

**TOWN OF GOSHEN**  
**TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION**  
**February 10, 2014**

**MINUTES**

A Work Session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014 at Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:

Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
Philip Canterino	Councilman
George Lyons	Councilman
Kenneth Newbold	Councilman
Louis Cappella	Councilman

Also Present:

Dennis Caplicki	Town Attorney
Valma Eisma	Town Clerk

Supervisor Bloomfield called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PUBLIC HEARING: "CHAPTER 82A, REAL PROPERTY ACCOUTREMENT STRUCTURES"

Supervisor Bloomfield explained that due to an error in publishing the Public Hearing, a new date has to be set for it. Councilman Newbold made a Motion to set the date for a Public Hearing for Local Law #1, "Chapter 82A, Real Property Accoutrement Structures" for 7:30 p.m. on February 27, 2014. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried unanimously.

2. CONDUCT FINAL REVIEW OF ADC MAPLEWOOD DEVELOPERS AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE SAME:

Supervisor Bloomfield asked if the Board had the agreement, Attorney Caplicki replied no. He explained there was still some revisions that need to be done. Supervisor Bloomfield asked if it could be ready and placed on the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda. Attorney Caplicki replied yes.

3. DISCUSS REQUEST BY BUYER OF PERSON PROPERTY TO MODIFY OUR CONSERVATION EASEMENT: Attorney Caplicki reviewed the Declaration of Conservation Easement with the Board. He stated that this has been discussed and agreed upon by the Board and sent to the petitioner for signature. Attorney Caplicki reported they sent it back with a request for two changes. He said it was actually the prospective buyer that is requesting the changes.

Attorney Caplicki said the first one was on page 3, sub paragraph d. He stated there were two choices here. One the removal of trees or vegetation in any manner except for the purpose of preserving agriculture. He said this is acceptable to them. The second reads: Removal of trees or vegetation in any manner except for the purpose of preserving, and expanding agriculture. Attorney Caplicki stated he rejected this one. He said we could add on approval of the Town Board.

Attorney Caplicki said the second change is on page 4, letter N. The use of this parcel for agricultural purposes, while permitted, will be treated as though it is not in any regulated agricultural district. He said the buyer did not understand this, he explained to him that it is only to include what is already in the Town Code. Attorney Caplicki will add the necessary verbiage.

Councilman Newbold made a Motion that on page 3, paragraph D the words "upon approval of the Town Board" be added, and item N on page 4 "The use of this parcel for agricultural purposes while permitted will be treated as though it is not in any regulated agricultural district, but will be governed by, and subject to the Zoning laws and Code of the Town of Goshen." Councilman Lyons seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield stated it will be sent to back to the buyer for their signature, and returned to us for final approval. Councilman Canterino stated that the Board is doing this to be farm friendly. He said he has heard that this Board is not farm friendly, and this is not so. He said he would like the public to know that this Board does everything it can to preserve farm property.

4. INFORMATION: Supervisor Bloomfield announced that Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. will be trimming trees in the Craigville Road/Johnson Road vicinity beginning immediately, all customers will receive a letter of explanation in advance.
5. DISCUSS AND APPROVE REQUEST TO HOLD THE HAMBLETONIAN MARATHON AND GOOD TIME TROTTERS RELAY: The Board discussed the fact that this has been held in prior years and has been very successful. Councilman Canterino made a Motion to approve the request to hold the Hambletonian Marathon and Good time Trotters Relay. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried unanimously.
6. DISCUSS AND APPROVE REQUEST FROM BUDGET OFFICER, BILL STANDISH TO ATTEND THE GFOA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRAINING: addressed below with #7.
7. DISCUSS AND APPROVE REQUEST FOR CHRISTINE CAVALIERE, INTERNAL AUDITOR, TO ATTEND THE GFOA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRAINING: The Board discussed each request at length agreeing it was a worthwhile conference, and will be helpful to both people as Mr. Standish will be retiring in the near future, and the Supervisor said they are hoping to convince Ms. Cavaliere to take his place..

Mr. Standish will be staying with family so will not need money for mileage or hotel cost. His total cost will be for the conference \$195.00. Ms. Cavaliere however, will be traveling to the conference,

etc. and the total cost will be \$604.91. Both costs will fall under the \$1,500.00 budget for Budget Office Training.

Councilman Canterino made a Motion to allow Christine Cavaliere, internal auditor; and Bill Standish, Budget Officer to attend the GFOA Annual Conference in Albany, total cost not to exceed \$800.00 The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. In discussion, Councilman Canterino questioned the amount, saying Mr. Standish might encounter some other expenses, and should be reimbursed for them. Councilman Canterino amended The amount was changed to not exceed \$1,500, the revision to the Motion was approved. Motion carried unanimously.

8. DISCUSS JRC SEWER USAGE CHARGES: Supervisor Bloomfield reported the Budget Officer informed him that the bill came for the Joint Recreation sewer usage charges. He informed the Supervisor that there are \$4,896.34 past due sewer charges that have not been paid. The Board discussed the past due amount, and the fact that it is time to pay the 2014 Town Subsidy to Joint Recreation. The Budget Officer suggested the following arrangement:

Joint Recreation  
Craigville Park – Sewer Usage Charges

	2011 \$ 1,821.75
	<u>2012 \$3,074.59</u>
Total Due:	\$4,896.34 (does not include 2013 charges)

Proposal: Remove these past due amounts from the annual  
Town Subsidy amount of \$75,000

\$ 75,000.00	2014 Town Subsidy
<u>\$ (4,896.34)</u>	Past due sewer charges
\$70,103.66	Net Pmt. Due to Jt. Rec.

Councilman Lyons will convey this to Joint Recreation to see if they are in agreement to accept this payment method.

10. DISCUSS BUDGET OFFICER'S REQUEST TO ELIMINATE SEPARATE CHECKS: Supervisor Bloomfield referred to the Memo from the Budget Officer that states that numerous payroll checks are being cut for many different reasons such as retroactive, medical buyouts, overtime, etc. The Budget Officer explained that these extra checks are costly, and time consuming. He also said that the saving for these checks could amount to as much as \$500.00 a year.

After a brief discussion, the Board decided they felt that issuing one check was fair, though some employees feel that a separate check will take out less taxes. However, the Budget Officer said that any

excess taxes will come back to the employee at tax time in the form of a refund or a decreased tax payment. The Supervisor will inform the Budget Officer that the Board approves the one check method.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Lyons made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, to go into Executive Session, with intent not to return to discuss the following:

1. P.D. Chief Contract
2. Amy's Kitchen Update
3. Faith, et al v Town of Goshen Update
4. DPW Personnel Issue.

The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried unanimously.

Time: 8:10 p.m.

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Valma Eisma, Town Clerk