

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
February 25, 2013

MINUTES

A Work Session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 25th day of February, 2013 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
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilman
Absent:	George Lyons	Councilman
	Louis Cappella	Councilman
Also Present:	Dennis Caplicki	Town Attorney
	Valma Eisma	Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:35 p.m., and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. DISCUSS AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION PASSED IN DECEMBER, 2012 GIVING ORANGE AND ROCKLAND UTILITIES FINAL APPROVAL TO BUILD AN ELECTRIC POWER DISTRIBUTION PLANT: Attorney Caplicki addressed the Board stating they should have in their packet two documents. He said one is the Amended Resolution of Conditional Approval for a Special Permit for Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., and the second is the Declaration of Conservation Easement. Attorney Caplicki explained that there were a couple of minor changes to the original Resolution that was adopted in December of 2012.

Attorney Caplicki said one change was on page eight, "Conditioned upon the approval of the Public Service Commission". The other change was on page ten which shows the vote being done on February 25, 2013. He stated all of the rest of the Resolution remains the same, and basically the Declaration of Conservation Easement is the same, which is not to be signed at this time, but given for information to the Board only.

Councilman Canterino made a Motion to adopt the amended Resolution of Conditional Approval Special Permit for Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Douglas Bloomfield, Supervisor	<u>AYE</u>	Councilman, Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Phillip Canterino, Councilman	<u>AYE</u>	Councilman, Louis Cappella	<u>ABSENT</u>
George Lyons, Councilman	<u>ABSENT</u>		

Vote: In Favor: 3 Against: 0
Abstentions: 0 Absent: 2

Date of Approval: February 25, 2013

REVIEW AND APPROVE REQUEST BY BILL STANDISH, BUDGET OFFICER, TO ATTEND THE NYS GFOA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRAINING FROM APRIL 10 THROUGH APRIL 12, 2013 IN ALBANY, NY: Supervisor Bloomfield reviewed the cost of the conference with the Board:

1. Registration for all seminars: \$215.00
 2. Hotel cost: \$303.51
- Total cost: \$518.51

The cost of the conference is within his budget for training for 2013.

Supervisor Bloomfield noted that there was no food allowance in the request, and would like to include a food allowance expense of \$150.00.

Councilman Newbold made a Motion to approve Bill Standish, Budget Officer to attend the GFOA Annual Conference & Training From April 10 through April 12, 2013 and to include a \$150.00 food allowance, making the total cost \$668.51. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried 3 to 0.

3. ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF KENNETH W. SINCERBOX FROM THE TOWN OF GOSHEN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD: Councilman Canterino made a Motion to accept the resignation of Kenneth W. Sincerbox as a member of the Environmental Review Board. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried 3 to 0.

4. NYS COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE AUDIT OF AGRICULTURE EXEMPTIONS: Supervisor Bloomfield stated he had received a letter from John McCarey, Director of Real Property Tax Service. The letter referred to a recent review of the agricultural exemptions in the Town of Goshen. The review was conducted by Peter Pagliaro, Senior Examiner for the New York State Comptroller's Office and Joseph Chesna, Principal Examiner of Statewide and Regional Projects. Goshen was selected as one of the local communities statewide with a large number of exemptions. The review was done on applications process for 2012 and 2013.

Supervisor Bloomfield said he was happy to say that the State Comptroller's Office was pleased with the handling of the agricultural applications and the financial documentation that was done with the application. They see our process as an example for other assessors to follow.

5. INFORMATION: THE GOSHEN TOWN TEAM FOR GOSHEN TRIVIA NIGHT WILL AGAIN CONSIST OF DOUG BLOOMFIELD, DENNIS CAPLICKI AND RICHARD WALLACE: Supervisor Bloomfield reported that the team will again represent the Town of Goshen on Trivia Night. He reported the first time they participated they took first place, and came in second the next time. He said the second year was about Orange County Trivia, which was a little more difficult. Supervisor Bloomfield stated that it is a lot of fun, and they hope to be victorious again.

6. CONTINUE AND CONCLUDE DISCUSSIONS RELATIVE TO THE GOSHEN TOWN TOW POLICY: Attorney Caplicki stated that the Board now has a Town Policy in place that everyone is familiar with. He said based on comments made, and input from the Board, the intention is to modify the existing code, in preparation for Thursday's meeting. The intent is to make it more simple, putting discretion with the Police Department, in terms of selection, and or call ins. He said the Board will probably be eliminating the rotating list, and do it on "a discretionary basis, based on geographic

location, and safety requirements." Attorney Caplicki said he should have the text ready for Thursday's meeting.

David Leblanc spoke to the Board about a number of things, but his main concern was a fence that was put up on his business property. There was a fence on the property, he was replacing it with a new one, but moved it out further to give the Business more room for parking. He stated the Building Inspector placed a stop order on the work while the fence was being put up. Supervisor Bloomfield said he had spoken to the Building Inspector, and he was told that the problem had been resolved. Mr. Leblanc replied he was not aware of that.

Mr. Leblanc also expressed concern for the cost of a permit to replace the roof on his business building, \$1,700. He felt the cost was "out of line". Supervisor Bloomfield said the Board does need to review the fees charged in the Building & Zoning office, and will be doing that in the future.

Councilman Newbold made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, and go into Executive Session to discuss:

1. Proposed Tax Certiorari Settlements
2. Potential Business Contract Coming to the Town of Goshen
3. Update on P.D. Personnel Issue
4. Discuss Project Green

with intent not to return. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Time: 8:10 pm

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk