

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

October 23, 2017
MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 23rd day of October, 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 VanDerMolen	Councilmember

Also Present:	Richard Golden, Esq.	Attorney for the Town
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:34pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. DISCUSS AND APPROVE MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN (i) ACCESS EASEMENT TO TOWN FOR DRAINAGE PARCEL "A", GRANTING TOWN ACCESS TO HERITAGE SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE FACILITIES, AND (ii) WELL ACCESS EASEMENT TO TOWN, FOR WELL TO BE DEDICATED TO TOWN. BOTH EASEMENTS ARE AS REQUIRED BY THE PLANNING BOARD'S RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL FOR HERITAGE SUBDIVISION.

Attorney Golden distributed maps showing the access easement for drainage parcel A and the 30' wide well access and maintenance easement. He summarized what the easement documents covered.

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign Permanent Easement, Access Easement for Drainage Parcel "A" and Permanent Easement, 30' Wide Well Access and Maintenance Easement. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Lyons questioned the "blue" locations on the maps.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, John Van Der Molen	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, Melissa Gallo	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>		

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0

2. DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FOR OPERATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY, THE HERITAGE SUBDIVISION WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITIES, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

This resolution for approval is postponed until Thursday's meeting. We are waiting for the Health Dept., along with the Town professionals to clear the E.coli and other contaminants in well #6. This is to protect

the Town and the home owners using the infrastructure associated with "The Heritage" estates.

Supervisor Bloomfield called for comments from the Board members.

Councilperson Lyons spoke earlier with Town professionals who indicated that well #6 has not cleared testing for E.coli. He is willing to wait for clearance. Mr. Mumford (Heritage Estates) interjected his dissatisfaction with the delay in approving the aforementioned resolution. Supervisor Bloomfield agreed to compromise, by calling a special meeting, pending test results.

All members of the Board agreed to wait.

3. DISCUSS PURCHASE OF A WATER QUALITY MONITORING DEVICE TO BE USED BY THE ORANGE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY FOR BASE LINE MONITORING OF THE OTTERKILL TRIBUTARY OF THE MOODNA WATERSHED. THE ESTIMATED COST IS \$2,850.00.

Supervisor Bloomfield spoke with Eenika Cruz (Orange County Water Authority) about installing a water quality monitoring device. The Water Authority received a grant to purchase 7 water monitoring devices to be installed in the spring. The Town of Goshen will purchase one for about \$2,850.00 to be installed and monitored by Ms. Cruz. This device will be given to the Water Authority adding to their monitoring inventory. By installing the Town's device *now* will provide a partial base line of the Otterkill Tributary before Legoland builds.

Mr. Jerry Boss questioned the validity of a spring (?) base line study as Legoland will shortly break ground. However, for the time being he will speak with Ms. Cruz to pick the best location to install our device.

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to authorize the purchase of a water quality monitoring device in the amount of \$2,850.00±. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

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

4. DISCUSS ACCEPTING ON-LINE PAYMENTS FOR TOWN, COUNTY AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS STARTING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND ACCEPTING WATER/SEWER UTILITY PAYMENTS STARTING JANUARY 1, 2018.

Budget Officer Christine Cavaliere explained that the Town website currently has a link to BAS database of Town & County Tax bills enabling residents to print and view their tax bill. To accept online payments a link would be added linking to a Payment System. She explained the following charges for this service.

Residents paying Town & County Tax bills on line would be subject to the following fees:

Credit Card – 2.45% of the payment amount, min. fee \$1.95

Debit Card – flat fee of \$3.95

E-check – flat fee of \$1.75

Currently the Town is canvassing residents in the water/sewer districts to see if they are interested in paying their water/sewer bills on line, and/or by credit card. The cost to the Town water/sewer districts would be \$1,200 per year. Cost for the 1st & 2nd year would be \$840 (courtesy discount).

Residents paying water/sewer bills on line would be subject to the following fees:

Credit Card – 2.95% of the payment amount

Debit Card – flat fee of \$3.95

ACH/E-check – flat fee of \$1.05

Attorney Golden will review the contracts for the aforementioned service. Discussion/approval will be added to Thursday's agenda.

5. **INFORMATION: THE GOSHEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL HOLD THE ANNUAL DINNER WITH INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND RECOGNIZING 2017 HONOREES. PLEASE LET MARY RISO KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.**

As stated, for information only.

6. **INFORMATION: I HAVE ASKED COUNCILMAN NEWBOLD TO WORK WITH ASSEMBLYMAN JAMES SKOUFIS TO REQUEST THE NYS PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF "ZOMBIE" UTILITY POLES.**

As stated, for information only.

7. **INFORMATION: I HAVE ASKED COUNCILMAN NEWBOLD TO FOLLOW-UP WITH FUSCO ENGINEERING REGARDING TOWN HALL PARKING LOT PAVING AND ADA APPROVED DOORS.**

As stated, for information only.

Added items:

Supervisor Bloomfield noted that the Transportation Company for Amy's Kitchen will be discussed/approved at the next Common Council meeting on November 6th.

Councilperson Lyons followed-up on a complaint received at 73 Greencrest Road. He noted that the contents of the house was emptied onto the front lawn. "It's just an absolute disgrace". Apparently the house is in foreclosure. We will explore several ways to clarify this situation.

Councilperson Van Der Molen made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:25PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk