

**Town of Goshen
Town Board Meeting
March 9, 2023
41 Webster Avenue
Minutes**

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 9th day of March 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
	Mary Riso	Town Clerk

Items for Discussion/Action

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to open the meeting at 7:00 pm. Approved unanimously.

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

Public Hearing

Spectrum Northeast, LLC by its manager, Charter Communications, Inc. – franchise renewal of its cable television franchise with the Town of Goshen.

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 Spectrum Northeast, LLC by its manager, Charter Communications, Inc. – Franchise renewal. Approved unanimously.

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

Alexander Camarda was present to represent Charter Communications.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on gross revenue, ten year contract, insurance, limitation for recovery fees. The contract was changed to a ten-year term.

Mr. Camarda stated they had begun negotiations in November. He summarized their services to the Town. Stated it's a federal law to get approval. Noted two important things the Town would receive six

complimentary accounts and provide 5% fee, which is approximately \$100,000 over a year to the Town. It was noted that the 5% comes from the subscribers.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on the services offered to the Town. Mr. Troy inquired as to any senior citizen discounts. Mr. Camarda explained there are programs for low income seniors available. Mr. Howe inquired to the recovery of franchise fees to the Town. Councilmember Lyons responded that it's a tedious project and an outside firm was utilized to recover any funds owed the Town.

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 Spectrum Northeast, LLC by its manager, Charter Communications, Inc.. 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 authorize the Supervisor to sign the franchise agreement. Approved unanimously.

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

Items for Discussion/Action

Review and approve Special Permit for New Leaf Energy (a/k/a Broadlea Road Solar)

Engineer Hoffman reviewed the project with the Board, and the decommissioning plan was reviewed.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen moved to approve the Special Permit for New Leaf Energy (a/k/a Broadlea Road Solar). Approved unanimously.

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

Review and approve Special Permit for New Leaf Energy (a/k/a Vivian Lane Solar)

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the Special Permit for New Leaf Energy (a/k/a Vivian Lane). Approved unanimously.

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

Review and discuss proposal by Delaware Engineering for water consolidation and the Hambletonian Water Filters.

Michael Aiello, P.E., Delaware Engineering, was present and reviewed the proposal with the Board.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on Maplewood joining the district, the filtration process, financing and the timeline for a public hearing. It was further discussed that the \$15,000 would be taken from ARPA money.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Florio, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board authorized the Supervisor to sign proposal by Delaware Engineering for water consolidation and the Hambletonian water filters, fees being paid by the ARPA money. Approved unanimously.

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

Review and approve Municipal Fee Agreement for Goshen Senior Housing Associates, L.P. (a/k/a Hearthstone).

Whereupon, there was a discussion on the extension of a tax exemption agreement. They are making a one time contribution to the Town of \$72,000.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to extend a Tax Exemption Agreement with Goshen Senior Housing Associates, L.P. 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 the Municipal Fee Agreement with Goshen Senior Housing Associates, L.P. Approved unanimously.

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

Review and discuss Introductory Law No. 1 of 2023 Increasing the Term of Office for the Town Supervisor, Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk from two years to four years.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on extending term limits from two years to four years.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Canterino moved to approve Introductory Law No. 1 of 2023 Increasing the Term of Office for the Town Supervisor, Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk from two years to four years. Approved unanimously.

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

Review and approve Town Board Minutes from February 23, 2023.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the February 23, 2023 minutes. Approved unanimously with one abstention.

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

Information: Charles Gambuti was hired as a laborer in the Highway Department at a rate of \$23.48 an hour.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Canterino moved to approve the Town Clerk to attend the Town Clerk’s Association Conference April 23, 24 and 25 in Syracuse, NY. 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 Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the transfer balance in HJ-Hambletonian Park Water Capital Fund to SC-Hambletonian Park Water Operating Fund. 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 transfer the balance in HSE-Salesian Demolition to A-General Townwide fund. 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 authorize the Supervisor to pay accounts payable check run for March 9, 2023 in the amount of \$178,342.68. Approved unanimously.

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

Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Howe inquired to the speed limit in Heritage Estate. Attorney Brady responded that he's corresponding with the DOT.

Mr. Smith inquired to the Hearthstone one-time fee, and the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) a grant for housing. Whereupon there was a discussion about the TOD grant.

Councilmember Lyons reminded everyone the St. Patrick's Day Parade starts at 2:00 o'clock.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio to go into Executive Session with the intent of not returning. Approved unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.
Submitted by Mary Riso, Town Clerk