

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

August 20, 2018

MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 20th day of August, 2018 at Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present: Melissa Gallo Deputy Supervisor
 George Lyons Councilmember
 Kenneth Newbold Councilmember
 John VanDerMolen Councilmember

Absent: Douglas Bloomfield Supervisor

Also Present: Ashley Torre Attorney
 Priscilla Gersbeck Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Gallo at 7:31pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. DISCUSS NEW GUIDANCE REGARDING TAXING SOLAR FARMS AND BUILDING ON AGRICULTURAL SOIL TYPES 1 THRU 5. ALSO DISCUSS YSG SOLAR INTENTION TO BUILD A 400 K/WATT SOLAR FARM AT 88 PHILLIPSBURG ROAD, TAX ID 5-2-12 (12 ACRE PARCEL).

Mr. John McCarey, Director of Orange County Real Property addressed the Board. He explained that a few months ago, the Orange County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) passed a resolution sent to neighboring communities to avoid siting solar panels or solar "farms" on soils that are designated prime agricultural soils (types 1-5) or are of statewide significance. Solar "farms" should be sited on soils less desirable for production agriculture. Currently, the County has lost acres of good soil to solar "farms".

No formal paper work has been submitted regarding the 400 K/Watt solar farm on Phillipsburg Road between the Town of Goshen and the Town of Wawayanda.

Secondly, depending on the size of proposed solar "farms" should not be called "farms", rather taxed as a power plant.

He handed out material covering "*Recently Asked Questions About The Real Property Tax Law on the Topic of Solar Energy Systems*". Also included a spread sheet breaking down taxes (Year 1 – Year 15) on school, county, town & highway pertaining to Davis – Owens Road Solar Farm.

2. REVIEW TOWN OF GOSHEN BUDGET TIME LINE – 2019.

The Town of Goshen Budget Timeline for 2019 has been submitted. The Tentative Budget is to be filed with the Town Clerk on 09-24-2018, at which time the Town Board reviews the budget to make any changes. The Board must approve the Tentative Budget and any changes by a Resolution making it the Preliminary Budget until the Board holds a public hearing.

3. UPDATE THE TOWN HALL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND PAVING OF THE PARKING LOT. THE DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL WORK IS OCTOBER 22, 2018.

Joseph Consorti of Consorti Bros. Paving & Sealcoating, Inc. has been notified to commence work on the Town Hall Paving project on or before August 23, 2018, and to complete the work within 60 consecutive calendar days.

4. UPDATE BOARD ON INSTALLATION OF THE ADA APPROVED DOORS FOR REAR ENTRANCE TO TOWN HALL.

Diagrams of ADA approved doors have been submitted for approval.

5. INFORMATION: UPDATE HUDSON VALLEY MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION EVENT FOR A DISABLED CHILD WHO LIVES IN THE TOWN OF GOSHEN.

Deputy Supervisor Gallo reported on a nine-year-old Goshen disabled child who received a merry-go-round donated by the Make-A-Wish foundation. The event was made possible through members of the Hudson Valley Make-A-Wish, local officials from the Towns of Monroe, and Chester who prepared the subsurface for the new merry-go-round. Special gifts were presented by four members of the Goshen Town Police Dept., John Kitsos, Stan Lupinski, James Boyd and Sergeant Alan Faust who donated a T-shirt, cap, TOG Police patch and a badge, and an "Honorary Town of Goshen Policeman" citation. Despite this child's disabilities, his joy was expressed in many smiles.

6. FINANCE:

Councilperson Van Der Molen made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Manual A/P Check Runs as of 07/31/2018 in the amount of \$39,691.12. Councilperson Newbold seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, Van Der Molen
0 NAYS
1 ABSENT Bloomfield

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: WORK SESSION OF JULY 23, 2018, AND REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 12, 2018 AND JULY 26, 2018.

This has been tabled for the next meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT: 7:55PM

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk

