

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
May 06, 2013

MINUTES

A Work Session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 6th day of May, 2013 at Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

PRESENT:	Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
	Louis Cappella	Councilman
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilman
	George Lyons	Councilman
	Philip Canterino	Councilman
ALSO PRESENT:	Dennis Caplicki	Town Attorney
	Valma Eisma	Town Clerk

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

1. DISCUSS A & I ACRES SUBDIVISION CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROPOSAL: Tabled

2. DISCUSS FIVE SISTERS PROPERTIES, LLC, MINOR SUBDIVISION, CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROPOSAL: Tabled

3. INFORMATION: Supervisor Bloomfield reported he has had several citizen complaints regarding the increasing number of advertising signs on telephone poles, safety cones and barrels left at road work sites for weeks at a time. He said he spoke to Neal Halloran, Building Inspector, as he is our Code Enforcement Officer, and asked him to follow-up on the complaints.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE TOWN OF GOSHEN ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR 2013: Supervisor Bloomfield said he would table this also, as he is still waiting for additional information.

5. REVIEW LATEST PLANS FOR DEDICATING THE MYRON URBANSKI MEMMORIAL PARK: Supervisor Bloomfield asked Councilman Lyons and Councilman Canterino to report on their progress planning the occasion. Councilman Lyons reported he had talked to Trish Sherlock, Parks Administrator & Recreation Coordinator, and it will take six to eight weeks for the sign to come. He said the sign will say "Welcome to Myron Urbanski Memorial Park", and the cost will be \$1,315.00. He also reported the date would be Saturday, June 29th, and he thought probably it would start at 10:00 am.

Councilman Canterino made the Motion to authorize Councilman Lyons to order the sign, Councilman Cappella seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. REVIEW REQUEST BY THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN TO ANNEX 127.14 ACRES OF VILLAGE OWNED LAND LOCATED IN THE TOWN ON ROUTE 17M: Supervisor Bloomfield explained that this is the property the contaminated dirt, taken from the site of the new sewer plant in the Village, was transported to. He said the dirt has been removed, and the Village would like to put the property up for sale. The Supervisor referred to the letter of April 30th from the

Mayor, Kyle Roddey, asking the Board to allow the Village to annex the property it owns that is located in the Town of Goshen. The letter stated that this was proposed to facilitate the sale and development of the parcel that would put it back on the tax rolls.

Supervisor Bloomfield read the following paragraph from the April 30th letter from the Village Attorney David Donovan to Mayor Kyle Roddey, Mayor:

"This property is the site of the now remediated stockpile and is being actively marketed for sale so that the Village may realize revenue to offset the cost of the stockpile remediation as well as generate future real property tax revenue. The overall site is approximately 127.14 acres. The potential for the sale of this property is somewhat complicated by the fact that approximately 56.87 acres is located in the Village of Goshen while the remaining 70.27 acres are located in the Town of Goshen."

Supervisor Bloomfield also read the following excerpt from the same letter:

- Marketing would remain problematic as, under the scenarios discussed, the property would remain in two municipalities until such time as a building design was developed. Thus the marketing hardship caused by the fact that the property is in two municipalities would remain an impediment to any potential sale of the property;
- Depending upon the design of the building, improvements and amenities, such as storm water management facilities, wetlands and open space may span municipal boundaries resulting in overlapping jurisdictions between the Village of Goshen Building Department and the Town of Goshen Building Department;
- There would also be overlapping jurisdiction for police protection by virtue of the fact that a portion of the property would remain in the Town of Goshen;
- Multiple tax bills would be generated for the property given that it has multiple sections, blocks and lots meaning that multiple tax bills would be generated;
- Additionally, with regard to storm water management facilities, if those facilities are located in the Town we would have to address the issue as to whether or not they will be publicly or privately owned and, if publicly owned, if a drainage improvement district would be formed, which if the facilities are located in the Town would be formed by the Town and subject to the public hearing process before the Town Board and ultimately, potentially, maintained by the Town Highway Department.

The final paragraph of the letter stated "At the end of the day it is my opinion that all of the above issues, and perhaps more that I am unable to identify at this time, would be best resolved by the annexation of all of the Town property into the Village."

There was an extensive discussion in reference to the storm water management. The Board would like to have had a map of the property, but the Mayor apparently took the map with him, as there did not seem to be a copy available in the Clerk's office.

The Board agreed they did not object to the annexation, except when done in the past, it became somewhat of a problem. Supervisor Bloomfield expressed concern for the contamination by the dirt that was stored on the property, and possible contamination to the Audubon Society's property. A

concern was for the chance of the Village wanting further annexation in the future. Councilman Canterino said the Town's property that the Village wants is mostly wetlands. He said if they annex the whole piece and sell it to a developer for commercial purposes, and get it back on the tax roll he would not have any objection.

Supervisor Bloomfield stated that he would like to review the plans, and have a final say on the storm water management, as this is the part that could cause a problem for the Town in the future. It was decided that the Board needed to review the maps, and have their various questions answered. Supervisor Bloomfield said he will talk to the Mayor, and asked Attorney Caplicki to talk with the Village Attorney, David Donovan, and perhaps review their plans. He suggested it be addressed at the next Work Session (5/20/13).

Supervisor Bloomfield asked if anyone had any further business? Attorney Caplicki said he would like to add two more items to the Executive Session: Hampton Road Litigation and ADC Orange/Maplewood litigation.

Councilman Newbold made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, with intent not to return, to discuss:

1. Elkarpo Litigation – Legal Matter
2. D. Marsh Lawsuit – update
3. PBA Negotiations – update
4. CSEA Negotiations – update
5. Status of w/s/ Letter – Legal Matter
6. P.D. Personnel Case - update
7. Hampton Road – Litigation
8. ADC Orange/Maplewood Litigation.

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

Time: 8:00 pm

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk