

TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 09, 2015

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 9th day of April, 2015 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

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

Also Present:	John Swift, Esq.	Special Counsel to Town Board
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Deputy Town Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:40pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)

D. PUBLIC HEARING

Councilman Cappella made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Water/Sewer informational meeting and Rate Adjustments. Councilman Canterino seconded the motion.

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

Supervisor Bloomfield addressed the public by reviewing an informational packet on the water/sewer districts in the Town. [Packet is available in the Town Clerk's office] The Supervisor began by introducing the "Water/Sewer Team". They are: the present members of the Town Board, Broderick Knoell M.E.-Dept. Head, Joe Klopchin-Water/Sewer Operator, David Doty-Public Works Maintenance, Barbara Sokolofsky & Christine Cavaliere-Administrative Support, Bill Standish-Financial Consultant, Doug Bloomfield & Ken Newbold-Water/Sewer Co-Commissioners.

Supervisor Bloomfield outlined the 2014 accomplishments for Hambletonian Park and Arcadia Hills sewer/water districts. He also outlined the 2014 accomplishments for Stonehedge and Scotchtown water districts.

In addition, he outlined the 2015 planned actions and capital projects for each of the districts. A summary of the 2015 planned actions are as follows:

Hambletonian Park Sewer District:

- (1) Finalize agreement with ADC Maplewood to expand the District by 68 homes with a financial contribution of \$153,000 for infrastructure improvements.
- (2) Implement agreement with NY Farms (Heritage Estates) to expand the District by 77 homes with a financial contribution of \$153,000 for infrastructure improvements.
- (3) Evaluate potential agreement with Young's Grove to expand the District by 105 homes with no financial Contribution.
- (4) Rehabilitate remaining 17 manholes to reduce inflow and infiltration at a cost of \$17,500.
- (5) Continue patching and/or replacement of sewer lines reducing inflow/infiltration at a cost of \$50,000.

Arcadia Hills Sewer District:

- (1) Purchase and install a sewer lift station back-up generator to be powered by propane gas at a cost of \$45,000. On another note: all of the manholes have been rehabilitated.

Hambletonian Park Water District:

- (1) Implement agreement with NY Farms (Heritage Estates) to expand the District by 77 homes with a financial contribution of \$84,000 toward a second water storage tank.
- (2) Finalize agreement with ADC Maplewood to expand the District by 68 homes with a financial contribution of \$153,000 toward a second storage tank.
[The financial contribution from the two above subdivisions will amount to \$237,000. The estimated cost for the second storage tank to be around \$300,000. The difference of \$63,000 is in the budget]
- (3) Install two main block valves at a cost of \$10,000.
- (4) Removed two obsolete water storage tanks for a cost of salvage- zero cost to District.

Arcadia Hills Water District:

- (1) Repair and coat inside and outside of the water storage tank at a cost of \$75,000.
- (2) Rehabilitate two wells to increase flow/production at a cost of \$10,000.

Stonehedge Water District:

- (1) Finalize plans with Young's Grove subdivision for a "two-way" emergency water source.
- (2) Install VFD on well pump at a cost of \$5,000. This prevents a surge which can fracture the lines, when the pumps are turned on.

Scotchtown Water District:

- (1) Continue program to sequester lead in water and evaluate results.

As a result of what has been addressed above, the total expenditure planned for capital projects in 2015 amounts to \$212,500.

To conclude, the following is a table showing the water/sewer rate changes.

	Actual <u>2013</u>	Actual <u>2014</u>	Proposed <u>2015</u>
Ham. Park Sewer	-9%	no change	no change
Ham. Park Water	-5%	no change	no change
Arcadia Hills Sewer	-10%	-2.5%	no change
Arcadia Hills Water	-10%	-5%	no change
Stonehedge Water	-10%	-10%	no change
Scotchtown Water	-10%	-10%	no change

Supervisor Bloomfield called for comments from the public.

(Most of the comments are inaudible)

A resident from Arcadia Hills was concerned with the condition of the storm grates and who is working on them.

Residents from Hambletonian Park inquired about the effects of the two new subdivisions connecting to their water/sewer district. Questions pertained to the availability of ground water, impact to adjacent wells, negative/positive impacts of added homes & added traffic and the “mechanics” of sewer line hook-ups to the Village. Questions were answered along with favorable comments to the Board for doing a good job.

Councilman Lyons made the motion to close the Public Hearing on Water/Sewer informational meeting and Rate Adjustments. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion.

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

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS AND PASS MOTION REGARDING WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE NEXT YEAR

Councilman Lyons made the motion to accept the water and sewer rates for the next year as presented In the informational meeting. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilman Canterino noted that there are no increases in the rates and by good management (pay-as-you-go) and improvements to the infrastructure we have decreased the I & I keeping the rates the same as last year.

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

Supervisor Bloomfield thanked everyone for coming and the public hearing remained open.

F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. REVIEW PROPOSED ADC MAPLEWOOD DEVELOPERS PLAN TO INCLUDE EXPANDING HAMBLETONIAN PARK WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS AND SOLICIT DISTRICT RESIDENTS INPUT

Dennis Lindsay, P.E. of Riddick Associates, explained the water and sewer plan of the proposed 68 homes of the ADC Maplewood Village. This subdivision will connect to the Hambletonian Park water and sewer system. His presentation, along with a diagram of the three-phase water distribution system plan, outlined the benefits for the development connecting to Hambletonian Park. In summary: (1) they don't have to create a water district, it is already created and (2) they don't have to build a water storage tank, giving them immediate fire protection.

Secondly, he outlined the benefits ADC Maplewood would provide to the Hambletonian Park residents. In summary: (1) put in a “substantial” well with a testing capacity of 250 gpm (gallons-per-minute), (2) put in all new infrastructure, water mains, lines with copper connections, etc, built to Town specifications and (3) a contribution towards the construction of a new water tank. Likewise, benefits (costs) are being worked out for the Town and ADC Maplewood.

Regarding the sewer plan: it will hook-up across the street to the Village line – gravity flow.

Supervisor Bloomfield called for comments from the public.

Questions and comments centered on the ability of the new re-sized pumps to handle the added I & I, explanation of the I & I technology of today compared to the past, location of the dead-end water lines/looped water lines, detection and repair of water main leaks, changes to traffic patterns and coordination issues between the proposed developments when connecting to the water and/or sewer lines.

Supervisor Bloomfield thanked Dennis Lindsay, Broderick Knoell, and Joe Klopchin for answering and commenting on the questions.

For the next meeting, the Board will review the final ADC Maplewood Developer’s Agreement.

2. INFORMATION: CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE COVERAGE WAS RECEIVED FOR THE ULSTER SULLIVAN ORANGE REGION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 5K RUN/WALK TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2015.

A stated, for information only.

3. DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF COLEMAN AND DURLAND ROADS CULVERT REPLACEMENT

Dennis Lindsay P.E. explained to the Board changes in the bid specifications for the Coleman & Durland culvert replacement. When FEMA issued *preliminary* approval of the scope of work to be done, it was soon after the storm and didn’t account for the drop in the stream bed from the erosion from the storm.

Consequently, conditions were unfavorable to obtain accurate measurements. To explain the scope, he handed out an illustration of the cross-section of the proposed Coleman Road Culvert dimensions and site location.

The culvert wall on the left is 5’0” deep with footings 3’0” x 1’6” which was approved by FEMA. It is the professional opinion of Shawn Hoffman P.E. and Dennis Lindsay P.E. that the preliminary approved dimensions expose the footing on the low side and have a potential for failure. The preferred change to the culvert wall would be 6’2.7” deep with footings 3’6” x 2’0” putting it below the stream bed and would last. The choices before the Board are: if an application for a scope change to correct the footings is submitted to FEMA and it is approved, we receive the money. If the scope change is not approved we’ll receive zero. This process will take 6-8 months. OR take the favorable bid and *hope* the scope change is approved. OR take the bid and find out that the scope isn’t approved and we get zero assistance, but have contracted the bid. Broderick Knoell, Superintendent of Highways, believes that the current culverts will last (void another super storm) until a scope change determination is made. In the meantime, Broderick Knoell may need to apply for a year’s extension in conjunction with the scope change. Also to contact the winning bidder if he is willing to wait out this process. It was decided to have our engineers re-submit for a scope change.

G. FINANCE:

Councilman Canterino made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run for 04/09/2015 amounting to \$94,020.22 and Manual A/P runs for 04/06/2015 amounting to \$70,782.39. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion.

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

H. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

None at this time.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None at this time

J. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Lyons made the motion to adjourn the meeting with no further business to discuss at 9:20pm. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion . Motion carried.

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk