

**TOWN OF GOSHEN**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**

August 28, 2014

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 28th day of August, 2014 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: Priscilla Gersbeck Deputy Town Clerk

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA**

The approval of the minutes are tabled pending audio confirmation.

**C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)**

**D. REPORTS**

**Councilman Cappella:** Reported that the Senior Center budget is ready for submission. He also reported on the successful turnout for the on-going trips sponsored by the Chamber. The Chamber provides free passage for the seniors to attend events and visit local businesses. He is happy that Dial-A-Bus is being used for a lot of different functions.

Reporting for highway, the work on Farmingdale Road has begun. The chip sealing of Fort Hill Road, Conklingtown Road and Clark Road will be done this week... A new technique using cement will be applied to Farmingdale Heights next week.

**Councilman Newbold:** Announced with the resignation of Mark Warren, Water & Sewer is considering to contract with JPK Environmental for servicing the Town water treatment and wastewater systems. He congratulated Broderick Knoell for the capital improvements in the water/sewer districts. Reporting on building/grounds: the roof around the Town Hall cupola leaks during heavy rains, the elevator pit has water backing-up into it - this needs to be sealed and repairs have to be made to the exterior wall where many of the bricks are disintegrating.

**Councilman Lyons:** Speaking for the JRC: all summer programs/camps have come to an end. The Halloween Party will be held at Salesian Park on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Zumba sessions continue to be popular. They will begin Tuesdays and Thursdays on September 2 at the Senior Center. The little league and soccer club are

utilizing the Myron Urbanski Park for their fall games and the Goshen youth football and cheer leading practices at the Erie Street Park.

On September 5<sup>th</sup>, he will be meeting with our insurance agent to discuss our property & casualty coverage for 2015.

**Councilman Canterino:** reporting on the Police Dept. that there are no “out-of-the ordinary” situations. The contract negotiations, with the PBA, continue with a meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The PBA is expected to submit a new plan with tailored requests.

**Supervisor Bloomfield:** noted that all full time employees for the Town are covered under MVP insurance except for the Police Department. There was a complaint regarding unsightly property at 310 Maple Avenue. The Times Herald Record was also contacted. Supervisor Bloomfield explained, to the newspaper reporter, the procedure the Town follows for property violations.

Orange & Rockland informed the Town that the power distribution plant on Hartley Road is expected to “power-up” (go on line) in November/December. Back-up power will be provided for the Town/Village of Goshen and Walkill, especially to the new hospital. The assessment indicates this business will be a large rateable.

**E. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **DISCUSS AND PASS RESOLUTION TO REPORT THE “ STANDARD WORK DAY” FOR THE TOWN OF GOSHEN ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS TO THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

The motion was made by Councilman Kenneth Newbold and seconded by Councilman George Lyons. Motion carried.

**Standard work Day and Reporting Resolution**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Goshen hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

Title	Standard Work Day	Name	SS #	Registration #	Term dates	Time Keeping	Days per ROA
<b>Elected</b>							
Supervisor	8	Douglas Bloomfield	x	x	1/1/14-12/31/15	No	22.81
<b>Appointed</b>							
Court Clerk	8	Florence Nelson	x	x	1/1/14-12/31/14	Yes	
Budget Officer	8	William Standish	x	x	1/1/14-12/31/14	Yes	
Clk to Supervisor	8	Barbara Sokolofsky	x	x	1/1/14-12/31/14	Yes	
Deputy Town Clerk	8	Priscilla Gersbeck	x	x	1/1/14-12/31/14	Yes	
Planning Bd Chair	8	Lee Bergus	x	x	5/31/13-12/31/15	Yes	

Sec. to Planning Bd	8	Kathleen Krutki	x	x	1/1/14- 12/31/14	Yes
Dep Super of Hwy	8	Kevin Biondi	x	x	1/1/14- 12/31/14	Yes

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. DISCUSS A PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH JPK ENVIRONMENTAL TO PROVIDE THE TOWN OF GOSHEN WITH W/S MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE SAME**

JPK (Joseph P. Klopchin) Environmental has submitted a contract for managing operations of water treatment and wastewater systems for the Town. The contract presented to the Board will be changed. A few items were discussed with respect to the scope of services.

Councilman Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract, once it has been reviewed by the Town Attorney to ensure that it's in compliance. Councilman Canterino seconded the motion.

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

**2. INFORMATION: TOWN OF GOSHEN RETIREE NEAL BOYKINS PASSED AWAY.**

As stated, for information only. Neal Boykins was employed in our Highway Department and has been retired for many years.

**3. INFORMATION: AMY'S KITCHEN REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE AT THE SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> PLANNING BOARD MEETING TO PRESENT MODIFICATIONS TO THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION**

As stated, for information only. Supervisor Bloomfield is asking the Board members to be present at this meeting. The presentation is a request to modify the plant plans by increasing the size to accommodate the rapidly growing market for Amy's meals.

**G. FINANCE**

Councilman Canterino made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay accounts payable check run for August 28, 2014 amounting to \$152,999.10. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

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

**H. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Councilman Cappella requested permission from the Board to write a letter to the Town of Chester regarding the 2015 Dial-A-Bus schedule. This is for budget planning.

Robert Smith asked for clarification to a statement and response from the Board members pertaining to the Town Board meeting Monday night. The statement involved the youth football project at Erie Street Park. He

felt "disillusioned" about the nonchalant manner taken by the Board concerning the installation of a 400 amp electrical panel. (It was noted that a home uses around a 200 amp panel.) The Town Board members assured him that they truly had no prior knowledge or concept of amperes strength. Some of the questions he asked are as follows; (1) Is there a *future agenda* for the 400 amp panel? (2) Is there a *memorandum* of approval from the school district? (3) At what JRC meeting was this *approved*? He attends the meetings and doesn't recall the meeting that the electrical distribution was voted on. Furthermore, he has requested copies of the JRC minutes and has not received them. He was informed that the minutes are unavailable.

Councilman Lyons stated that at the end of Monday night's meeting the Board requested that the JRC provide documentation that the school district approved this project and was taxpayers money spent on this project?

Councilman Newbold has been to the Erie St. Park and believes that the service is already in place. He inquired of Orange and Rockland as to how long this project has been discussed? Answer: since August 16<sup>th</sup>. The Board is *shocked* that they were deceived. They knew nothing about the electrical installment until Monday night's meeting.

Supervisor Bloomfield wants to see someone from JRC answer the questions asked. He also wants to know what is the future intent for the 400 amp panel? Also, we insist on obtaining the approval documentation from the school district.

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Lyons made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion Carried. 8:30PM.

(No Executive Session)

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Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk