

**Town of Goshen
Town Board Meeting
October 14, 2021
Minutes
Livestreamed on YouTube: Goshen, NY Town Board**

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 14th day of October, 2021, at Goshen Town Hall, 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

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

Also Present:	Richard Golden, Esq.	Town Attorney
	Sean Hoffman	Town Engineer
	Mary Riso	Deputy Town Clerk

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

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye	Councilmember Lyons	Aye
Councilmember Newbold	Aye		

Public Hearing

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Newbold, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to open the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget for 2022. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye	Councilmember Lyons	Aye
Councilmember Newbold	Aye		

Supervisor Bloomfield reviewed the budget.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the Town of Goshen Budget for 2022, as presented. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye	Councilmember Lyons	Aye
Councilmember Newbold	Aye		

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

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye	Councilmember Lyons	Aye
Councilmember Newbold	Aye		

Old Business

Review current status of the following projects:

- **Discuss the strategies for repairing the Town of Goshen Highway Department garage**

Whereupon, there was a discussion, in summary, the garage needs temporary shoring, projected schedule with TAM, and concerns about obtaining all the steel. The shoring may be modified or reduced using cement footings, but there were concerns for safety. Further discussions will be held with TAM

- **Reduction of brown water in Hambletonian Park**

No update, Mr. Hoffman spoke to Steve Gagnon and he anticipates two more weeks.

- **Town acceptance of Heritage Estates infrastructure**

Mr. Hoffman had a follow up meeting on 10/1 with Attorney Naughton, Steve Esposito and Developer Mumford. One of the larger items outstanding is the drainage issue at 54 Laurel. The rear of several lots at 54 enters the Town collection system. It was discussed that the home owner hire their own engineer to go over the plans on their property. Nothing new on the well. Mr. Mumford should come with a plan for the well.

- **Town acceptance of Woodland Estates infrastructure**

Mr. Hoffman is meeting with Broderick Knoell tomorrow to review and identify the specific repairs to be performed prior to installation of the surface course. The goal is to get it done before cold weather.

- **Status of Arcadia Hills Water Tank**

There was a delay receiving the steel, got it October 4th. Mr. Hoffman went out on October 12 to evaluate the project. The foundation was done, utilities complete, first course of the floor and tank in place. It is on schedule for November 5 and another month to finish up the work. Early December should be on line.

Review and approve legal documents and cash bond amounts for Urbanski Solar 5.0 megawatt project.

Attorney Golden reviewed the Decommissioning Agreement, similar to all the others, required to put up a bond Sean estimated a reasonable value to take down, and advised it should be revisited every five years. The amount of the decommissioning bond shall be established by the Town Board upon recommendation from the Town Engineer and equal to 150% of the projected cost.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Newbold, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the form of the Decommissioning Agreement consistent with the dollar amount in H2M's accompanying memorandum for the Urbanski Solar Project and authorize the Supervisor to sign all related documents thereto. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye	Councilmember Lyons	Aye
Councilmember Newbold	Aye		

Attorney Golden reviewed the Stormwater Control Facility Maintenance Agreement.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Canterino, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the form of the Stormwater Control Facility Maintenance Agreement consistent with the dollar amount in H2M's accompanying memorandum for the Urbanski Solar Project and authorize the Supervisor to sign all related documents thereto. Approved unanimously.

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

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Councilmember Newbold Aye

Genevieve Trigg, Esq., requested a 6 month extension of the Special Use Permit for Urbanski Solar Project.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on the Special Use Permit.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to extend the Conditional Special Permit previously granted to Urbanski to April 12, 2022. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield Aye Councilmember Canterino Aye
Councilmember Florio Aye Councilmember Lyons Aye
Councilmember Newbold Aye

Review and approve legal documents and cash bond amounts for Varano Solar 5.0 megawatt project.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Newbold, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the form of the Decommissioning Agreement consistent with the dollar amount in H2M's accompanying memorandum for the Varano Solar Project and authorize the Supervisor to sign all related documents thereto. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield Aye Councilmember Canterino Aye
Councilmember Florio Aye Councilmember Lyons Aye
Councilmember Newbold Aye

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Florio, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the form of the Stormwater Control Facility Maintenance Agreement consistent with the dollar amount in H2M's accompanying memorandum for the Varano Solar Project and authorize the Supervisor to sign all related documents thereto. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield Aye Councilmember Canterino Aye
Councilmember Florio Aye Councilmember Lyons Aye
Councilmember Newbold Aye

Information: Two solar projects in the Town of Goshen are now complete and will be soon producing electric power. Glenmere Solar, LLC a 2 megawatt facility on Pulaski Highway and South Goshen Solar, a 5.0 megawatt facility on NY Route 17A.

Information: Two additional solar projects in the Town of Goshen have commenced construction. Both projects are being built by Borrego Solar Co.; one is a 2.0 megawatt facility on Owens Road and the other is a 1.64 megawatt facility on Pulaski Highway.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Newbold, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the September 23, 2021 minutes as prepared. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield Aye Councilmember Canterino Aye
Councilmember Florio Aye Councilmember Lyons Aye
Councilmember Newbold Aye

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the October 1, 2021, Special Town Board Minutes, as prepared. Approved unanimously with two abstentions.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Abstained	Councilmember Lyons	Aye
Councilmember Newbold	Abstained		

Information: Councilmember Canterino gave an update regarding the status of razing the Salesian school building. In summary, Councilmember Canterino met with the Village Mayor, Scott Wohl and gave him the same history from August of last year and reviewed the particulars with him. They discussed financing for the project and a tentative timeline.

Attorney Golden stated he had spoken to Dave Donovan, attorney for the Village, identical resolutions will be prepared for the Town Board and Village Board.

New Business

Information: The Town of Goshen received a Comp Alliance Safe Workplace Award for performance during policy year 2020 and received a check for \$3,506.00.

Information: Orange County will be conducting a Household Hazardous Waste and Operation Safe Scripts Pharmaceutical Collection Event on November 6, 9am to 3 pm at Delano Hitch Recreation Center, 401 Washington Street, Newburgh (see attached flyer)

Finance

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Newbold, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the Supervisor to pay accounts payable check run on October 14, 2021 in the amount of \$318,373.03. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye	Councilmember Lyons	Aye
Councilmember Newbold	Aye		

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the Supervisor to pay Workman's Comp claims in the amount of \$3,844.59. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye	Councilmember Lyons	Aye
Councilmember Newbold	Aye		

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Newbold, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve year-to-date budget transfers requested by the Budget Officer. Approved unanimously.

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

Councilmember Newbold Aye

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Information: Christine Cavaliere conducted an accounts payable audit for September 27, 2021 (see attached).

Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Howe, President of HOA, Heritage Estates, in summary, spoke of the frustration of the homeowners wanting the dedication, did not understand why the issue of 54 Laurel Circle was not addressed a year and a half ago. He requested the Board seriously consider a solution for the other residents of Heritage.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on accepting all the roads, and holding back a cash security for the roads.

Keith Roddey, in summary, was concerned about PDR. Stated that a failure to follow through lost farms and raised school taxes.

Rose Wright, stated she would submit her concerns in writing.

Jeremy Zweig, Abbe Road, in summary, discussed increases in salaries, and made comparisons to salaries in other municipalities being lower.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on the history of salaries in the Town. The Town Board member explained the rationale behind the salaries.

Bob Smith, Brookside Drive, in summary, stated the budget review was proof of the Board’s good work. Taxes have gone down, there is money for the roads, and the Town has not borrowed money.

Mike McCormack, Old Minisink Trail, thanked the highway department for a wonderful job after the storm in September. He was concerned about all the empty alcohol bottles on the road from Avalon down to Fletcher. Would like the Town to address the problem.

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

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye	Councilmember Lyons	Aye
Councilmember Newbold	Aye		

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.