

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
August 25, 2014
MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 25th day of August, 2014 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
	Louis Cappella	Councilman
	George Lyons	Councilman
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilman

Also Present: Priscilla Gersbeck Deputy Town Clerk

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

Supervisor Bloomfield amended the agenda, removing items #6 and #7 to a later date.

1. MS4 STORM WATER PLANNING UPDATE – NEAL

Neal Halloran, Building & Zoning, reported that our application has been accepted by the DEC. The permit requires the stormwater management program to be developed and ready for implementation within three years. Some of the requirements include: (1) public education & outreach, (2) public participation/involvement, (3) Illicit discharge detection & elimination (4) construction site runoff control (5) post-construction runoff control and (6) pollution prevention/good housekeeping. Neal will generate a budget for the MS4 program.

2. WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS UPDATE – HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Broderick Knoell, Highway Superintendent, reported that his department has completed the following projects that were presented at the April public hearing on water & sewer districts. The improvements for Hambletonian Park are as follows (1) completed the rehabilitation of 5 manholes (2) change sewer line replacement to pipe patching, one line has been completed and the next one will be completed within two weeks. The improvements for Arcadia Hills are as follows (1) Phase III – manhole rehabilitation – three are completed and more to do beginning Wednesday (2) prepared a notice to bidders for public bid on a back-up generator for a sewer lift station (3) installed Variable Frequency Device (VFD) on the sewer pumps saving energy (4) inspected the water tank noting that it has to be painted inside and outside probably in the spring (5) in the process of changing the old piping in the Gumwood well house. The Scotchtown Water district was improved by installing lead sequestering equipment. We are waiting for the Health Dept. inspection and approval for flushing.

Other departmental business, reclamation and cement stabilization work will begin Wednesday on Farmingdale Road. Also this week, highway will be chip sealing Conklingtown Road, Fort Hill Road and Clark Road.

3. DISCUSS AND APPROVE REQUEST FROM FAMILY COURT TO USE THE TOWN COURT ROOM FOR MOCK TRIAL TOURNAMENT – JANUARY 2015

A letter was received from Family Court requesting the use of the Town Hall court room for a mock trial tournament in mid-January. The Board is supportive of this, allowing for the use of the room.

4. DISCUSS REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE PERSECUTION OF FALUN GONG

A request was received to pen a resolution condemning the persecution of Falun Gong. Falun Gong members practice a spiritual meditation, and are persecuted by the Chinese Communist Party. The practitioners are tortured and brainwashed. Evidence shows that they are subjected to state-sanctioned organ harvesting. The consensus of the Board is that the Town will probably have no effect in writing a resolution. Matters of the world (China) are best handled by authorities higher in government.

5. DISCUSS REQUEST FOR FUNDING GOSHEN YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE PROJECT

The Goshen Youth Football League (GYFL) practices at the Erie Street Park. The storage building is on property owned by Goshen School. The building has no electrical service. Generators are used with multiple power cords extended in and around the building to provide lighting and power to operate appliances. The Village of Goshen and the JRC have approved improvements for electrical service contributing 25% each in financial assistance. The GYFL is requesting the same from the Town of Goshen.

Councilman Lyons reviewed the financial details. The preliminary estimate for electrical distribution amounts to \$4275.00. Option A to install two fluorescent lights and two outlets including low voltage motion lighting to the exterior amounts to \$500.00. The total cost (\$4,775.00) when divided between the JRC, GYFL, Village and the Town is \$1,194.00 each. Furthermore, the costs associated with the excavation to install the utility pole and secondary electrical line (\$750.00) will be donated by GYFL.

Councilman Lyons made the motion for discussion. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council questioned the *legalities* to provide electric, using taxpayer money, to a storage building on school property. Even though permission was granted by the school district, the Town will ask legal counsel for opinion. Council questioned the primary use of Erie Street Park. Answer: currently it is used for football, because they have nowhere else to play. The improvements are funded by the GYFL, but should not be exclusively used for football. The Erie Street Park will become more user friendly for other teams/organizations. Usage at this park is handled by the Joint Recreation Commission. In addition, it was questioned as to why a 400 amp electrical panel w/main breaker is necessary when a home uses 200 amp? This will be checked into.

Councilman Lyons made the motion to authorize the expenditure of \$1,200.00 with the caveat that attorneys for the Town and the Village examine the necessary documents for legal approval. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, Philip Canterino	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, Louis Cappella	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>		

Vote: Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

1. DISCUSS MAPLEWOOD VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM DEVELOPERS AGREEMENT
2. TOG/JPK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS
3. AMY'S KITCHEN UPDATE - POTENTIAL LITIGATION

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

Time: 8:40PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk