets between the residents and non-residents of Goshen.

Who are your constituents? Offended that other entities (Orange Co. Partnership, Jedi) are supported and attended. Whereas no one attends the CC4HV meetings. Distributed mailers from CC4HV to attend "Proposed Legoland – Wrong For Goshen" informational presentation on May 16, 2017. Invitation noted.

Asked for an update on the testing of water tributaries. Highway Superintendent agreed that it is a good idea to have a baseline for the protection of the citizens. Is testing of the Otterkill included in the Legoland DEIS? Will it be in the FEIS? The Moodna Creek Organization anticipates to map & test the entire Moodna Creek/tributaries, not just the Otterkill. Fears this project will take too long to accomplish. Was letter to the DEIS scoping session addressed in the FEIS?

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

1. Attorney Client Meeting – Bad Tax Check
2. Attorney Client Meeting - Regarding Multiple Properties Owned by a Person Living in the Town of Goshen- Bankruptcy Court

with the intent not to return. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Lyons. Motion carried

I. ADJOURNMENT: 8:30PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk