

**Town of Goshen
Town Board Meeting
June 22, 2023
7:00 pm**

Minutes

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 22nd day of June 2023 at Goshen Town Hall, 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:	Joseph Betro	Town Supervisor
	Douglas Bloomfield	Councilmember
	George Lyons	Councilmember
	Richard Florio	Councilmember
	Philip Canterino	Councilmember

Also Present:	Rory Brady	Town Attorney
	Sean Hoffman	Town Engineer
	Kathleen Collett	Deputy Town Clerk

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to open the meeting at 7:01 pm. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

Public Hearings

Public Hearing on Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2023 Amending the Town of Goshen Zoning Code Article VII, Section 97-55 (F)(13) – the purpose of this local law is to amend Section 97-55(F)(13) of the Town of Goshen which requires wind or solar energy system developers to post a decommissioning cash bond with the Town pursuant to requirement set forth Subsection F.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to open the Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2023 Amending the Town of Goshen Zoning Code Article VII, Section 97-55 (F)(13). Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

Neal Halloran spoke about the types of solar bonds used in the past and stormwater ponds.

Johnathan Adamo asked why we use bonds for these projects and to the Towns financial implications. He also commented there are easier ways to help with the different types of solar projects.

Whereupon there was a discussion on how the Town has proceeded with solar projects in the past.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to close the Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2023 Amending the Town of Goshen Zoning Code Article VII, Section 97-55 (F)(13) – the purpose of this local law is to amend Section 97-55(F)(13) of the Town of Goshen which requires wind or solar energy system developers to post a decommissioning cash bond with the Town pursuant to requirement set forth Subsection F. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Canterino, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to adopt Introductory Local Law no. 3 as Local Law number 1 of 2023.

Vote by Roll Call:

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

Vote carries 5-0.

Introductory Local Law No. 4 of 2023 Amending Chapter 28 (“Planning Board”) of the Code of the Town of Goshen to Amend the Provisions Relative to Alternate Members – including those relative to the terms of alternate members, substitution of alternate members, and responsibilities of alternate members.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to open the Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law No. 4 of 2023 Amending Chapter 28 (“Planning Board”) of the Code of the Town of Goshen to Amend the Provisions Relative to Alternate Members. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

Neal Halloran brought up the point that the conversation needs to be in a public forum. He also stated it was helpful and informative to speak at the meetings.

Whereupon there was a discussion about the Alternate Members at the Planning Board meeting.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to close the Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law No. 4 of 2023 Amending Chapter 28 (“Planning Board”) of the Code of the Town of Goshen to Amend the Provisions Relative to Alternate Members.

Vote by Roll Call:

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

Vote carries 5-0.

Chesterdale Properties, LLC, requesting the formation of a Drainage District for the Persoon Subdivision.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Florio, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to open the Public Hearing for Chesterdale Properties, LLC, requesting the formation of a Drainage District for the Persoon Subdivision. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

Neal Halloran agreed that the Drainage District for the Persoon Subdivision is a great idea.

Superintendent Broderick Knoell stated that the Drainage District for the Persoon Subdivision is a great idea.

Whereupon there was a discussion about the work that would go into this drainage district on a week to week maintenance. Superintendent Knoell said he would work with Town Engineer Sean Hoffman and contract labor would be used.

Salvatore Fini spoke to his twenty-five years of experience with building drainage districts and said he can help with establishing the cost structure for maintenance of these ponds.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to close the Public Hearing for Chesterdale Properties, LLC, requesting the formation of a Drainage District for the Persoon Subdivision. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Florio, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve Chesterdale Properties, LLC, Drainage District for the Persoon Subdivision.

Vote by Roll Call:

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

Vote carries 5-0.

Items for Discussion/Action

ADC Orange Maplewood project to discuss the expansion of the existing town water & sewer district, as well as the formation of a drainage district to serve the Maplewood Development Project.

Present for the applicant: John Russo, Lanc and Tully; Andrew Gilchrist, Esq.; Dan Gueron, Applicant

Mr. Russo reviewed the presentation with the Town Board.

Whereupon, in summary, there was a discussion on the developer's agreement, the extension of the district, escrow accounts, sewage pump study and a water filtration system. It was further discussed there would be two separate public hearings on this matter.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to set a Public Hearing for ADC Orange Maplewood Drainage District for July 27, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Florio, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to set a Public Hearing for ADC Orange Maplewood Expansion of the existing Water/Sewer District for July 27, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

Adopt Introductory Local Law No. 2 of 2023 entitled "Flood Damage Prevention" as Local Law No. 2 of 2023 (see attached).

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to Adopt Introductory Local Law No. 2 of 2023 entitled “Flood Damage Prevention” as Local Law No. 2 of 2023.

Vote by Roll Call:

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

Vote carries 5 to 0.

Discuss and authorize the Supervisor to sign any and all documents related to the conservation easement with Chesterdale Properties, LLC.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to **authorize the Supervisor to sign any and all documents related to the conservation easement with Chesterdale Properties, LLC.**

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

Information: Part-time Police Officer Spencer Sutherland resigned as of June 6, 2023.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the June 8, 2023 Town Board Minutes. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Abstained		

Information: Update on Green Sand filter for Hambletonian Park.

Whereupon, there was an update on the Green Sand filter.

Discuss and approve the purchase and installation of cellular service units for water/sewer meters.

Whereupon there was a discussion of the costs associated with the purchase and installation of the cellular device units as well as how the bidding process would work.

Information: An update on for formation of a water/sewer district in water shed 50.

Whereupon, there was an update on the water/sewer district in water shed 50, the water quality tests and preliminary agreements to dedicate to the Town.

Discuss and approve the placement of two police officers in the academy using ARPA funds.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on the use of ARPA funds and what they can be used towards.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the placement of two police officers in the academy using ARPA funds. A two-year agreement from the officers stating if they leave before the two-year agreement, all expenses associated with each officer while they go through the training process would have to be reimbursed to the Town. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

Discuss the purchase of equipment for the Police Department.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on the equipment the Police Department is requesting using ARPA funds and how we can use the equipment within the Town.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the purchase of equipment for the Police Department using ARPA funds. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

Discuss and approve lowering the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph on Houston Road.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on lowering the speed limit on Houston Road.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve Attorney Brady to request a speed reduction on Houston Road from the NYS DOT. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

Finance

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Florio, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the Supervisor to pay accounts payable check run for June 22, 2023 in the amount of \$196,187.89. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve Manual A/P run for January 31, 2023 totaling \$231,61.09. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve Manual A/P run for February 28, 2023 totaling \$21,986.89. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve Manual A/P run for March 31, 2023 totaling \$32,725.84. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve Manual A/P run for April 30, 2023 totaling \$2,234,609.03. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve Budget Officer Christine Cavaliere to close the

Orange Bank & Trust Company Senior Center CD/CDA Checking Account #8272995 and transfer the funds to the B-General Outside Account. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve budget transfers (see attached). Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

Information: Monthly financial report for December 2022 and April 2023.

Information: Budget Officer Christine Cavaliere preformed an account payable review for 6/22/2023.

Privilege of the Floor:

Jonathan Adamo residing on Meadowbrook Lane in Hambletonian Park spoke on the unacceptableness of his water in his home and his neighbors. He also stated that he is waiting for his FOIL request to be completed.

Deputy Town Clerk responded to his FOIL request.

Chris and Beth Pskowski spoke on the La Colina property in Goshen and inquired to their permits. Mr. Pskowski also stated that he believes this property is being used as a Bed and Breakfast.

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

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Submitted By: Kathleen Collett
Deputy Town Clerk