

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
January 11, 2016
M I N U T E S

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 11th day of January 2016, at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:	Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
	George Lyons	Councilmember
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilmember
	John VanDerMolen	Councilmember
Also Present:	Richard Golden, Esq.	Special Counsel to Town Board
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:31pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. REVIEW AND PASS MOTION TO ACCEPT CHANGES TO THE DIAL-A-BUS SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

“The *goal* of this policy is to (1) assure that employees are not impaired in their ability to perform assigned duties in a safe, productive and healthy manner; (2) create a workplace environment free from the adverse effects of drug abuse and alcohol misuse; (3) prohibit the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of controlled substances; and (4) encourage employees to seek professional assistance any time personal problems, including alcohol or drug dependency, adversely affect their ability to perform their assigned duties.”

Superintendent of Highways, Broderick Knoell, explained the policy revisions to the original policy that was adapted on 05/03/02. [The Town of Goshen-Chester Dial-A-Bus Substance Abuse Policy is available in the Clerk’s office for viewing.] In summary, “The *purpose* of this policy is to assure worker fitness for duty and to protect our employees, passengers, and the public from the risks posed by the misuse of alcohol and use of prohibited drugs. This policy is also intended to comply with all applicable Federal Regulations governing workplace anti-drug and alcohol programs in the transit industry.”

Councilman VanDerMolen made the motion to accept the updated changes to the Town of Goshen-Chester Dial-A-Bus Substance Abuse Policy. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Lyons, Newbold, VanDerMolen
0 NAYS

2. REVIEW ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS OF NEW YORK COMMUNICATION REGARDING FEBRUARY 14-17, 2016 ANNUAL MEETING AND TRAINING SESSIONS

The annual training session for town officials will be held in New York City. The Town Councilmen

have elected not to attend. The Association has representatives available to answer questions via phone or on the web site, www.nytown.org .

3. INFORMATION: NYS SENATOR JOHN BONACIC HAS SECURED A \$75,000 GRANT FOR THE TOWN OF GOSHEN TO REPAVE THE TOWN HALL PARKING LOT AND TO REPLACE THE DRAINAGE CATCH BASIN

The money will be used to install a new drainage system, catch basin and complete approximately 20,000 square feet of asphalt resurfacing.

4. INFORMATION: H2M ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS HAS LOWERED THE RATE FOR "SENIOR PROJECT ENGINEER" WHICH REPRESENTS MOST OF THE WORK PERFORMED FOR THE TOWN OF GOSHEN. THIS IS BEING DONE IN SUPPORT OF THE TOWN EFFORTS TO PERFORM BELOW THE TAX CAP MANDATED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK

As stated, for information only.

5. INFORMATION: THE FIRST OF TWO REBATE CHECKS HAVE BEEN SENT TO GOSHEN RESIDENTS WHO PAY PROPERTY TAXES PER THE NYS PROPERTY TAX FREEZE CREDIT PROGRAM. THE SECOND REBATE CHECK WILL BE SENT LATER THIS YEAR TO CITIZENS AS A RESULT OF THE TOWN IMPLEMENTING A TAX FREEZE EFFICIENCY PLAN

As stated, for information only.

6. INFORMATION: THE GOSHEN HUMANE SOCIETY WAS RATED "SATISFACTORY" IN AN UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION BY THE DIVISION OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY, NYS DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETING.

As stated, for information only.

7. INFORMATION: THE RESPONSE TO THE BUILDING OFFICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR LAND USE BOARD MEMBERS IS IMPRESSIVE. A PROFESSIONAL LAND USE PLANNER AND A PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECT AMONG OTHERS.

As stated, for information only.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Newbold made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following;

1. Interview Candidates for Town Councilman Opening

with the intent to return. The motion was seconded by Councilman VanDerMolen. Motion carried.

Supervisor Bloomfield reopened the meeting to take the action on the following:
Councilman Lyons made the motion to appoint Melissa Gallo to fill the vacancy of resigned Board Member, Philip Canterino, for the remaining calendar year of 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilman VanDerMolen.

[The four candidates interviewed, in alphabetical order, were Melissa Gallo, Daniel Henderson, Daniel McMann, and Scott Perry.]

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	<u>NAY</u>
Councilperson, George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, John VanDerMolen	<u>AYE</u>

Vote: Motion carried by a vote of 3 to 1.

Supervisor Bloomfield made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:22PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk