

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

May 9, 2016
M I N U T E S

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 9th day of May, 2016 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:	Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
	Melissa Gallo	Councilmember
	George Lyons	Councilmember
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilmember
	John VanDerMolen	Councilmember

Also Present:	Ashley Torre	Attorney
	Robert Rametta, Esq.	Special Counsel, Tax Certiorari/Claims
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:33pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. DISCUSS PROPOSED SUBDIVISION WITH DEVELOPER SCOTT LEYTON AND HIS APPEAL FOR A ZONING CHANGE.

Mr. Leyton was absent. We are waiting to hear if he will pursue his appeal.

2. DISCUSS CITIZEN COMPLAINT CONCERNING EARLY MORNING NOISE AT URBANSKI PARK. SUPPOSEDLY, JRC AGREED NOT TO MOW GRASS ETC. BEFORE 9:00AM, ACCORDING TO THE COMPLAINT.

Councilwoman Gallo will check into this.

3. INFORMATION: THE FIRST ITERATION OF THE PROPOSED TOWN OF GOSHEN SOLAR ENERGY POLICY, ZONING AND CODING REQUIREMENTS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT OUR NEXT WORK SESSION, MAY 23, 2016.

The Town Planner/Engineer, Code Enforcer, and Supervisor are gathering information from sources such as: Cornell University, NYS, other municipalities etc. for consideration. When questioned about moving slowly on this project, Supervisor Bloomfield stated that "we are moving deliberately to make sure that we have the answers to all the questions that we have, on their (land owners) behalf and all the other citizens."

4. INFORMATION: NYS DEPARTMENT OF STATE, CODE DIVISION, IS MAKING SIGNIFICANT CHANGES (2016) IN THE AREA OF "ENERGY" CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION.

This year there are extra training workshops required to learn the new energy efficient codes. The builders will be required to implement energy efficient construction into their homes. Our Code Enforcer has attended the mandatory training to effectively enforce the new codes.

5. REVIEW PROPOSED CSEA RETIREE VISION PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE SAME.

The CSEA, under the Employee Benefit Fund, is offering a new program beginning June 1, 2016. The "Retiree Vision Plan" will offer retirees: rates through June 2019: \$12.65 / Mo. Retiree, \$25.30 / Mo. Retiree Plus One Dependent and \$34.32 / Mo. Retiree Plus Family. This is a voluntary plan. Attached is a Memorandum of Agreement for approval. It does not obligate the employer financially or administratively as the retiree contracts *directly* with the CSEA Employee Benefit Fund. The enrollment and billing is done directly by the fund.

Councilman VanDerMolen made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the "Memorandum Of Agreement". Councilman Newbold seconded the motion.

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

6. INFORMATION: HERITAGE ESTATES PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING

Representatives of Heritage Estates (AKA NY Farms) met with Town Representatives. Many items were discussed outlining the coordination of work, inspections & testing, approval of licenses, permits, etc. As-Built plans were reviewed. There are 40 of the 77 homes sold. Clearing of the land is completed and ready for infrastructure grading, culverts, water and sewer lines.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Newbold made the motion to enter into Executive Session (7:45pm) to discuss the following:

1. WAINCO TAX CERTIORARI – PROPOSED SETTLEMENT
2. TURI TAX CERTIORARI / LITIGATION STATUS UPDATE
3. DISCUSS ADDITIONAL LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN MORITZ vs. TOWN OF WARWICK LITIGATION

with the intent to return. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried

Supervisor Bloomfield reconvened the meeting (8:15pm) to take the following action:
Councilman Kenneth Newbold introduced the motion to settle tax certiorari claim of WAINCO GOSHEN 1031 LLC, et al - Section/Block/Lot 114-4-3.22 and Section/Block/Lot 114-4-3.21 as stated in the resolution dated May 9, 2016. Councilwoman Melissa Gallo seconded the motion.
Resolution carried by a roll call vote of 5 to 0. [Full text available in Clerk's Office]

Councilwoman Gallo made the motion to reenter into Executive Session (8:17pm) to discuss the following:

1. TURI TAX CERTIORARI / LITIGATION STATUS UPDATE
2. DISCUSS ADDITIONAL LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN MORITZ vs. TOWN OF WARWICK LITIGATION

Supervisor Bloomfield reconvened the meeting (8:48pm) to take the following action:
Councilman Newbold made the motion to hold a Special Meeting on May 16, 2016

at 6:00pm at 41 Webster Avenue, Goshen, New York 10924. At such time, the Town Board will motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion concerning the litigation status of Al Turi Tax Certiorari. Councilwoman Gallo seconded the motion.

Motion Carried by a Voice Vote of 5 to 0. [This will be noticed in the Goshen Independent paper , Town Web Site and Posted on the Town Hall Entrance Door]

Following, Supervisor Bloomfield made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. DISCUSS ADDITIONAL LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN MORITZ vs. TOWN OF WARWICK LITIGATION with the intent not to return. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion. Motion Carried

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk