

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

May 23, 2016

M I N U T E S

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 23rd day of May, 2016 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

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

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| Also Present: | Richard Golden, Esq. | Attorney for the Town |
| | Ashley Torre | Attorney |
| | Priscilla Gersbeck | Town Clerk |

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed for the passing of former Town Clerk, Valma Eisma. Councilman Newbold placed a single red rose on a vacant chair in memory of Mrs. Eisma, honoring her years of service to the community.

1. REVIEW AND DISCUSS FIRST ITERATION OF THE PROPOSED TOWN OF GOSHEN LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 97, ZONING/CODING FOR WIND AND SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS.

Dennis Lindsay, P.E., Town Planner & Engineer, distributed a draft of proposed Local Law amending and supplementing Chapter 97 and a two page summary of this draft.

["The primary purpose of the zoning law provisions is to establish standards and limitations for the installation and operation of wind or solar systems, either as permitted principal or permitted accessory uses/structures, within the Town of Goshen."]

His work is the result of an accumulation from a number of meetings, researching similar town farm codes, articles and codes from solar facilities/manufactures, articles from other solar local laws and information from the State Dept. etc.

The State has an Energy Policy for renewable energies and green technology etc., to be incorporated in municipal planning while balancing it with the land use plans/codes already established by the Town.

Supervisor Bloomfield asked the Board Members to review and comment on the proposed local law.

Councilman Lyons inquired if the solar farms will interfere with electronics such as cell phones, TV reception and other VFD's (variable frequency drives). Answer: there are provisions in the wireless law.

Councilman VanDerMolen asked what impact roof-top solar panels have on fire-fighting? Answer: this question will be presented to the fire districts for their response.

2. REVIEW POTENTIAL TAX IMPLEMENTATION OF SOLAR LOCAL LAW CHANGES.

Christine Cavalier, Budget Officer, presented her analysis of solar power systems. She addressed the impact on real property taxes, optional PILOT-payment in lieu of taxes, agriculture conversion penalties, decommissioning procedures, visual impacts etc. etc. [This report is available in the Town Clerk's office.]

3. INFORMATION: REFUNDING CALLABLE 2009 (SERIAL) BOND SAVINGS

Christine Cavalier handed out a sheet detailing monies associated with the Refunding Callable 2009 Bonds for the dates of 07-01-2016 thru 12-31-2028. The prior debt service was \$2,681,922.50 and the refunding (new) debt service is \$2,265,414.03 with a savings of \$416,508.47. If the Town includes paying off the road program debt in the amount of \$197,307.52 the actual savings will be \$219,200.95.

4. INFORMATION: AMY’S DEIS PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD 7:30 PM, TUESDAY, MAY 31ST.

As stated, for information only.

5. DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION TO APPOINT HEARING OFFICER FOR POLICE DISCIPLINARY CASE.

Attorney Richard Golden suggested Hon. Noreen Calderin be appointed hearing officer in connection with disciplinary charges. She will hear evidence and then draft a decision based upon the evidence and make a recommendation for discipline to this Board and in accordance with the Local Law. The Town Board will make the final determination.

Councilman Kenneth Newbold introduced a resolution to appoint Hon. Noreen Calderin, who shall be paid at the rate of \$150.00 per hour for services, as hearing officer in connection with a pending disciplinary matter of the Goshen Police Department. Seconded by Councilman George Lyons.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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| Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson Kenneth Newbold | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson, Melissa Gallo | <u>AYE</u> | Councilperson, John VanDerMolen | <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilperson, George Lyons | <u>AYE</u> | | |

Vote: Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

[The Resolution will be on file in the Clerk’s office.

To protect the police officer’s rights, the specific name will be redacted when an inquiry is made]

6. MINUTES:

Councilwoman Gallo made the motion to approve minutes of the work sessions of 4/11/2016 and 4/25/2016 and regular meeting minutes of 4/14/2016 and 4/28/2016. Councilman Newbold seconded the motion.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilwoman Gallo made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. REVIEW STATUS OF PBA NEGOTIATIONS
2. DISCUSS POTENTIAL NEW BUSINESS NEGOTIATIONS

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

ADJOURNMENT: 8:25PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk