

**Town of Goshen
Town Board Meeting
May 12, 2022
Minutes**

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A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 12th day of May 2022 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
	Sean Hoffman	Town Engineer
	Broderick Knoell	Highway Superintendent

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to open the meeting at 7:30 pm. Approved unanimously.

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

Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Smith commented on parkland fees and the pavilion. There was a discussion on the transfer of funds.

Mr. Troy commented on the effect of the demolition on the library. It was noted that a fence would be erected and the construction of an access road. The dog park will be closed, but there will be no interruption with the library.

Items for Discussion/Action

Review and award bid for the demolition of the Salesian Building.

Mr. Hoffman, P.E. reviewed the four bids. Ground Control Excavation was the lowest bidder in the amount of \$1,369,468.37. Mr. Hoffman, in conjunction with the Town Attorney reviewed the bid packet and determined that the Ground Control Excavation was qualified to do the work. The contractor is waiting for his asbestos removal license from New York State and Mr. Hoffman suggested the award be tabled until the license was granted. After discussion, it was determined that a special meeting would be scheduled when the license was issued. Mark Potempa, contractor for Ground Control Excavation,

was present and stated it could start June 1, one week to take the building down, then it will depend on how fast the trucks can enter and exit the property, estimated 120 trailer loads leaving the site. Also discussed was the time capsule, by the left pillar of the front door.

Discuss and review requested proposal from Sean Hoffman, P.E. to continue independently as the Town's Engineer.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on the proposal submitted by Sean Hoffman, P.E. Mr. Hoffman confirmed he would continue doing the same work for the Town as he presently provides and also the rates remained the same.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve and authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the proposal submitted by Sean Hoffman, P.E. Approved unanimously.

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

Review and approve the Road Program submitted by Highway Superintendent Knoell.

Superintendent Knoell reviewed the spend highway funds with the Board. In summary, spending \$203,750.00 upon 73.77 miles of highway on general repairs. Spending \$1,277,419.70 on improvements. Whereupon, there was a discussion on the timeline and materials.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Florio, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the Road Program for 2022 as submitted by Highway Superintendent Knoell. Approved unanimously.

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

Accept Frank Leva's resignation letter from the Planning Board.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to accept Frank Leva's resignation letter. Approved unanimously.

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

Appoint Jeremy Zweig to the vacancy on the Planning Board.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to appoint Jeremy Zweig to the Planning Board. Approved unanimously.

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

Discuss and approve transfer of Parkland fund to B-General Town Only (see attached memo from Christine Cavaliere).

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the transfer of \$100,000 from Parkland fund to B-General Town. Approved unanimously.

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

Review and approve Resolution regarding Consent of the Goshen Town Board to Village of Florida to annex a Village owned parcel of land.

Attorney Brady reviewed the resolution with the Board. After discussion a clerical error was corrected.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the Resolution as prepared. Roll Call Vote.

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
RESOLUTION**

**CONSENT OF THE GOSHEN TOWN BOARD TO ANNEX A VILLAGE OWNED
PARCEL OF LAND TO THE VILLAGE OF FLORIDA**

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember, Philip Canterino
SECONDED BY: Councilmember, Richard Florio
DATED: May 12, 2022

WHEREAS, the Town of Goshen (“Town”) received a letter from Village of Florida (“Village”) Mayor, Daniel Harter, Jr. and a copy of a Village Board Resolution dated April 6, 2022 requesting the consent of the Town to the Village’s proposed annexation of two parcels in the Town of Goshen identified on the Town of Goshen tax map as Section 20, Block 1, Lots 42 & 43.22 (the property) and located within the boundaries of the Town of Goshen; and

WHEREAS, said property is uninhabited; and

WHEREAS, the property adjoins the Village and contains the Village's sewage treatment plant, Village owned New York State Trooper Barracks and Village owned cell tower; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to annex the property housing Village owned infrastructure into its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board hereby finds and determines that annexing infrastructure into the municipality which such infrastructure serves is hereby deemed a public purpose and in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board further finds and determines that the public interest would be served by annexing the property into the territorial boundaries of the Village of Florida for the purpose of bringing all such property within the boundaries of the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

Section 1. The above WHEREAS clauses are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth fully.

Section 2. The Town Board hereby consents to the annexation of the uninhabited property adjoining the Village on the basis of the Town Board's determination that such annexation is in the overall public interest.

Section 3. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 4. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the Village Clerk of the Village of Florida as soon as practicable.

Section 5. The Town Board hereby determines that this Resolution granting consent to the Village Board of the Village of Florida is a Type II action for SEQRA purposes. In the event that the Village issues an order of annexation regarding the property, the Town hereby consents to the Village being lead agency with respect to any applicable environmental review.

Section 6. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Joseph Betro	Aye	Councilperson, Douglas Bloomfield	Aye
Councilperson, Philip Canterino	Aye	Councilperson, Richard Florio	Aye
Councilperson, George Lyons	Aye		

Vote: Resolution carried by vote of 5 to 0

Approval of April 28, 2022 minutes.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the April 28, 2022 minutes. Approved unanimously.

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

Discuss and review Goshen Parks and Recreation Annual Report (see attached).

Whereupon, there was a discussion on the skate park. The Board would like to see the design and costs associated with any project. They would also like to see the budget. Supervisor Betro noted they were looking for additional funding from the Town and Village to make the coordinator a full time position. He also noted, after a discussion with the budget officer the breakdown should be 67% town to 33% village. There was further discussion on raising parkland fees from \$3,000 to \$3,500.

Continued discussion on the funding of GOVAC.

Whereupon, there was further discussion on setting up a tax district for GOVAC. The Board discussed the expense budget submitted by Councilmember Lyons. Councilmember Lyons noted there had been 800 calls since January 1st, averaging 6 calls a day. It was further noted GOVAC has purchased the old Dikeman building, but the building is in need of major repairs. There is a budget shortfall as it stands now. The Board discussed whether they have the legal ability to create another taxing authority and how it would be created. Attorney Brady stated he would do research to see how other municipalities were managing the situation and see what best fits our needs.

Discussion on Air B&B's.

Whereupon, there was a discussion, in summary there is nothing in place that allows an Air B&B, nothing that prevents it or allows it. There are requirements for B&B's. They have to go to the Planning Board for approval, the primary resident has to be in the B&B. It was noted that this needs to be looked at and addressed. Complaints have been received on noise, multiple cars, garbage and large parties in a residential area. Attorney Brady will research zoning issues and various policies to adopt regarding Air B&B's.

Discussion on hotel tax.

Attorney Brady stated he would do a comparative analysis on other municipalities and get a baseline for discussion.

Finance

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 accounts

payable check run on May 12, 2022 in the amount of \$66,416.44. Approved unanimously.

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

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the Supervisor to pay Workman’s Comp claims in the amount of \$1,853.22. Approved unanimously.

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

Information: Christine Cavaliere submitted monthly financial for 12/31/21 and 3/31/2022 (see attached).

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve year-to-date budget transfers requested by the Budget Officer dated May 12, 2022. Approved unanimously.

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

Information: Christine Cavaliere conducted an account payable audit for May 12, 2022.

Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Smith commented on who has the authority to govern Air B&B’s , noted there has been multiple people residing in a single residential buildings.

Whereupon, there was a discussion and agreed to hold work sessions starting at 6:30 pm once a month starting first meeting in June.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 pm.
Submitted by Mary Riso, Town Clerk