

**Town of Goshen
Town Board Meeting
February 23, 2023
41 Webster Avenue
Minutes**

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 23rd day of February 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

Absent: Philip Canterino Councilmember

Also Present: Mary Riso Town Clerk

Items for Discussion/Action

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

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

Whereupon, there was no comment from the public on the agenda.

Review and authorize Supervisor Betro to sign Intermunicipal Agreement with Orange County Department of Planning regarding requirements for municipal referral of certain planning and zoning actions for their review and consideration.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on the agreement. The agreement has been reviewed by the Town Engineer and Planning Board Attorney.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Intermunicipal Agreements with Orange County Department of Planning regarding requirements for municipal referral of certain planning and zoning actions for their review and consideration. Approved unanimously.

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

Review and approve Resolution for Climate Smart Communities.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on the climate smart communities which Kate Schmidt has been working on. The Town will receive funding for this program as the process is followed. The Town has no obligation to implement this program.

**Town of Goshen
Resolution**

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Bloomfield

SECONDED BY: Councilmember Florio

DATED: February 23, 2023

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York, held on the 23rd day of February, 2023, the following resolution was introduced:

WHEREAS, the Town of Goshen, County of Orange (hereinafter “local government”) believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Town of Goshen, County of Orange, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, *adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:*

- 1) **Build a climate-smart community.**
- 2) **Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.**
- 3) **Decrease energy use.**
- 4) **Shift to clean, renewable energy.**
- 5) **Use climate-smart materials management.**
- 6) **Implement climate-smart land use.**

- 7) Enhance community resilience to climate change.
- 8) Support a green innovation economy.
- 9) Inform and inspire the public.
- 10) Engage in an evolving process of climate action.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Joseph Betro	Aye	Councilmember Douglas Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Rick Florio	Aye	Councilmember George Lyons	Aye

VOTE: Resolution carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

Discuss and approve Seamus Weir to be appointed to the Planning Board.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to appoint Seamus Weir to the Planning Board. Approved unanimously.

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

Discuss and approve the February 9, 2023 minutes.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the February 9, 2023 minutes. Approved unanimously.

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

Discuss and approve request by Christine Cavaliere, Budget Officer, amendment to investment policy (see attached).

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the amendment to the investment policy, as per requested. Approved unanimously.

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

Review and schedule a Public Hearing for the franchise agreement with Charter Communications.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on the agreement. It has been reviewed by Attorney Brady. Suggested to add Goshen Highway to Exhibit A.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to schedule a Public Hearing on March 9, 2023 for the franchise agreement with Charter Communications. Approved unanimously.

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

Finance

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the Supervisor to pay accounts payable check run for February 23, 2023 in the amount of \$2,222,912.51. Approved unanimously.

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

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve request from Christine Cavaliere for a Budget Transfer from Contingency Expense B-1990-400 to Busing for Trips B-7620-405 in the amount of \$10,000. Approved unanimously.

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

Information: Christine Cavaliere Submitted a Monthly Financial Report for February 2023.

Privilege of the Floor

Whereupon, there was a discussion on Climate Smart Communities.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Submitted By: Mary Riso, Town Clerk