

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
June 25, 2012**

MINUTES

A Work Session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 25th day of June, 2012 at Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

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

Absent:	Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
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Also Present:	Dennis Caplicki	Town Attorney
	Valma Eisma	Town Clerk

Deputy Supervisor Lyons opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. DISCUSS AND DETERMINE THE BOARD'S POSITION REGARDING JONAH MANDELBAUM AND VINCE PIETRAZAK'S REQUEST FOR HIGH DENSITY HOUSING ON THE ROUTE 17A MAKUEN PROPERTY:

Deputy Supervisor Lyons explained that the request was for high density housing, and the Board had the Town Attorney research it, and speak with our professionals. He called upon Attorney Caplicki to address the Board on his findings. Councilman Cappella interrupted to say that "I would like to recuse myself from the discussion of this project, as my wife works for Jonah Mandelbaum, and I do not feel comfortable to pass judgment on this decision." Attorney Caplicki stated "this is a point well taken."

Attorney Caplicki explained that this seems to be the third parcel the Makuen family owns on 17A, and this parcel is zoned CO, commercial/office. "This proposal is very problematic, as it does not fit with our current zoning or our Comprehensive Plan, and would require a complete zone change, and could be considered spot zoning. Attorney Caplicki stated that in the Comprehensive Plan done in 2008 it was determined that 17A should be a Commercial corridor. Deputy Supervisor Lyons asked the Board for their opinions, and Councilman Newbold and Councilman Canterino agreed they did not want to do a zone change, and would like to leave the parcel zoned Commercial, Councilman Cappella abstained from commenting. Deputy Lyons said he had discussed the proposal with the Supervisor, and he expressed the same opinion as the Board. Deputy Lyons stated that the decision from the Board would be no. The Board felt that, in fairness to the applicant, the decision should be conveyed to the applicant as soon as possible.

2. HEAR A REQUEST BY MR. STACK TO CHANGE TOWN CODE TO ALLOW BUILDING OF AN ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD ON HIS ROUTE 17M PROPERTY:

Deputy Lyons reported that Mr. Stack called this morning to explain he would like to postpone his appointment with the Board, as his professional would be unable to attend the meeting with him. He may be placed on the next work session in July.

3. DISCUSS AND APPROVE PROPOSAL FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO HAVE OUR COURT OFFICERS CARRY WEAPONS: Deputy Lyons read the following request :

Town Justice's Cione and Van Haaster respectfully request that at the Work Session on June 25, 2012, the Town Board approve our Court Attendant's to carry their pistols during court sessions.

Attached, you will find certification that they are both licensed to carry a pistol.

If you request any further information from Justice Cione and/or Justice Van Haaster, please advise us.

Deputy Lyons said the officers are retired from the Office of Court Administration, and worked in New York City. He said the incident that occurred in Middletown recently has caused a lot of concern in the Courts. Councilman Newbold made a Motion to approve our Court Attendant's to carry their weapons during court sessions. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried 4 to 0.

4. INFORMATION: THE JOINT TOWN/VILLAGE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 7:30 P.M. JULY 23, 2012 TO DISCUSS SALESIAN PARK AND/OR OTHER JRC ISSUES. Deputy Lyons stated the meeting would be held at Town Hall, and the joint meeting would be followed by the regular Town Board Work Session. It was determined that the meeting is being advertised, and is posted in the Town and Village Halls.

5. DISCUSS AND APPROVE REQUEST BY THE GOSHEN SOCCER CLUB FOR \$7,500 FOR A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TO THE SOCCER FIELD DRAINAGE. IN ADDITION, THEY WANT TO ACCEPT DONATIONS OF A WATER TRUCK BY DELANCEY'S FOR JRC USE.

Deputy Lyons read a letter from the Goshen Soccer Club stating that they have a possibility to be able to donate \$20,000 to address the drainage issues at Craigville Park. Their donation is contingent upon a \$7,500 contribution from the Village and the Town of Goshen. The letter also asks for approval to accept a water truck donated by Delancey's in Goshen with their name on it. Mr. Jason Pucci, President also stated "we also have secured access to water for the water truck." He reported: "We also could be in position to start addressing the drainage issue on the shared Little League minors field, and our U10 soccer field."

Deputy Lyons reported this was addressed at a previous meeting, and that the \$7,500 would come from the Parkland Account. He said there is \$49,000 in the Parkland Account at this time. Councilman Newbold made a Motion to approve the donation of \$7,500 of Parkland money to the Goshen Soccer Club to address the drainage issues at Craigville Park, and approve the acceptance of the water truck donated by Delancey's in Goshen, with their name on it. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Councilman Canterino said this has been discussed with the Village, and they approve.

There was a brief discussion about where the water would be coming from. Also Councilman Cappella asked for clarification as to who would be receiving the water truck, the JRC or the Goshen Soccer Club? Deputy Lyons answered stating the truck will be registered to the JRC, and will be used for all Recreation activities and fields. Deputy Lyons called the question. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Councilman Newbold stated he was not present when the Board made the decision to rename the Land of Goshen Park. He said he was in agreement, and stated that "like all people, we all have plusses and minuses, and Myron Urbanski, when it came to children, in my book, was all plusses."

With no further business, Councilman Canterino made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, go into Executive Session to discuss:

1. Status Review of 50-H Hearing Re: Faith Et Al. v Town of Goshen
2. Review Settlement Proposal for the Riya Tax Certiorari
3. Discuss Police Department Issues

with intent not to return. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Time: 7:45 p.m.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk