

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

February 22, 2016

MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 22nd day of February, 2016 at Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present: Melissa Gallo Councilmember
 George Lyons Councilmember
 Kenneth Newbold Councilmember
 John VanDerMolen Councilmember

Absent: Douglas Bloomfield Supervisor

Also Present: Richard Golden, Esq. Attorney for the Town
 Robert Rametta, Esq. Special Counsel, Tax Certiorari/Claims
 Priscilla Gersbeck Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Newbold at 7:34pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. GUEST SPEAKER, ELIZABETH HARRIS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE FOOD BANK OF THE HUDSON VALLEY. REQUEST THE USE OF THE TOWN HIGHWAY LOT FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Highway Supervisor, Broderick Knoell introduced Elizabeth Harris from the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley. Ms. Harris distributed pamphlets of the food bank 2014 Annual Report and Distribution Analysis by County. The Regional Food Bank serves 23 counties from the Canadian Border to Rockland County. The Food Bank of Hudson Valley serves the lower 6 counties: Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Sullivan, Ulster and Rockland.

The Highway Garage parking lot has been selected to host the location distribution center. Ms. Harris explained that two-times a month a tractor trailer will come from Latham, NY to the delivery site (9am – Noon) to unload. Each agency in need of particular products is assigned a time slot to arrive at the distribution site. Council questioned the procedure to arrange the agreement and coverage for liability insurance. Details will be worked out for site-specific clearance and safety to surrounding entities.

Councilwoman Gallo made the motion to authorize the Attorney for the Town, Richard Golden, to draft an Agreement with insurance rider between the Town of Goshen and the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley to use the Highway Garage parking lot for food distribution. Councilman VanDerMolen seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, Resolution passed: 4 AYES Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, VanDerMolen
 1 ABSENT
 0 NAYS

2. REVIEW HCC PUBLIC RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT

One of the main objectives of the Risk Control Department is to assist public entities in reducing existing and/or potential liability exposures. Councilman Lyons reported on his meeting with Kenneth Haverian, Risk Control Field Representative. With an “excellent” review there were two items that need to be addressed: (1) The Town ensure they obtain from all contractors, a certificate of insurance with the Town named as additional insured. We do this in most cases, but not 100% of the time. Attorney Golden suggested a meeting with our insurance broker to design “standard” language contracts (i.e.: Hold Harmless) for everyone to attach to the insurance coverage. (2) The Town ensures that all personnel issued undated employee policy information sign for the receipt of the policy.

3. INFORMATION: THE ORANGE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WILL PRESENT “FOLLOWING THE JOURNEYS OF 18TH CENTURY PALATINES” ON SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016, 10:30AM, AT THE GOSHEN METHODIST CHURCH.

As stated, for information only.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Deputy Supervisor Newbold asked for Council’s input to a map of NY Farms development located off Old Chester Road. A listing of proposed street names ending in “wood” is under consideration. A consensus of the Board is that the proposed list conflicts with the street names in the Arcadia Hills development. Suggestion was made for Neal Halloran to seek input from the 911 Center.

Information: Auditors from Nugent & Haussler have finished auditing in the Town Hall. They were impressed with the efficiency of all of the departments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

1. REVIEW PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF THE AL TURI CERTIORARI LITIGATION
2. UPDATE CSEA NEGOTIATIONS

with the intent not to return. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion Carried

Time: 8:05PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk