

**TOWN OF GOSHEN**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**

March 27, 2014  
MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 27th day of March, 2014 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

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

Also Present:	Dennis Caplicki	Attorney for the Town
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Deputy Town Clerk

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA**

**C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)**

None at this time.

**D. REPORTS**

**Councilman Cappella:** Reported that Clean Up week begins on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Items for pickup should be placed curbside by that Monday. Regarding the Senior Center, painting has begun to several of the community rooms. The rooms will be closed to the public during the painting. In addition, he announced that the High School senior class is hosting a fund raising event at the high school to benefit their substance-free party. A fee of \$20.00 per person will enable that person to test drive different Ford models on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 9-3pm.

**Councilman Newbold:** Gave credit to Phil Dropkin for his promotional and marketing strategies assistance in bringing Amy's Kitchen to the Town. Many people are taking credit for this, but it was Phil Dropkin who is the driving force behind the scenes. "Thank you Phil".

**Councilman Lyons:** Speaking for the JRC: the spring session of ZUMBA started on March 25<sup>th</sup> on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the CJ Hooker Building. On April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am there will be an Easter Egg Hunt at the Salesian Park. Call the JRC office @ 294-1558 to register. The parks are open except for Lyons Park. Reporting for the Assessor's Office; the tentative roll will be ready for the public viewing on May 1, 2014.

**Councilman Canterino:** Reported on the Police Dept., He met with the Police Chief who stated that 3 security cameras, entrance hallway, locker room and detainee bench were recently installed in the Station.

Secondly, a claim will be submitted to our insurance company for damages which occurred by heavy ice, breaking soffits away from the building some of which fell on the hood of the new police car. The Highway Dept. building also had soffit damage from ice. We will check if the damages can be combined for insurance coverage. He has a few other items to discuss in executive session.

**Supervisor Bloomfield:** Last Monday he attended a meeting where Mr. Mrs. Berliner, principals of Amy's Kitchen, were greeted by many notable state politicians offering help and assistance to facilitate the project. Mr. Mrs. Berliner focused on employee relationships and the many benefits offered by their company. Today, at a JEDI meeting, someone from Orange County Partnership voiced concern that at the last minute New Jersey made a "heroic effort" to capture Amy's Kitchen away from Goshen. Understandably, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and California were considered as locations for Amy's Kitchen. JEDI feels that the opportunities for Orange County to bring in businesses is limited. Pennsylvania, Connecticut and New Jersey are actively marketing large tracts of lands for developing different commercial enterprises. JEDI is asking the Town of Goshen to submit a list of possible lands which might interest site selectors from other parts of the country, for development.

#### **E. OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **1. AMY'S KITCHEN IS COMING!! IT IS OFFICIAL!! ALL PARTIES HAVE SIGNED OFF ON THE PROJECT, AND AN APPLICATION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD**

On April 17, 2014 Amy's Kitchen will present an overview with plans to the Planning Board. All of the land use Board members and the public are invited to attend. A week before, representatives from Amy's Kitchen will be at the Planning Board work session. This company is rapidly growing and is looking to expand its markets to Great Britain and Europe.

##### **2. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE ADC MAPLEWOOD DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

Attorney Caplicki has received no new communication from the Attorneys representing ADC Maplewood Development.

##### **3. AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH THE CSEA EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND TO PROVIDE DENTAL AND VISION COVERAGE**

Supervisor Bloomfield summarized the Horizon Dental Plan and Platinum Vision Plan. The agreement between the Town and the CSEA Employee Benefit Fund was initiated on June 20, 1990 and was extended by Renewal Agreement dated June 18, 2012. To continue the provision of said benefits upon the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement, the Board has agreed to renew said Agreement thru December 31, 2015.

Councilman Canterino made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the renewal agreement with the CSEA Employee Benefit Fund to provide dental and vision insurance coverage for Town of Goshen employees. The agreement period is January 1, 2013 thru December 31, 2015. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilman Canterino stated that this is very reasonable coverage.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold  
0 NAYS

**4. REVIEW AND APPROVE 2013 BUDGET TRANSFER REQUESTED BY THE BUDGET OFFICER**

Budget Officer, Bill Standish, submitted a request to “approve the year-end budget transfers in all funds from their contingency account budgets, from accounts with excess budget dollars available for transfer, and from fund balance accounts where necessary.” He also requested the approval to make transfers in the submitted attached list of “accounts for year-end closing purposes, and from monies budgeted originally to cover cost overruns and price increases during the year.”

Councilman Canterino made the motion to approve the 2013 budget transfers requested by the Budget Officer Councilman Newbold seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold  
0 NAYS

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. APPOINT SPECIAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE GOSHEN TOWN VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC COURT FOR APRIL 1, 2014**

The special prosecutors who have an assigned schedule with the Town Court will be out of town on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Therefore, there is a need to appoint a special prosecutor for that one day.

Councilman Newbold made the motion to appoint Richard Guertin as Special Prosecutor for the Goshen Town Vehicle and Traffic Court to be held on April 1, 2014. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold  
0 NAYS

**2. INFORMATION: A WATER LINE FROZE AND BROKE IN ANOTHER ARCADIA HILLS VACANT/FORECLOSED HOME ON MARCH 25, 2014. HERE TOO, THE HOUSE WAS WINTERIZED AND THE METER DISCONNECTED**

This is the second time (March 25<sup>th</sup>) a water line froze and broke in a vacant house. The people who are hired by the bank to winterize vacant homes need to do a more thorough job. Once again, an *estimate* of the amount of water leaked will be based on damage.

**3. INFORMATION: THE NYS COMPTROLLER’S DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT WILL BE AUDITING THE TOWN OF GOSHEN. THE FOCUS WILL BE ON “INTERNAL CONTROLS”**

The NYS Comptroller’s Office will be auditing the Town evaluating the internal controls of 2013. Audits identify opportunities for improvement in operations and in governance. It can help with strategies to reduce costs and strengthen controls to safeguard assets. Initially a requested packet of voluminous documents is being compiled by our finance department for delivery to the Chief Examiner of the regional office. If additional information is needed, they will come to the Town of Goshen. The last time the Town was audited by the Comptroller’s Office was around 11-12 years ago. The audit findings and recommendations will give the Town the opportunity to take positive actions and to document efforts for improvement.

**4. DISCUSS PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING UPCOMING WATER/SEWER RATE PROPOSAL REVIEW**

Supervisor Bloomfield reviewed the fund balance history of the water and sewer districts. To summarize, in 2005 four out of five water/sewer districts were functioning at a deficit of \$237,157. In 2012/2013, the same water/sewer districts are functioning at \$449,177 in the plus. Through the years, we have recovered \$686,334. [Documentation is available in the Clerk's Office.] An informational/Public Hearing meeting of the water and sewer districts will be held on April 7, 2014 @ 7:30pm in the Town Hall.

**G. FINANCE**

Councilman Canterino made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay accounts payable check run for 3/27/14 amounting to \$240,285.18. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold  
0 NAYS

**H. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**Jim Cimino** discussed the possibility of standardizing a permit - process to the responsible parties who winterize a vacant/foreclosed home. This will assure everyone involved that the winterizing is done properly to avoid the damages occurred by frozen pipes. In addition, he pointed out that a tree had fallen across Black Meadow Creek on the Heritage property. This has caused a blockage snagging leaves, branches etc. disrupting the flow of the creek. Mr. Walker and/or Mr. Mumford will be contacted to remove the tree.

**I. ADJOURNMENT: 8:45PM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

1. P.D. Personnel

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

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Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk