

**TOWN OF GOSHEN**  
**TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION**  
**July 9, 2012**

**MINUTES**

A Work Session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

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

Also Present:	Dennis Caplicki	Attorney for the Town
	Broderick Knoell	Highway Superintendent
	Valma Eisma	Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:31 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

**1. INFORMATION: 2012 BUDGET INPUT PACKETS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO DEPARTMENT HEADS TO PREPARE FOR THE FIRST ITERATION OF THE 2012 BUDGET:**

Supervisor Bloomfield announced the 2012 Budget Packets have been given to the Department Heads to begin the budget process. He stated the Board's greatest concern was with the Police Department whose budget is approximately \$100,000 to \$500,000 and will go to \$175,000 if they purchase the new car they are hoping to purchase. He stated that most of the other departments are slightly below budget. He stated he and Councilman Canterino will be meeting with Sergeant Faust and Officer Edwards to discuss the upcoming budget.

**2. INFORMATION: TAX CERTIORARI UP-DATE REVIEWED WITH DAN CONNOR, SUPERINTENDENT OF GOSHEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND REQUEST FOR \$200,000 MADE TO SHARE LITIGATION EXPENSES FOR THE AL TURI CERTIORARI:**

Supervisor Bloomfield reported he, Attorney Caplicki and Councilman Canterino met with Dan Connor, and asked that the school share in the \$400,000 Tax Certiorari litigation expenses incurred in the settlement of the Al Turi Certiorari. They asked that the school help with a payment of \$200,000 toward the settlement, since through the proceedings the Town saved the school a considerable amount of money.

**3. INFORMATION: AL TURI LANDFILL, INC FILED A "THIRD APPEAL TO THE COURT OF APPEALS, STATE OF NEW YORK, ON JULY 3, 2012:**

Supervisor Bloomfield reported the Al Turi Landfill, Inc. has filed a Third Appeal with the Court of Appeals. Attorney Caplicki stated they had a perfect right to do so, but since the Court ruled twice in the Town of Goshen's favor, he hoped this appeal would bring the same favorable ruling for the Town.

**4. DISCUSS UPDATE OF HAMBLETONIAN PARK SEWER INSPECTIONS:** Supervisor Bloomfield asked Broderick Knoell, Highway Superintendent, to report to the Board the progress of the Hambletonian Park Sewer Inspections. Superintendent Knoell reported the following: he said 91 homes had been visited, 71 inspections have been conducted, one sump pump (illegal) has been found, one previously notified violation found, and has been corrected. One household has refused access, and no one home or available at twenty homes.

Superintendent Knoell also reported that notifications to Arcadia Hills went out today, inspections will start this weekend, after a recheck of the twenty homes in Hambletonian Park is done.

**5. DISCUSS AND APPROVE MOTION TO CHANGE THE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE/ PAYROLL CLERK FROM FULL TIME TO PART TIME EFFECTIVE JULY 9, 2012, AT \$18.62 PER HOUR:**

Councilman Newbold made a Motion to approve changing the position of Accounts Receivable/ Payroll Clerk from full time to part time, at \$18.62 per hour. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. REVIEW AND APPROVE 2012 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:** Highway Superintendent Knoell reviewed the program with the Board. He stated the 2012 Road improvement Fund has \$270,000 in it, plus the 2012 Chips Award of \$113,254 which equals a total of \$383,254.

Superintendent Knoell said there are four projects he would like to do this year, Gate Schoolhouse Road, ( \$127,471), Candlewood Drive (\$61,850) Old Chester Road \$26,596), and 6 ½ Station Road (\$23,450). He explained the work that will be done, and that the expenditures would be (\$239,367) with a Revenue Balance of \$143,887. South Gate Road and Ridgeview Terrace were discussed, and work might be done on one or both depending on funds and weather.

After a brief discussion, the Superintendent answered questions the Board had in regard to the products to be used, and the length of road that would be covered. The Board asked the Superintendent to do a written plan and submit it for Thursday's meeting so that it can be approved at that time.

**7. DISCUSS "BRUSH" CLEAN-UP GOING FORWARD:**

- **Spring Clean-up**
- **Emergencies**
- **Fall Leaf Pickup**

Supervisor Bloomfield reviewed the various pickups we have such as the Spring Clean-up, emergencies, and the Fall Leaf Pickup. He spoke of the dangers of last year, when the leaves

were still on the ground when the first snow came. Members of the Board reported tree limbs, from downed trees from the storm were mixed in the leaves, etc., and residents were putting it all out in the road, making it dangerous, and difficult to clean up. The Board discussed whether there was anything in the code, a law to prevent residents from putting anything in the road. The Supervisor reported that after the storm some residents paid to have their branches and such taken away themselves, and were upset when Highway cleaned up for the others.

Councilman Canterino suggested the Board review the code, see if there is a law against putting such things in the street, update it if necessary, and proceed to enforce it.

Supervisor Bloomfield reminded the Board of the Wetland Management meeting, being held by the Environmental Review Board, at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall on July 11, 2012.

**8. REVIEW REQUEST FOR NU III, LLC TO REAPPEAR BEFORE THE TOWN BOARD SO THE BOARD CAN RECONSIDER A PETITION TO REZONE THE PROPERTY:** The Board discussed the fact that they already ruled on this. Attorney Caplicki stated that the petitioners had a right to ask for the reconsideration. The Board decided to have the petitioners, and perhaps the Planning Board members come to Thursday's meeting, and take it up in Executive Session.

With no further business, Supervisor asked if anyone had any comments? Barry Chate, owner of Bare Fitness, asked the Board if they would allow him to use the parking lot of Town Hall for a Crossfit Fitness Competition. He stated Crossfit is growing as a sport and he is hosting the Festivus Games, a national competition. The Board agreed they had already decided it was too much of a liability for the Town, and the area too small to accommodate the 100 participants and an additional 100-200 spectators.

However, the Board would like to encourage new events within the Village and Town. The Board recommended that it would be referred to the Recreation Commission. Councilman Lyons said there was an upcoming meeting, and suggested Mr. Chate attend that meeting. If done through Joint Rec, possibly Craigville or Erie Street Parks could be used. The Erie Street Park is very close to the Bare Fitness facility and is a much larger, grassy area. Mr. Chate thanked the Board for their encouragement and consideration.

Joel Markowitz reported to the Board that the Village is considering changing the zoning to allow religious use on Greenwich Avenue, the Rt 207 entrance to the Village. He asked the Town Board to express and objection to the zoning, as there is very little commercial space left in the Village, and this would affect the Town as well as the Village. The Board said it had not been notified of these plans, and would look into it.

There was a brief discussion about the buffer zone that would be needed if a church were to be put there. There was a question of whether it was 300 feet or five hundred feet to the nearest business that would handle alcoholic beverages, such as convenience or beer stores and restaurants. It was decided that there is a 200 ft. buffer zone.

With no more comments or business, Councilman Cappella made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, and go into Executive Session to discuss:

1. MTBE Litigation Status
2. P.D. Chief Status
3. Review Citizen Complaint of Dying Trees on Reservoir Road and Need for Limb Trimming

4. Dog Control Officer
5. Tax Certiorari Status

with intent not to return. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried unanimously.

Time: 9:20 p.m.

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Valma Eisma, Town Clerk