

**Town of Goshen  
Town Board Meeting  
April 28, 2022  
Minutes**

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A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 at Goshen Town Hall, 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:       George Lyons           Deputy Supervisor  
                  Douglas Bloomfield   Councilmember  
                  Richard Florio        Councilmember

Absent:         Joseph Betro           Town Supervisor  
                  Philip Canterino       Councilmember

Also Present:   Rory Brady             Town Attorney  
                  Mary Riso              Town Clerk

**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.

Deputy Supervisor Lyons       Aye                    Councilmember Bloomfield    Aye  
Councilmember Florio         Aye

**Review and approve the appointment of Naughton & Torre, LLP as the Planning Board attorneys (see attached letter).**

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to continue representation with the firm of Naughton and Torre. Approved unanimously.

Deputy Supervisor Lyons       Aye                    Councilmember Bloomfield    Aye  
Councilmember Florio         Aye

**Review and approve minutes of the March 24, 2022 Town Board Meeting.**

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Florio, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approved the March 24, 2022 minutes. Approved unanimously.

Deputy Supervisor Lyons       Aye                    Councilmember Bloomfield    Aye  
Councilmember Florio         Aye

**Review and approve minutes of the April 14, 2022 Town Board Meeting.**

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the April 14, 2022 minutes. Approved unanimously.

Deputy Supervisor Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

Whereupon, there was a discussion on the letter of support for Kevin Brischoux requested by Assemblyman Colin Schmitt for service credit. It was noted that Attorney Brady was waiting on a response to the past service cost.

Whereupon, Attorney Brady reviewed a resolution for Participation in NYSERDA’s Stretch to Zero Pilot Program. Attorney Brady read Supervisor Betro’s support for the program. The following Resolution was read into the record:

**TOWN OF GOSHEN RESOLUTION**

**PARTICIPATION IN NYSERDA’S**

**STRETCH TO ZERO PILOT PROGRAM**

**MOTION BY COUNCIL Richard Florio**  
**SECONDED BY COUNCIL Douglas Bloomfield**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Goshen wishes to participate in New York State’s Stretch to Zero Pilot Program.

**WHEREAS**, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) will use the Stretch to Zero Pilot Program to identify the obstacles and issues municipalities will face when adopting and implementing a zero on-site greenhouse gas emissions code and develop tools and best practices to prepare for the potential future local and statewide implementation.

**WHEREAS**, the Stretch to Zero Pilot Program aims to make awards in two categories.

**WHEREAS**, Category One aims to award municipalities up to \$500,000 each for the adoption and implementation of a zero on-site greenhouse gas emissions code by December 2023.

**WHEREAS**, Category Two aims to make awards for municipalities that have already taken a local legislative action to adopt a zero on-site greenhouse gas emissions code, and who are interested in sharing information with NYSERDA and learning from the other participating municipalities. These municipalities can apply to receive up to \$25,000 per quarter over the two-year Pilot Program for a maximum award of \$200,000.

**WHEREAS**, selected municipalities will work closely with each other and NYSERDA through the planning, adoption, and implementation process. In addition to the financial incentives, selected municipalities will receive significant technical support, including but not limited to Project Management and Planning Services; Local Legislative Assistance; Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach; and Training and Education.

**WHEREAS**, in the event the Town of Goshen Town Board's application is approved and they are selected to participate in the Stretch to Zero Pilot Program they do so with the understanding that the following terms and conditions apply:

- The Town of Goshen will receive an initial fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000.00) payment from NYSERDA upon the signing of the contract provided by NYSERDA.
- The Town of Goshen will receive quarterly payments of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for, among other things, participating in educational programs provided by NYSERDA.
- The Town of Goshen will receive a lump sum payment of one-hundred, twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) for the adoption of a zero on-site greenhouse gas emissions code via Local Law.
- The Town of Goshen will receive a lump sum payment of one-hundred, twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) for the implementation of a zero on-site greenhouse gas emissions code (effective December 2023).

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Goshen bears no commitment to adopt and implement on-site greenhouse gas emissions code by December 2023.

**WHEREAS**, in the event monies are secured by the Town of Goshen for signing the initial contract but failing to participate further for any reason, those monies secured shall not be owed back to NYSERDA.

**WHEREAS**, in the event monies are secured by the Town of Goshen for participating in the NYSERDA's education programs but failing to participate further for any reason, those monies secured shall not be owed back to NYSERDA.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Goshen Board wishes to participate in the zero risk opportunity to receive the educational tools necessary to implement environmentally conscious code

improvements either voluntarily or when eventually forced upon the municipalities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Goshen authorizes Kate Schmidt, Planner for the Orange County Planning Department, to draft, finalize and submit an application on behalf of the Town of Goshen.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

Vote: Resolution carried by vote of 3 to 0

STATE OF NEW YORK)

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COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, Mary Riso, Town Clerk of the Town of Goshen, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Goshen at a meeting of said Board held on the 28th day of April, 2022.

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Mary Riso, Town Clerk

**Finance**

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve a motion to authorize the supervisor to pay accounts payable check run on April 28, 2022 in the amount of \$166,058.54.

Deputy Supervisor Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Florio, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve a motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Workman’s Comp claims in the amount of \$2,083.21.

Deputy Supervisor Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve a motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay manual A/P run for March 31, 2022 in the amount of \$53,745.76.

Deputy Supervisor Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve budget transfers requested by Christine Cavaliere dated April 28, 2022 (see attached).

Deputy Supervisor Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

**Information: Christine Cavaliere submitted monthly financials for April 14, 2022 and April 28, 2022 (see attached).**

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

Deputy Supervisor Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

Submitted by Mary Riso, Town Clerk