

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 27, 2018

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 27th day of September, 2018 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present: Douglas Bloomfield Supervisor
 Melissa Gallo Councilmember
 George Lyons Councilmember
 John Van Der Molen Councilmember

Absent: Kenneth Newbold Councilmember

Also Present: Richard Golden, Esq. Attorney for the Town
 Priscilla Gersbeck Town Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:32 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Addition to New Business: New York State Sexual Harassment Policy.

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)

D. REPORTS:

Councilperson Melissa Gallo reporting for the Joint Recreation Commission: this year 140 children enrolled in the summer camp programs which was an all-time high. Grace Clark, Girl Scout, discussed a future project for obtaining a scout medal. She will present options to create a "Pickle Ball" [combination of badminton, tennis & table tennis] court. A boy scout updated his presentation for "Gaga Ball" [a variant of dodgeball] locations. The Halloween Party (trunk or treat) will be held on October 27 from 1-4pm at Urbanski Park. JRC projects for 2019 are: pavilion extension at Urbanski Park, basketball court in Arcadia Hills, additional fields at Salesian Park, and upgrading the second entrance into Urbanski Park.

Councilperson George Lyons reporting for Highway Department: The road mower and sweeper were out every day this month. The sweeper was used to remove stone from the roads that were chip sealed. Drainage ditching work was conducted along Wisniewski and Big Island Roads. Asphalt patching was done on Old Minisink Ext., Greencrest, and Fox Roads. Major asphalt patching (>200 tons) was completed on Celery, Big Island, and Wisniewski Roads. Four Catch basins were repaired, three in Arcadia Hills and one on Quaker Mill Run. Two catch basins in the Town Hall parking lot were installed.

Councilperson John Van Der Molen reporting for the Senior Commission: The Senior Barbeque will be held on October 22 at 11:30am at the Senior Center. Candidate for Congress, James O'Donnell is sponsoring this event which will be catered by Elsie's Restaurant. This event is free and open to all Goshen seniors. A \$500 check was received from the Goshen Rotary in July. The Village has put in a grant for a generator at the Center. The Center will be designated as a "Cooling Station in the summer and a Heating Station in the winter". This is at the County level for review. Catherine's Restaurant will cater the Barn Dance to be held at the Center on Sept. 29th at 4:00pm.

Supervisor Douglas Bloomfield (inaudible) reported on several meetings he recently attended. He met with Noel Krebs, Father Anthony from St. John Evangelist Church, Historian Michelle Figliomeni, and the Editor of the Goshen Independent paper to discuss an artifact found while digging in the Town Hall parking lot. It is *believed* to be the corner stone of the first Catholic Church.

He attended with Councilperson Lyons the Association of Cities, Towns & Villages in Crawford. Discussion covered school resource officers to maximize the value to the community and to the schools. Also, there is a new requirement by New York State to have an attorney present when a person is being arraigned.

He attended a meeting with Attorney Golden regarding the Village supplying water & sewer to Milmar Food Group and a small cluster of businesses nearby. Discussion of whether or not to apply for a federal grant. The pros and cons will be discussed at a future meeting.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. THE ADA DOORS FOR THE REAR ENTRANCE OF TOWN HALL HAVE BEEN ORDERED

As stated, for information.

2. PAVING OF THE TOWN HALL PARKING LOT SHOULD BE IN PLACE IN ABOUT 10 DAYS, WEATHER PERMITTING.

As stated, for information.

3. BUILDING INSPECTOR TO DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF WEDDING VENUE ON ROUTE 17M.

Neal Halloran, Building Inspector, noted this property is zoned for a single family home, not for commercial use. A tent is erected to accommodate weddings. His question to the Board is for approval to hold a wedding at this site which has been booked for this weekend, and there are two more events booked during the month. He has inspected the site to cover an array of health & safety issues. The swimming pool without a fence has to be addressed for all of the events.

Associate representing the ownership (corporation) addressed the Board. He explained that a property manager lives on site. There is no intent to rent out rooms overnight. He will submit a site plan to the Planning Board for commercial use as an event center and a bed & breakfast. He will work with the wishes of the Board to allow the three events to take place before the site plan is approved. The Board requested to have the Town insured and/or to have a Hold Harmless agreement signed and to close the pool if no lifeguard is on duty. The owner agreed to close the pool.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. INFORMATION: A SOLAR FARM PROJECT PROPOSAL BY "COMMUNITY SOLAR" TO BE BUILT ON ROUTE 17A.

As stated, for information only. This will be presented at a future meeting.

2. GOSHEN DPW PERSONNEL DISCOVERED AND RECOVERED THE CORNER STONE OF GOSHEN'S FIRST CATHOLIC CHURCH WHILE REPLACING A STORM WATER SEWER LINE IN THE TOWN HALL PARKING LOT.

In preparation to pave the Town Hall parking lot, two catch basins were installed. The old basins were dug out and a new line was put in. As the DPW worked, a large stone was discovered. It is believed to be the "corner stone" of the first Catholic Church in 1847. The church was located where the current parking lot is until the new Church was built on Murray Avenue. Hence, St. John Street named after St. John Church. The "corner stone" will be researched to authenticate.

3. NEW YORK STATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY.

Our insurance broker, Marshall & Sterling, informed us New York State OSHA has instituted a new requirement. Each employee is to be given a copy of the Town Sexual Harassment Policy by October 9, 2018. All employees must be trained on the policy by January 1, 2019.

G. FINANCE:

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run for September 13, 2018 in the amount of \$195,333.72. Councilperson Gallo seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Van Der Molen
0 NAYS
1 ABSENT Newbold

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to approve minutes of work session on August 20, 2018, and minutes of regular meeting on August 23, 2018. Councilperson Gallo seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Van Der Molen
0 NAYS
1 ABSENT Newbold

I. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Topics discussed covered: affordable housing, Pickle Ball court project and Town noise ordinance.

J. ADJOURNMENT: 8:50PM

Councilperson Van Der Molen made the motion to adjourn to enter into Attorney Client meeting. Councilperson Gallo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk