

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
August 24, 2015

AGENDA

A Work Session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 24th day of August at Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

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

Also Present:	Dennis Lindsay, P.E.	Consulting Engineer
	John Swift	Special Counsel to Town Board
	Valma Eisma	Town Clerk

Supervisor Bloomfield called the meeting to order, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked Deputy Supervisor Canterino for filling in for him while he was on vacation.

A. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Supervisor Bloomfield made the following amendments:

#3: INFORMATION: FIRE PARADE

#4. INFORMATION: ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 2. PBA MEDIATION STATUS
WATER/SEWER STAFFING**

1. DENNIS LINDSAY, P.E. TO REVIEW SUGGESTIONS TO THE TOWN CODE: Mr. Lindsay presented the Board with a MEMORANDUM outlining the recommendations on potential zoning map and code amendments the Board had requested. He stated he had met with Town officials to review the scope of these changes, and was provided with specific requests and information on the Map and Code amendments. He reviewed the following with the Board:

1. **ZONE MAP REVISIONS:** Mr. Lindsay stated the last extensive modifications to the zoning map was in 2008-2009, following adoption of an updated comprehensive plan. He presented the Board with large copies of the map with the potential zone changes for the Board's consideration. Mr. Lindsay proceeded to point out and review the following on the map:

- a. Previously rezoned property (2000) is highlighted.
- b. Larger parcels that have recently been developed or are in the planning review process are identified to show they no longer are available for development.

c. Properties owned by Orange County have been identified so you may consider the appropriateness of their zoning should the parcel no longer be used for government purposes.

d. Proposed areas for expansion of * CO, HC & I zones have been identified where considered appropriate. For the most part, these are adjacent to and extensions of existing commercially or industrially zoned/developed parcels and along County or State Highways.

* (CO) – Commercial/Office Mixed-Use (HC) Highway Commercial, and Industrial (I)

Mr. Lindsay said application for commercial development have reduced available commercial and industrial parcels. “To address the depletion of these commercially and industrially zoned properties we have reviewed available areas for possible inclusion in these zones.” He said “we have appended a zoning map with development information and potential zone changes for your consideration.”

Mr. Lindsay continued to review the map with the Board pointing out the areas that are restricted, and not available to the Board such as those that have given up their development rights, parcels that have been developed, parcels before the zoning board at this time, etc. Mr. Lindsay answered the questions asked by the Board and pointed out the various spots available to change the zoning for a more appropriate use. He stated he would leave the maps so the Board could continue to review them.

After the review of the map Mr. Lindsay proceeded to address the Code Revisions. Mr. Lindsay called the Board’s attention to the attached summary of potential modifications outlining the general reason and listing the Town official or consultant requesting the revision. He stated “some are simply to correct errors and omissions in the Code”. “Others are recommendations of your Town Clerk, Building Inspector, Engineer or Attorney to correct issues which are not covered adequately or simply are missing from the code.” Mr. Lindsay reviewed the changes and additions with the Board, addressing their questions. He said he would leave everything for the Board to review and study, and to call him with anything else the Board would like to have addressed.

Supervisor Bloomfield expressed a concern that the call for Solar energy and Solar Farms will have to be addressed in the code. He also said that there is a real issue on the Route 17 M corridor, there has been extensive building out there, and now Amy’s will be added. He reported receiving a letter and some photographs from the owners of Quality Bus Garage, saying that there have been five major accidents involving Cannon Hill Drive where it meets Route 17M this year. The last one involved a tracker trailer entering Route 17M, making a left hand turn, and being hit by a car that drove right into, and under the truck. He said he has been talking to the Police Chief and the Building Inspector about some things that could be done to improve this situation. He said there have also been three fatalities in two years, one on Houston Road, and two up near the Quarry. He said all this concern comes after losing three teenage boys in an accident involving a Drivers’ Education Car in Warwick.

Supervisor Bloomfield said he feels there is a need for some professional advice on what can be done to coup with this problem. He said there have been problems on Route 17A also. Mr. Lindsay said these are State Roads, and the Board would have to contact, and deal with the State for any solutions. Mr. Lindsay said he would look into the problems and report back to the Board. The Board thanked Mr. Lindsay for coming.

2. WILLIAM FIORAVANTI AND AMANDA DANA OF ORANGE COUNTY PARTNERSHIP, SPEAK TO UPDATES ON KEY PROJECTS: Ms. Dana introduced herself to the Board stating she represents Business Retention and Expansion for the Orange County Partnership. She said the Mr. Fioravanti is one of her colleagues. She stated that one of the projects the Partnership has been working on is the MilMar Food Group, LLC. She presented the Board with a handout explaining MilMar's current plans. She reported that the group has been here for many years, and employs approximately 400 full time and part time people in the food business. Ms. Dana said they are looking to expand, they do not want to move, they would like to stay here. However, they have to overcome some obstacles, one of them is the need to truck in water by the truck full to process their food, which is very costly.

She stated she knew the Town of Goshen did not have the initial water to provide, and she contacted the Village, and were told they are at capacity with the projects they have at this time. She stated she came to this Board to ask for some direction or guidance as to what the Partnership can do to help keep this business in Goshen.

Supervisor Bloomfield replied to Ms. Dana, informing her of the history of the water, and lack of it in the Town and Village of Goshen. He explained that the Board was talking about it earlier "that the Town of Goshen is basically out of commercial and industrial as we have known it". He said that there just is not an abundance of water in the Town of Goshen.

Supervisor Bloomfield suggested that Milmar Food Group, LLC come in and talk to the Board, "we do not want to lose them". The Board discussed the possibility of talking with the County Water Authority. Ms. Dana will go back to report to Milmar and will be in touch with the Board in the future to arrange a meeting.

Mr. Fioravanti addressed the Board saying that he is representing ' Team Amy's ' to report that they are now progressing through the Planning Board. He explained that Graham Trelstad, who is now Amy's Engineer Planner, will be coming to the Town Board to supply the Board with the updates as things progress. He said the Partnership would really appreciate the Board's feedback. He reported that the scoping project was accepted by the Planning Board, and they are now submitting chapters of their Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Their water will come from the Lipoff Wells, and they are looking for shovels in the ground in the Spring of 2016.

Mr. Fioravanti also answered various question the Board had in reference to other projects that are now inactive and other projects that are proceeding.

3. NAMI: Dhanu Sannesy, Vice President of NAMI addressed the Board explaining that she was here tonight to introduce NAMI to the Board. She explained this is an organization that educates the communities about mental health. She explained the organization is made up of all volunteers. She left her card with the Board Members, saying that they are available to do presentations. This is a local chapter of NAMI-AMICO, INC., a nationwide organization.

4. INFORMATION: Supervisor Bloomfield announced that the Fire Parade will be held on September 12th. It will form at the Scotchtown Avenue School at 3:00 p.m., and will step off at 4:00 p.m. Supervisor Bloomfield reported the White Hat party will be held on Wednesday, September 9th.

5: INFORMATION: Supervisor Bloomfield informed the Board that The Association of Towns is meeting on Tuesday, August 25th, he and Councilman Canterino will be attending.

Councilman Newbold made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, go into Executive Session, with intent to not to return to discuss the following:

1. Al Turi Tax Certiorari Status Update
2. PBA Mediation Status
3. Water/Sewer Staffing Status

The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried unanimously.

Time: 9:15 p.m.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk