

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
**TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION**

July 25, 2016  
MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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 |
|               | Priscilla Gersbeck   | Town Clerk            |

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

[Supervisor Bloomfield informed the public that work sessions do not allow public input. The public has the opportunity to comment at the Thursday, regular meetings. However, he will make an exception this time and allow for privilege of the floor at the end of this meeting.]

**1. REVIEW AND DISCUSS A POTENTIAL AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE AMY'S KITCHEN AND SCIENCE OF THE SOUL PROJECT**

Supervisor Bloomfield read a letter from Larry Wolinsky, Esq. (Jacobowitz and Gubits LLP). The Letter is to request confirmation that the Town is willing to either hold a conservation easement or be beneficiary to a deed restriction from the Strong Farm. The Town chooses to be the beneficiary (free of charge), which is equivalent to owning a PDR.

**2. DISCUSS RECENT TESTING FOR LEAD AND COPPER IN WATER DISTRICT NO.1, HAMBLETONIAN PARK**

The Department of Health reviewed our recent submission of lead and copper sampling results for WD#1 Hambletonian Park between June 15, 2016 and June 21, 2016. The results exceeded the lead action level at the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile level. The Dept. of Health recommends: (1) prepare a desk top corrosion control study to recommend methods to reduce lead and copper solubility. The completed desk top corrosion control study, along with supporting test results are to be submitted by January 15, 2017. (2) collect a minimum of 20 distribution samples between July 1 and December 31, 2016. If the resampling results are found to be below the action level, the desk top study may be suspended.

**3. INFORMATION: ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING THE VILLAGE OF KIRYAS JOEL HAVE INFORMED THE TOWN OF GOSHEN BY LETTER THEY INTEND TO PARTICIPATE AS AN INTERESTED AGENCY PURSUANT TO SEQRA IN ANY ACTION INVOLVING THE REZONING, SITE PLAN REVIEW, AND ANY OTHER PERMIT REVIEW RELATED TO THE LEGOLAND PROJECT**

Supervisor Bloomfield referenced a letter from Michael G. Sterthous Esq. (Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna LLP) who represents the Village of Kiryas Joel. This is a request for interested agency status and

scoping comments. This is the second communication relating to Kiryas Joel, showing an interest in the Legoland project.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Newbold made the motion to accept the minutes as presented for the work session of 7-11-2016 and the minutes as presented for the regular meeting of 7-14-2016. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

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

#### **5. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**Residents commented** on the proposed Legoland Park. Unfortunately some didn't properly identify themselves or were inaudible. In all fairness, this is a summary of some of their concerns/comments: (1) written comments for the scoping session will be accepted until Aug. 1, 2016 (2) clarification on "host" payments anticipated (3) clarification of the recent IDA public hearing process (4) requests protection plans for the Otterkill and other environmentally sensitive entities on the site (5) the distribution of host fees (6) it was stated Legoland is creditable for promised fees/improvements (7) believes Goshen is a perfect community for Legoland (8) explain expenses associated as a host community (9) would like to see more input from the Village Board (10) good source of revenue for the surrounding areas and the county (11) detail plans for the wells on the property (12) cautioned to scrutinize legalities presented and (13) hopeful Legoland will stimulate our stagnant economy in the Village.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

1. Update – CSEA Negotiating Team is entertaining the Town of Goshen's contract offer for period 1/1/2016 thru 12/31/2016

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

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:25PM**

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Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk