

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
September 6, 2016
MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 6th day of September, 2016 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village 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:	Ashley Torre, Esq.	Attorney
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Town Clerk

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

1. DISCUSS AND APPROVE MOTION TO APPOINT THE GOSHEN TOWN BOARD AS SEQRA LEAD AGENCY FOR LOCAL LAW # 4.

Councilman VanDerMolen made the motion appointing the Goshen Town Board SEQRA lead agency for Local Law #4. Councilman Newbold seconded the motion.

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

2. APPROVE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FULL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM, NEGATIVE DECLARATION, UNDER SEQRA FOR LOCAL LAW #4

Councilwoman Gallo made the motion to accept the full Environmental Assessment Form, negative declaration, under SEQRA. Councilman VanDerMolen seconded the motion.

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

3. DISCUSS AND APPROVE LOCAL LAW #4 OF 2016 AMENDING CHAPTER 97 ("ZONING") OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF GOSHEN TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR WIND AND SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS WITHIN THE TOWN OF GOSHEN.

Councilman Newbold made the motion to accept Local Law # 4 of 2016 – Chapter 97, Wind and Solar Energy Systems. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion. [This Local Law is on file in the Clerk's Office and on the Town web site]

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, John Van Der Molen	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, Melissa Gallo	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>		

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

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSS ANALYSIS OF THE FIRST ITERATION OF THE TOWN OF GOSHEN 2017 BUDGET

Budget Officer, Christine Cavaliere, presented summaries of option #1 and option #2 of the 2017 budget. In option #1, the Village tax rate decrease is -6.74%, and the Town tax rate increase will be 2.54%. In option #2, the Village tax rate decrease is -5.17%, and the Town tax rate increase will be 4.12%. [Details of her worksheet is on file in the clerk's office] General consensus of the Board was to choose Option #2, because in calculating the tax cap, the tax base growth factor = 2.61%, and the allowable levy growth factor = .68%. Therefore at \$160,272 under the allowable tax levy in option one, we can only carry over \$78,934 to next year. We would then lose \$80,000 of the allowable tax levy increase for next year's tax levy.

5. INFORMATION: WEDNESDAY - SEPT. 7, 2016 THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN WILL BE GRINDING THE REMAINING SECTIONS OF WEBSTER AVE. (EXCLUDING IN FRONT OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS BLDG.) AND HILL STREET. THESE ROADS WILL BE OPEN FOR EMERGENCY TRAFFIC ONLY – VEHICLE PARKING ON THESE STREETS WILL BE SUSPENDED DURING THE OPERATION.

As stated, for information only.

6. REGARDING SETTLEMENT OF TURI TAX CERTIORARI.

Attorney Caplicki noted that all interested parties have signed the ATL settlement.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

With no issues for the Executive Session, Councilman Newbold made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I. ADJOURNMENT: 8:15PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk