

**Town of Goshen
Town Board Meeting
February 8, 2024
7:00 pm**

Minutes

A meeting of the Town of Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 8th day of February 2024 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
	Philip Canterino	Councilmember
	George Lyons	Councilmember
	Richard Florio	Councilmember

Also Present:	Rory Brady	Town Attorney
	Mary Riso	Town Clerk

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Canterino, 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 Lyons	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

Items for Discussion/Action

Introductory Local Law No. 11 of 2023, a Local law amending Chapter 97 (“Zoning”) Section 10, Subsection C.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on the sale of water to other municipalities pursuant to a special permit. Water quality was discussed.

Attorney Brady asked for executive session due to possible litigation.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to go into Executive Session at 7:15 pm. Approved unanimously.

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

Whereupon, the Town Board went into Executive Session.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to re-open the Town Board Meeting at 7:24 pm. Approved unanimously.

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

Attorney Brady read into the record the following edit for ILL No. 11, “The removal of groundwater for use outside of the Town of Goshen, except (i) pursuant to a special permit issued by the Town Board upon a finding that groundwater recharge measures will be taken to prevent any negative impact on water quantity or quality within the Town or (ii) for the sale of water by the Town of Goshen to another municipality.”

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to set a Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law No. 11 of 2023, a Local law amending Chapter 97 (“Zoning”) Section 10, Subsection C on February 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Approved unanimously.

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

Introductory Local Law No. 1 of 2024, a local law amending Chapter 80-B (“Solid Waste Management”) and Chapter 97 (“Zoning”).

Whereupon, there was a discussion that under 80B-6, C was not listed. Discussed Town permits being waived and Surety requirements.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to set a Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law No. 1 of 2024, a local law amending Chapter 80-B (“Solid Waste Management”) and Chapter 97 (“Zoning”) on February 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Approved unanimously.

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

Introductory Local Law No. 2 of 2024, a local law replacing Chapter 86, Article III of the Town Code entitled “Resident Active-Duty Volunteer Fire Fighters & Ambulance Personnel Exemption”.

Whereupon, there was a discussion there are only six or seven volunteers in the ambulance doing administrative work and 95% are paid.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Canterino, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to set a Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law No. 1 of 2024, a local law amending Chapter 80-B (“Solid Waste Management”) and Chapter 97 (“Zoning”) on February 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Approved unanimously.

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

Discuss and review resolution for Senior Exemptions.

This discussion was tabled.

Discuss and review Delaware Engineering’s agreement for consolidation of Sewer Districts.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the Service Agreement with Delaware Engineering for the consolidation of Sewer Districts being paid from ARPA. Approved unanimously.

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

Information: Clerk to the Supervisor Karina Wigger applied to the Drinking Water Source Protection Program and the Town of Goshen was selected to work with a technical assistant. (See attached.)

Whereupon, there was discussion that this is not a monetary grant, but a dedicated person with the DEC to look at water issues.

Discussion for a future public/private partnership on water and sewer.

Supervisor Betro stated that as part of a monthly meeting with regards to a public/private partnership on water and sewer at the County Executive Office, Rick Golden suggested I reach out to Senator Skoufis and request the possibility of establishing a similar agreement the County has allowing for a public/private partnership.

Review and approve the sale of a VHS/DVD player for \$20.00.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the sale of a VHS/DVD player in the amount of \$20.00. Approved unanimously.

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

Review and approve the January 25, 2024 Minutes.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the January 25, 2024 minutes. Approved unanimously.

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

FINANCE

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the Supervisor to pay accounts payable check run for February 8, 2024 in the amount of \$378,586.93. Approved unanimously.

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

Privilege of the Floor

Susan Cleaver, in summary, spoke about the Planning Board needing microphones, contaminants in the aquifer, Hughes Energy, Northern Recycle, IWS, and tipping fees.

Neal Halloran, recommended that SEQRA be done on the laws presented, the comprehensive plan be reviewed, and the breaks given to seniors should be extended to struggling families.

Demitri Limon, in summary, spoke about the landfill, and the new zoning law.

Supervisor Betro responded that the Town and County is allowing a research and development project that will occur for 18 months at the County landfill. Hughes Energy is going to do some processing of municipal solid waste and make fiber. The Town Board needs to lift the prohibition and issue a special permit.

Bill Troy inquired as to whether there is some adverse environmental impact to Hughes doing this study.

Supervisor Betro responded there are no air emissions.

Jean, Howard Court, inquired if there was a report from Hughes Energy that she could read and if someone would be monitoring the emissions.

Supervisor Betro informed her everything is online and there are no emissions.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on the Drinking Water Source Protection Program. This program gives the Town the ability to have single point of contact with the DEC.

Mr. Morales, inquired to what happens at the end of the pilot program for Hughes Energy.

Supervisor Betro responded it gets dismantled.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.
Submitted by: Mary Riso, Town Clerk