

**TOWN OF GOSHEN  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
WELLS FARM ROAD  
JULY 11, 2016  
MINUTES**

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 11th day of July, 2016 at the Orange County Emergency Services Center located at 22 Wells Farm Road, Town 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:	Richard Golden, Esq.	Attorney for the Town
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:32pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in solidarity for the recent shootings of Police Officers.

Supervisor Bloomfield announced the Town Planning Board will hold a Legoland Park scoping session on July 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm at the CJ Hooker School.

Attorney Golden explained the process of the scoping session and SEQRA. The Planning Board will be the lead agency. There will be a minimum of three formal opportunities for input from the public. The first one will be at the scoping session. Other opportunities for the public to speak will be when the Draft Environmental Statement is presented, and at a Town Board public hearing on zoning. The time line for this application depends on the applicant.

- 1. SUPERVISOR BLOOMFIELD INTRODUCED LOCAL LAW #5 OF 2016 TO AMEND THE TOWN OF GOSHEN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**
- 2. SUPERVISOR BLOOMFIELD INTRODUCED LOCAL LAW #6 OF 2016 TO CREATE A COMMERCIAL RECREATION OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT TO ALLOW A COMMERCIAL RECREATION FACILITY WITHIN THE TOWN OF GOSHEN.**

[Copy of Local Law # 5 and Local Law #6 can be found on our Town of Goshen web site or in the Clerk's office]

At this time Supervisor Bloomfield opened up the meeting for about 45 minutes allowing the public to comment on the proposed Local Laws.

**This is a summary of comments in favor of the introduced Local Laws:** (1) Master Plans are evolving documents to be reviewed as opportunities come forth (2) this area is desperate for ratables (3) add to the

new numerous business improvements along the Route 17 corridor (4) stimulate the economy (5) the location is a good site (visually) for this type of business (6) great demographic attraction (7) spectacular opportunity for benefits to the town/village (8) generate revenue to ease the tax burden (9) will enhance property values (10) will create ancillary businesses (11) will bring in a job market (12) will contribute monies to the school district (13) a good-clean ratable that is family friendly and (14) tremendous opportunity to enhance tourism in the area.

**This is a summary of comments not in favor of the introduced Local Laws** (1) to review the Southern Walkkill Biodiversity Plan – the proposed local laws conflict with balancing development & environment as presented in the document (2) changes will threaten the water supply for Goshen (3) where is the water coming from (4) Blackstone has the wealth to contribute more towards taxes-follow the money (5) a 30 year tax relief is unacceptable (6) classified Legoland as an amusement park (7) changes will conflict with the 2009 Master Plan (8) questions to what extent children with special needs are included in *all* features of Legoland (9) questions if the park equipment/rides are designed for children with disabilities (10) zoning changes to commercial will contribute to more traffic congestion (11) residents are currently stuck in traffic on Route 17 and Route 17M on summer/holiday weekends (12) residents in Arcadia Hills development feel “left out” and their quality of life will be impacted (13) use sites in need of “cleaning-up” for Legoland – not residential sites (14) overheard that the taxpayers are paying for the traffic study (15) what happens to the construction employees when the jobs are done (16) overheard employee wages will be the minimum (17) questioned the source of the \$1.5 million and (18) proposed zone changes are in conflict with the theory behind the purchased “Development Rights”.

\*\*\*\*\* Five minute break before proceeding with the agenda \*\*\*\*\*

**3. DISCUSS AND APPROVE A REQUEST BY CHIEF JAMES MCDOWELL TO HIRE PAUL BESSER AS PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER**

Councilman VanDerMolen made the motion to hire Paul Besser as a part-time police officer effective immediately. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

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

**4. DISCUSS AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ORANGE COUNTY DPW TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR A SHARED FLEETWASH FACILITY**

The maximum funding request to the Local Government Efficiency Grant program to complete the construction of the shared fleetwash facility will not exceed \$600,000. Orange County will be the source of the 10% cash match required in the application regulations by NYS DOS.

**TOWN OF GOSHEN  
RESOLUTION**

**AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF ORANGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE (NYS DOS) 2016-2017 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY WATER EFFICIENT FLEETWASH PROJECT AND SUPPORTING THE JOINT APPLICATION BY ORANGE COUNTY, THE TOWN OF GOSHEN AND THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN FOR THE PURPOSES OF SEEKING FUNDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SHARED WATER EFFICIENT FLEETWASH AT THE ORANGE COUNTY DPW COMPLEX**

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Kenneth Newbold  
SECONDED BY: Councilman John VanDerMolen  
DATED: July 11, 2016

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York, held at Town Hall in said Town on the 11th day of July, 2016

**WHEREAS**, the County of Orange, the Town of Goshen and the Village of Goshen share a particular interest in the prospects of constructing a shared fleetwash facility which would serve multiple municipalities and county departments and would provide a sustainable return on investment for all involved parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Orange will be the lead applicant for this grant application; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Goshen and the Village of Goshen will be co-applicants; and

**WHEREAS**, Orange County will be the source of the 10% cash match required in the application regulations by NYS DOS, and the maximum funding request to the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program to complete the construction of the shared fleetwash facility will not exceed \$600,000; now be it hereby

**RESOLVED:**

1. Orange County will participate as the lead applicant with the Town of Goshen and Village of Goshen as co-applicant in the above specified application and the scope of work includes administration of the grant award, issuance of an RFP/BID for construction and construction oversight;
2. Orange County intends to enter into an intermunicipal agreement which will describe the scope of shared services in detail;
3. The County Executive is authorized to execute any and all papers and agreements required in connection with such application, subject to review thereof by the County Attorney for the purposes of form and content.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Goshen authorizes the County of Orange to participate in the New York State Department of State (NYS DOS) 2016-2017 Local Government Efficiency Grant application for the Orange County Water Efficient Fleetwash Project and supporting the joint application by Orange County, the Town of Goshen and the Village of Goshen for the purposes of seeking funding for the installation of a shared Water Efficient Fleetwash at the Orange County DPW complex.

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilwoman made the motion to accept the minutes as presented for work sessions of 6-13-2016 and 06-27-2016 and minutes as presented for regular meetings of 06-16-2016 and 06-30-2016 and the special meeting (Legoland Park) of 06-14-2016. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, VanDerMolen  
0 NAYS  
1 ABSTAIN – 6/16 Newbold  
3 ABSTAIN – 6/13, 6/14, 6/30 Gallo

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilman Newbold made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Police Dept. Personnel Case Update

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

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:45PM**

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Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk