

GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 23, 2020
MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 23rd day of November, 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.

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

Also Present:	Richard Golden Esq.	Attorney for the Town
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Town Clerk
	Christine Cavaliere	Budget Officer
	Mary Riso	Clerk to the Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Information: National Water Main Cleaning Company has completed the sewer main lining of 1,086 linear feet in Arcadia Hills. They resumed working today on the Hambletonian portion of their contract.**

As stated, for information only.

2. **Information: Nine prospective committee members have agreed so far to work with the Town of Goshen in our "Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative" planning (see minutes of the November 16 meeting).**

Our Sergeants are reviewing and updating the policy manual; this is anticipated to be completed by January 1, 2021. Also, our officers will be signed up for bias training at the police academy in Middletown.

3. **Information: COVID-19 is on an increase in Orange County. Referenced an Article in the Times Herald Record dated Nov. 19, 2020. The Goshen Highway Department has had one employee who tested positive for the virus and two additional cases where employees were exposed to persons who tested positive for the virus. Additionally, as a precautionary measure, two medically fragile employees have been asked to work from home going forward.**

As stated, for information only.

4. **Information: The Town has made a second contact regarding our request for a \$100,000 grant to help subsidize the Arcadia Hills water tank project. We talked directly with the NYS Grant Authority. It appears they need evidence of a deed for the land parcel where the tank is to be built before the grant can be approved. We sent another copy of the deed that was sent to them back in September 2020.**

As stated, for information only.

5. **Revisit, discuss and approve our updated license agreement with Merlin entertainments for use of Town parcel Lot 68 and authorize the Supervisor to sign the same.**

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to approve the updated License Agreement with Merlin Entertainment for the use of Town parcel Lot 68 and for the Supervisor to sign the same. Councilperson Florio seconded the motion.

Supervisor Bloomfield called for comments from the Board.

Councilperson Lyons reported on his visit to Lot 68 today. The berm blocks the view from some of the homes in Arcadia Hills. On top of the berm will have sod along with trees and bushes creating a decrease in the view of the Legoland buildings. He was happy with what he saw. His understanding is this is not excess soil dumped. The excess soil was dumped months ago in the back of the property.

Councilperson Canterino thinks it is a win-win vote for Legoland and for the residents of Arcadia Hills. It blocks the view even more for the residents, which is a good thing.

Councilperson Newbold was shocked to vote on something that is already built. "Who gave them permission to build on Town property?" What would happen if someone got hurt building the berm? Answer: There was no approval from the Town. There is no submission of required engineering specs and is not built according to regulations. Our Building Inspector has not received an application requesting to build a berm.

Councilperson Newbold is concerned this is not a berm, only a dumping site for dirt. A berm is complicated to build. "It's a farce. This is a dumping ground for Legoland, just giving them another huge break".

Councilperson Florio has not been to the site. He did note some things are needed from engineers to create a berm. He believes Legoland has good intentions and wants to be a good neighbor. He feels they should have asked the Town first, but to remove it now would create more of a mess.

Attorney Golden pointed out that the construction of the berm was not done under the inspections of the Town Engineer. The Town Engineer will monitor the *entire* construction of the berm and make sure that it is done according to State Standards, and to his satisfaction and that of the Building Inspector.

Supervisor Bloomfield called the vote:

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Douglas Bloomfield AYE

Councilperson Philip Canterino AYE

Councilperson Richard Florio AYE

Councilperson George Lyons AYE

Councilperson Kenneth Newbold NAY

Vote: Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 1

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Information:** Joseph Klopchin, owner of JPK Environmental, died unexpectedly Tuesday, November 17, 2020. Joe, a licensed water/sewer operator, provided oversight for the Town of Goshen Water and Sewer districts for the past several years. His expertise and kindness will be missed. The Town is currently assessing how to replace his services.

As stated, for information only.

2. **Information:** The Goshen Humane Society facilities and Dog Control Services were inspected on November 9, 2020 by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Marketing. A perfect score of compliance was achieved.

As stated, for information only.

3. **Information:** Review and approve virtual minutes for Town Board meeting held November 12, 2020.

Minutes will be available at the next meeting.

4. **Information:** There will be a joint virtual meeting with the Village of Goshen on December 7, 2020 at 7:00pm. The main topic will be razing the Salesian School Building. The JRC is also invited.

As stated, for information only.

5. **Information:** Attended the ribbon cutting for the Heritage Trail on November 19. The Trail has been extended another three and a quarter miles from Hartley Road to Palmer Avenue in the City of Middletown.

As stated, for information only.

6. **Information:** Mortgage Tax Revenues were \$238,688 above budgeted revenues.

This is attributed to a rise in real estate sales.

FINANCE:

1. **Councilperson Lyons made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run on November 23, 2020 in the amount of \$137,927.40. Councilperson Newbold seconded the motion.**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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. Councilperson Canterino made the motion to authorize Christine Cavaliere to transfer balance in HR-Arcadia Hills Well Rehab Account to SD-Arcadia's operating account. (Memo attached). Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

The HR capital Account will be kept open, as it will be needed for BAN proceeds from the Arcadia Hills Water Tank Capital Project.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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 Canterino made the motion to approve year-to-date budget transfers requested by the Budget Officer. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

Upon a roll call Vote:

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. Information: Christine Cavaliere conducted an accounts payable audit for November 1st and November 12, 2020.

As stated, for information only.

Town Board members wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilperson Newbold added that he assisted in distributing Thanksgiving dinners to over 225 families.

"Be Thankful for what we have and especially our health", stated Councilperson Newbold.

ADJOURNMENT: Time 8:10pm

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to adjourn. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk

