

**GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

December 10, 2020

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 10th day of December, 2020 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York via videoconference due to the recent Covid-19 pandemic.

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| Present: | Douglas Bloomfield | Supervisor |
| | Philip Canterino | Councilmember |
| | Richard Florio | Councilmember |
| | George Lyons | Councilmember |
| | Kenneth Newbold | Councilmember |

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| Also Present: | Richard Golden Esq. | Attorney for the Town |
| | Priscilla Gersbeck | Town Clerk |
| | Christine Cavaliere | Budget Officer |
| | Broderick Knoell | Highway Superintendent |

CALL TO ORDER

Councilperson Canterino motioned to open the meeting at 7:30pm and was seconded by Councilperson Florio. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Review and approve virtual Town Board minutes for November 12th and November 23rd meetings.**

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to approve said meetings. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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| Supervisor Douglas Bloomfield | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson George Lyons | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Philip Canterino | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson Kenneth Newbold | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Richard Florio | <u>AYE</u> | | |

Vote: Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0

2. **Information: The Town of Goshen qualified for a comp Alliance award of \$3,430.00 for improved performance in 2020.**

The safe Workplace Award Program is a monetary award that benefits Comp Alliance members who have had positive loss experience during a given policy year.

3. **Information: The Town of Goshen continues to benefit from a strong realty market. Mortgage tax receipts for November were \$55,000 versus a budget of \$27,500.**

As stated, for information only.

4. **Information: The Town of Goshen performed extremely well in 2020 Tax Certiorari chargebacks: \$18,595 actual expenses vs. \$130,000 budget for a savings off \$111,405 (see attached analysis).**

As stated, for information only.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Information: Chris Ashman, retired O.C. Director of Mental Health has accepted our request to serve on the “Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative” Planning Committee.**

As stated, for information only.

2. **Information: Reverend David Kingsley, retired Goshen Presbyterian Church Pastor, has accepted our request to serve on the “Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative” Planning Committee.**

As stated, for information only.

3. **Information: Shannon Wong, Director of the Hudson Valley New York Civil Liberties Union, has accepted our request to serve on the “Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative” planning Committee.**

As stated, for information only.

4. **Information: The Community Outreach Committee is complete.**

The members are: Robert Conflitti, DA’s office / Gary Abramson, Legal Aid Society / Stanley Lupinski, PBA President / Rev. David Kingsley, Retired Presbyterian Pastor / Katherine Brieger, Warwick Area Migrant Committee / Richard Golden, Esq. / Douglas Bloomfield, Town Supervisor / Philip Canterino, Town Councilman / Chris Ashman, Retired O.C. Director of Mental Health / Shannon Wong, Director of the Hudson Valley N.Y. Civil Liberties Union / Louis Clemente, Arcadia Hills resident and Brian Gallo, Hambletonian Park resident.

5. **Set a Public Hearing date for the 2021 Town of Goshen Annual Re-Organization meeting.**

Councilperson Canterino made the motion to set the public hearing for the Annual Re-Organization meeting on January 4, 2021 at 7:00pm. Councilperson Florio seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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| Supervisor Douglas Bloomfield | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson George Lyons | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Philip Canterino | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson Kenneth Newbold | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Richard Florio | <u>AYE</u> | | |

Vote: Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0

6. **Review and approve the 2021 Town of Goshen Workers’ Compensation Insurance contract with Comp Alliance.**

Councilperson Lyons stated for 2021 the Town will be paying \$126,173.00 to N.Y.S. Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance for funding workers' compensation. This amount includes the NYS Assessment.

Councilperson Florio made the motion to approve the Town of Goshen Workers' Compensation Insurance contract as presented and authorize the Town Commissioner of Insurance to sign the same. Councilperson Newbold seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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| Supervisor Douglas Bloomfield | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson George Lyons | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Philip Canterino | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson Kenneth Newbold | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Richard Florio | <u>AYE</u> | | |

Vote: Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0

7. Review and approve the 2021 Town of Goshen Cyber/Crime Insurance contract with Travelers Cas. & Surety Co. of America.

Councilperson Lyons stated for 2021 the Town will be paying \$8,038.00 for cyber/crime insurance coverage. Coverage includes employee dishonesty and cyber (computer security breach) communication liability expenses.

Councilperson Florio made the motion to approve Travelers Cas. & Surety Co. of America Insurance contract as presented and authorize the Town Commissioner of Insurance to sign the same. Councilperson Newbold seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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| Supervisor Douglas Bloomfield | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson George Lyons | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Philip Canterino | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson Kenneth Newbold | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Richard Florio | <u>AYE</u> | | |

Vote: Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0

8. Review and approve the 2021 Town of Goshen Liability Insurance contract with Zurich.

Councilperson Lyons stated that for the past 10 years we have been with U.S. Specialty Insurance Company. This year their premium is around \$11,000 more than Zurich America offer in the amount of \$103,687.00.

Coverage includes property damage, auto physical damage, general liability, law enforcement and public officials. This also includes an umbrella coverage of \$10,000,000.

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to approve the Town of Goshen Liability Insurance contract with Zurich America as presented and authorize the Town Commissioner of Insurance to sign the same.

Councilperson Florio seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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| Supervisor Douglas Bloomfield | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson George Lyons | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Philip Canterino | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson Kenneth Newbold | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Richard Florio | <u>AYE</u> | | |

Vote: Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0

9. Review, discuss and approve an annual contract beginning December 15, 2020 with JCO, Inc. Environmental Services for licensed technical support, operation and management of the Town of Goshen water and sewer systems and authorize the Supervisor to sign the same (see attached contract for details).

This contract has been developed as a consequence of the death of Joseph Klopchin, our licensed operator, and a request from Broderick Knoell that he no longer be involved in managing the Town of Goshen Water & Sewer services.

JCO, Inc. has provided utility operation and management services for over 30 years to clients throughout New York, and Pennsylvania.

Supervisor Bloomfield read a list of services JCO Inc. can provide for our Water Treatment Systems and Sewer Pump Stations. The rate schedule for 2020/2021 is \$6,000.00 monthly with a prevailing wage billed at the Orange County rate plus 25% overhead. The reason the Town will be contracting with JCO, Inc. is because of the death of Joseph Klopchin and the need for emergency purposes to have a licensed operator available. Attorney Golden has been asked to draft an acceptable contract with JCO, Inc. with authorization for the Supervisor to sign it. The contract is to provide operation, management, maintenance and technical assistance services for the Town's municipal water and sewer facilities, including a NYS licensed operator, at a lump sum price of \$6,000/month.

Councilperson Canterino made the motion to approve the scope of the contract (not written yet) as presented by Supervisor Bloomfield to begin December 15, 2020, \$6,000.00 a month, 90-day termination clause, and additional "form" requirements such as insurance coverage etc. and for the Supervisor to sign the contract. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

Discussion covered the physical location of JCO, Inc. and who is responsible for removal/replacement of materials such as dirt/pavement. Broderick Knoell stated the Highway Dept. will continue to do what they are responsible for. In addition, questions of how the prevailing wage applies to the contract.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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| Supervisor Douglas Bloomfield | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson George Lyons | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Philip Canterino | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson Kenneth Newbold | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Richard Florio | <u>AYE</u> | | |

Vote: Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0

10. Information: Review memo from the Town of Goshen Supervisor to be reviewed with all Town employees regarding travel during the holiday season.

Summation: The travel guidelines require all New Yorkers, as well as those visiting from out-of-state, to take personal responsibility for compliance in the best interest of public health and safety. Should any of the Town employees opt to travel out-of-state and are required to quarantine as a result, they must use their own personal leave time in complying with the guidelines mandated by New York State. To the extent there is not sufficient leave time available, the quarantine will be unpaid.

11. Information: Three individuals who clean Town Hall and the Town police office building are sick with COVID_19. Wear a mask, social distance yourself and wash your hands often. The virus is nearby!

A stated, for information only.

12. Review and approve request by Broderick Knoell, Town of Goshen Highway Superintendent, to purchase a used street sweeping machine.

Highway Superintendent Knoell stated he has an opportunity to purchase a newer used sweeper (2007) to replace our existing 1996 Ford CF7000/Johnston 605 sweeper for a net cost of \$90,000.00. A new sweeper would cost around \$225,000 to \$250,000. The balance in his equipment account is about \$6,900 short of being able to cover the cost of the sweeper in 2020. He proposes to transfer from the equipment maintenance fund to cover the difference. The equipment maintenance fund (DA-5130-436) currently has a balance over \$26,000.

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to approve the above said fund transfer and purchase, and to put the specifications for this truck in the Town's newspaper for public bidding.

Councilperson Florio seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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| Supervisor Douglas Bloomfield | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson George Lyons | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Philip Canterino | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson Kenneth Newbold | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Richard Florio | <u>AYE</u> | | |

Vote: Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0

FINANCE:

1. Authorize Budget Director Christine Cavaliere to put three (3) surplus vehicles up for bid (see attached memo).

The three vehicles are: 1995 Ford Dump Truck, 2002 Dodge Ram 2500 and 2003 Crown Victoria.

Councilperson Florio made the motion to authorize Budget Director Christine Cavaliere to put up three (3) vehicles up for bid. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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| Supervisor Douglas Bloomfield | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson George Lyons | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Philip Canterino | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson Kenneth Newbold | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Richard Florio | <u>AYE</u> | | |

Vote: Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0

Councilperson Canterino made the motion to declare the above three vehicles as surplus. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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| Supervisor Douglas Bloomfield | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson George Lyons | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Philip Canterino | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson Kenneth Newbold | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Richard Florio | <u>AYE</u> | | |

Vote: Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0

2. Authorize Budget Director Christine Cavaliere to open a checking account with Orange Bank and Trust Company in order to accept online payments for water/sewer charges.

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to authorize Budget Director Christine Cavaliere to open a new bank account as stated for water/sewer online payments. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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| Supervisor Douglas Bloomfield | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson George Lyons | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Philip Canterino | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson Kenneth Newbold | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Richard Florio | <u>AYE</u> | | |

Vote: Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

3. Councilperson Lyons made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run on December 11, 2020 in the amount of \$635,746.24. Councilperson Florio seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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| Supervisor Douglas Bloomfield | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson George Lyons | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Philip Canterino | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson Kenneth Newbold | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Richard Florio | <u>AYE</u> | | |

Vote: Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0

4. Councilperson Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Manual A/P runs as of 11/30/2020 in the amount of \$10,415.73. Councilperson Canterino seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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| Councilperson Philip Canterino | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson Kenneth Newbold | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Richard Florio | <u>AYE</u> | | |

Vote: Motion carried by a vote of 5 to

5. Councilperson Newbold made the motion to approve year-to-date budget transfers as requested by the Budget Officer. Councilperson Florio seconded the motion.

Upon a roll call Vote:

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| Supervisor Douglas Bloomfield | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson George Lyons | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Philip Canterino | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson Kenneth Newbold | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson Richard Florio | <u>AYE</u> | | |

Vote: Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0

6. Information: Budget Director Christine Cavaliere conducted an accounts payable audit for November 23, 2020 and December 10, 2020.

As stated, for information only.

After-thoughts:

Supervisor Bloomfield noted that the Goshen Solar project has broken ground. Amy's Kitchen and Goshen Hospitality will be sending in paperwork for the Planning Board. O & R has purchased property to build a 50 million dollar power distribution plant marked for 2025.

Councilperson Newbold added he has been informed there are run-off issues with the berm Legoland built as a consequence of recent heavy rain. The property at the bottom of the berm is under water. Where will that water be disposed of.

Town Board members wished everyone Happy Holidays and to be thankful for our health.

ADJOURNMENT: Time 8:40pm

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to adjourn. Councilperson Florio seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk

