

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

March 24,2014

MINUTES

A Work Session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 24th day of March, 2014 at Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:

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

Also Present:

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| Dennis Caplicki | Town Attorney |
| Broderick Knoell | Highway Superintendent |
| Valma Eisma | Town Clerk |

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

- 1. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR ANNUAL WATER/SEWER INFORMATION AND RATE PROPOSAL:** Councilman Newbold made a Motion to set a Public Hearing for the Annual Water/Sewer Information, and Rate Proposal, for April 7, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Goshen Town Hall. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. INFORMATION:** Supervisor Bloomfield reported that a water line froze, and broke in a vacant/foreclosed home in Arcadia Hills on March 19th. He said the problem was discovered as a result of water flowing down the driveway. He asked Highway Superintendent Knoell how extensive the damage was to the home. Superintendent Knoell replied that there was some damage to the basement area, about four and a half feet of water damage. He said it was caused by a company the bank ordered (it is in foreclosure) to winterize the house. In doing so they disconnected the water meter, so there is no way of telling how much water was wasted. The Highway Superintendent will have to estimate the amount of water based on damage.
- 3. AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS TO INITIATE ACTIONS TO DEVELOP RFP'S (A Request for Pricing):. RE: Durland Road and Coleman Road culverts.** Supervisor Bloomfield asked Superintendent Knoell to explain when he needs to have this done, and the reason for immediate action.

Superintendent Knoell presented the Board with two Memos, one from Riddick Associates, and one from Governor Cuomo. He said that Sean Hoffman (Engineer with Riddick Associates) called his attention to the Financing part of a summary of his meeting and preliminary review of the FEMA document provided to us. He said the total original amount of the project was estimated by FEMA in 2011 to be \$273,426 for the culvert on Coleman Road and \$241,129 for the culvert on Durland Road. These estimates were subsequently reduced in 2012 after FEMA's internal review. Superintendent Knoell said that typically, the Federal share of the project is 75% and the remaining 25% is divided between NYS and the municipality. Mr. Hoffman explained the Governor may have authorized NYS to cover the entire non Federal share. He said this will be confirmed with SEMO officials prior to letting the project go out to bid.

Superintendent Knoell stated FEMA cut the cost down to \$150,00 for Coleman, and 125,000 for Durland. He said Mr. Hoffman would like to do his analysis, just to see if FEMA missed anything that would cause an increase in the cost. He said if you look at the cost for Hartley Road, which was \$267,000, as these are much smaller culverts. He referred to the Memo from Governor Cuomo, which states "The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) usually covers 75% of eligible disaster response and recovery costs, and the remaining 25% is typically shared equally by the state and the localities. Mr. Hoffman feels that the Governor may have authorized New York State to pay the entire cost of the repairs.

Supervisor asked what the date is for the completion of the project. The Superintendent replied November 14, 2014. Councilman Cappella made the Motion to authorize the Superintendent of Highways to initiate actions to develop RFP's, and take other steps necessary to replace the Durland Road and Coleman Road culverts. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS TO HIRE SEAN MAHER AS A STEP 1 MEO.** Councilman Cappella made a Motion to authorize the Superintendent of Highways to hire Sean Maher as a Step 1 MEO, at a rate of \$22.49/hour, effective April 1, 2014. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **INFORMATION:** Supervisor Bloomfield reported that the winter weather was tough on DPW equipment maintenance. He said three trucks required major suspension (springs) repairs and one truck will require major frame repair. Also he said the entire 2014 salt budget has been spent. He reported there was money for the repairs, and they are done, and the salt is paid for. However, he stated that now a lot of money will be needed for road repairs since there are a lot of pot holes generated by the harsh winter.
6. **REVIEW AND APPROVE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH STANDARD WORKDAY FOR NYS RETIREMENT:** Supervisor Bloomfield stated that this is an annual report that establishes the work days for elected and appointed officers. Councilman Newbold made a Motion to approve the Resolution to establish Standard Workdays for NYS Retirement. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION
TOWN OF GOSHEN
STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION
March 14, 2014**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Goshen hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

| Title | Name | Standard Work Day | Term Dates | Time Keeping Sys. | Days per ROA |
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| Elected | | | | | |
| Supervisor | Douglas Bloomfield | 8 hrs | 1/1/14-12/31/15 | N | 20.00 |
| Town Clerk | Valma Eisma | 8 hrs | 1/1/14-12/31/15 | Y | NA |
| Town Councilman | Kenneth Newbold | 8 hrs | 1/1/14-12/31/17 | N | 6.79 |
| Town Councilman | Louis Cappella | 8 hrs | 1/1/12-12/31/15 | N | 4.52 |
| Hwy Superintendent | Broderick Knoell | 8 hrs | 1/1/14-12/31/15 | N | NA |
| Town Justice | Kimberly Van Haaster | 8 hrs | 1/1/11-12/31/14 | N | 12.06 |
| Town Justice | Thomas Cione | 8 hrs | 1/1/12-12/31/15 | N | 7.67 |

7. **REVIEW, APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH DEBRA HEALEY FOR WORK COMPLETED ON STONE HEDGE DRIVE PER AN EARLIER AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD:** Supervisor Bloomfield asked the Highway Superintendent if the work was completed to his satisfaction. Superintendent Knoell replied yes. Councilman Cappella made a Motion to approve and authorize the Supervisor to sign the License Agreement with Debra Healey. The Motion was seconded for discussion by Councilman Canterino. Councilman Lyons questioned #7 in the memo from the Highway Superintendent involving the snow plowing to be done by the owner, which is not included in the agreement. It was decided that Attorney Caplicki will add "Thus, Mr. Healey would be responsible for the snow plowing for the full extent of the roadway that has the new curbing installed." Motion carried 5 to 0.

8. **REVIEW ADC MAPLEWOOD DEVELOPERS AGREEMENT:** Supervisor Bloomfield asked Attorney Caplicki if the agreement was completed. Attorney Caplicki stated that he is very close to having the developers sign. He said he would hope to have it signed by the Board's Thursday meeting. Supervisor said he would like it to be a signed copy.

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

1. P.D. Arbitration
2. P.D. Contract Negotiations
3. Marsh Litigation update
4. Tax Certiorari Update
5. Amy's Kitchen Update.

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

Time: 7:50 p.m.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk

