

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 28, 2017

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 28th day of September, 2017 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

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

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| Also Present: | Ashley Torre, Esq. | Attorney |
| | Christine Cavaliere | Budget Officer |
| | 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: Reported for JRC: the Halloween party will be held at Craigville Park on October 28th from 2pm to 5pm. Trick-or-Treat will be at 5pm. Movie night at Craigville Park will be on October 28th at 6:30pm, movie feature: *Hocus Pocus*. Chess program starts Oct. 3rd at Goshen Intermediate School. The skate area at Erie Park will be dismantled. Quotes are coming in for excavation to create a basketball court in Arcadia Hills. The outfield fence was replaced on the minor baseball field in Craigville Park. Temporary picnic benches are used at the Dog Park at Salesian until the new benches arrive.

Councilperson Lyons: Reported for Highway: Roadway mowing continues. This year there was not a break in the need for constant road mowing due to the rate of growth. To prepare for paving, final ditching and patching was done on Hartley and Owens Road. Project work for the replacement of defective catch basins and interconnecting piping began on 8/29/17. Nine new custom catch basins were installed as of 9/26/17. This included the replacement of broken curb sections, seeding of disturbed lawns, and patching of disturbed asphalt. Great job! The last two cross over pipes (1 replacement and 1 new) were installed on Knoell Road. A new catch basin was installed to replace a defective one on Milburn Road. Two catch basins were also repaired in Hambletonian Park and three on Breezeway Lane. The first round of paving began on 9/9/17 and concluded on 9/15/17. Owens Rd., Smith Rd., Brookside Dr., Pleasant Ridge Run, and a portion of Hartley Rd. were paved.

Councilperson Newbold: Recognized Pam Chergotis, Editor of the Chronicle, in attendance. In case your neighbors complain of brown water, this is the time of year fire hydrants are being flushed. Congratulations to the DPW employees who were paving on 90-95 degree days. Job well done!

Councilperson Van Der Molen: Reported for the Senior Center: Ten new dining tables have been ordered to replace the broken ones at \$50.00 each. The total of \$500.00 will be shared by the Goshen Lions Club who agreed to pay \$250.00 and County Legislator, James O'Donnell, who agreed to pay \$250.00. Four seats are available for the trip to Sand's Casino in November. Defensive driving course is offered on October 27th at the center. Thanksgiving luncheon will be Wednesday November 15th catered by Catherine's Restaurant. The traditional feast is \$15 per person open to all Goshen Seniors. December 4th is their holiday party at the Hacienda Restaurant. December 13th a Senior Club party at the Villa Venezia. The Senior Center will be closed on Columbus Day this year. Regarding the Police Dept. the Chief of Police is looking to hire a sergeant for the 3-11 shift. There is a possibility a new car will be needed in 2018.

Supervisor Bloomfield: Reported that he is on the committee of the Orange County Veteran's Advisory Board. At a recent meeting it was discussed to upgrade the Orange County Veterans Cemetery. Tomorrow, the Orange County Veterans Cemetery will hold a ceremony to honor 40 county residents who died 9-29-1918 in the same battle in France. This occurred six weeks before World War I ended. Thanked Commissioner of Insurance, Councilperson Lyons, for his work on saving insurance dollars for the Town. Furthermore, in a meeting with Councilperson Newbold and the Budget Officer the budget was reviewed line-by-line changing and updating for tonight's presentation to the Board.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE TENTATIVE TOWN OF GOSHEN BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018.

Christine Cavaliere, Budget Officer, summarized *several* factors taken into consideration of the 2018 budget.

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| <u>Village Tax Rate Decrease:</u> | -0.80% | <u>Tax Levy Increase/ (Decreases):</u> | |
| <u>Town Tax Rate Increase:</u> | 0.69% | A Fund | -5,774 |
| A Fund | -1.33% | DA Fund | 9,230 |
| DA Fund | 0.02% | B Fund | -64,962 |
| B Fund | -6.18% | DB Fund | 106,566 |
| DB Fund | 6.24% | Total | 45,060 |

Increase/ (Decrease) Per Fair Market Value:

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| 2018 Av=65% of FMV | | | | |
| 2017 Av=65% of FMV | \$150,000 | \$200,000 | \$300,000 | \$400,000 |
| VILLAGE | \$ (1.95) | \$ (2.60) | \$ (3.90) | \$ (5.20) |
| TOWN | \$ 4.74 | \$ 6.32 | \$ 9.48 | \$ 12.64 |

Village Tax Rate: 2.4644 Per Thousand \$ Assessed Value
Town Tax Rate: 7.0579 Per Thousand \$ Assessed Value

Overall Tax Rate Increase: 0.69%
Overall Tax Levy Increase 0.87%
 Does Not Exceed NYS 1.84% Tax Cap

Tax Cap Calculations
 Tax Base Growth Factor = 0.79%
 Allowable Levy Growth Factor = 1.84%
 Allowable Increase = \$215,638

Increase in Assessable Base
 2017 Budget: \$974,903,173
 2018 Budget: \$984,669,336
 Increase of \$9,766,163; or 1.0%

Wages

Police Department – Increase TBD
CSEA – Increase 2.5%
Other – Increase 3%

Health Insurance Costs

MVP Increase of 7% with 60% HRA Usage
NYSHIP increase of 12%
Total Healthcare Increase of 17% from \$860,000
to \$1,009,000

Liability Insurance

2016: \$84,388
2017: \$95,853
2018: (Budget): \$100,000 (+5%)

2. NY STATE SENATOR JOHN J. BONACIC SECURED A \$50,000 DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (DASNY) TOWARD REPLACING THE TOWN HALL ROOF.

John Bonacic, State Senator, awarded the Town of Goshen \$50,000 grant money towards the replacement of the Town Hall Roof.

3. NY STATE SENATOR JOHN J. BONACIC SECURED A \$50,000 DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (DASNY) TOWARD CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL SALT SHED.

John Bonacic, State Senator, awarded the Town of Goshen \$50,000 grant money towards the construction of Salt Storage Shed. If we change the design, this might cover the construction cost.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. REVIEW REQUEST TO JOIN THE WALLKILL RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$1,000.00.

Jason West, Executive Director Walkkill River Watershed Alliance, requested all of the communities who are in the Walkkill River watershed to donate \$1,000.00 in municipal dues.

Councilperson Gallo made the motion to authorize the expenditure of \$1,000.00 to the Walkkill River Watershed Alliance for dues. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

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

G. FINANCE:

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run for 9/28/17 in the amount of \$156,534.90 and Manual A/P runs as of 8/31/17 in the amount of \$11,109.42 and Manual A/P runs as of 9/30/17 in the amount of \$14,749.63. Councilperson Van Der Molen seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, Van Der Molen
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G. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Robert Garloch addressed the Board regarding excavation recently done by a neighbor. Mr. Garloch is asking the Board to appoint an administrator to check for violations created as land was cleared allowing for stormwater to cross over a road easement creating a threat to the safety and welfare of the residents who use the road. Mr. Garloch referred to section 66-20 of the T.O.G. Building Code, specifically sections 66-1, 97-75, 83-39(24), 97-77, 97-41, 97-44, 80C-8, 80C-7(24), and 53-5(17) according to which he believes the excavation is in violation of the code. Two other residents spoke to the drainage problem created by the stormwater crossing the road.

Jerry Boss repeated his request to have the Otterkill Creek tested for a baseline. He inquired as to when the Moodna Creek Council will test the tributaries especially the Otterkill, in and around the Merlin property. Mr. Boss is aware that grant monies obtained by the Moodna Creek Council will not cover "all" of the testing. The Town of Goshen authorized \$1,000 for the Walkkill River Watershed and furthermore would like financial assistance to be given for testing the Otterkill.

Bob Torsello Even though he didn't agree with decisions rendered, he complemented the Board for the time and effort given to the process (Legoland). He especially acknowledged Councilperson Newbold being a "lone wolf" for his vote.

Sandra Rothenberger Inquired as to why certain things don't get fixed unless we obtain a grant or wait for grant monies to come through. She mentioned the condition of the Town Hall parking lot and to paint the handicap parking spaces, the leaking Town Hall roof, the lobby door which is not ADA compliant and the water/sewer infrastructure in Arcadia Hills. Answer: the water districts are responsible for their own infrastructure which is included in their water bills. The infrastructure of the water districts are continually updated and rebuilt. Grant monies don't cover all of the expenses. The fund balances are used for items to be repaired/upgraded that can/cannot be done with grant monies. Also mentioned were pollutants/chemicals in the Walkkill River and the treatment to remove them from possible drinking water. She referenced an article that stated three chemicals that are not normally tested by the DEC and could be in the Walkkill River. In addition, she questioned why there is a police officer present at the meetings? Answer: as a safety precaution.

Joe Papisidero praised the DPW for their efficiency in working on the culverts in his development. They did a great job and interacted with the neighborhood professionally. He also asked if the legal fees paid to the Town Attorney are hourly or contracted. Answer: Hourly (inaudible)

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

With no items for the Executive Session, Councilmember Van Der Molen made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Gallo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I. ADJOURNMENT: 9:05PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk