

TOWN OF GOSHEN
PUBLIC HEARING & TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 8, 2016

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 8th 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:	Richard Golden, Esq.	Attorney for the Town
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Town Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)

D. PUBLIC HEARING:

(1) ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #7 OF 2016 AMENDING SECTION 89-19 OF THE TOWN CODE ("DESIGNATION OF WEIGHT LIMITS ON TOWN ROADS") TO ESTABLISH A WEIGHT LIMIT (FIVE TON) ON DURLAND ROAD

Councilman Newbold made the motion to open the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #7 amending section 89-19 to establish a weight limit (five ton) on Durland Road. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Supervisor Bloomfield opened up the meeting for comments.

Theodore Epidy explained that there are two major issues pertaining to Durland Road. The first issue is safety. This residential neighborhood has many children/school bus stops along the way. During the day large dump trucks/commercial trailers travel in excessive speed, at times crossing the yellow line. Also, at the intersection of 17A & Durland Rd. gravel piles up as the dump trucks exit the turn, which is a problem. The second issue is the financial burden to the Town of Goshen. The road takes a beating from the heavy commercial traffic. It is not designed for such traffic. Durland Road is hilly and curvy, the curves and sides are beat up. The bridge has been rebuilt several times costing the Town thousands of dollars. Therefore, Mr. Epidy has requested that the Town makes Durland Rd. weight restricted. Some members on the Board agreed, as they have traveled on this road and have seen the truck traffic.

(2) CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING, DISCUSS PUBLIC INPUT AND DECIDE BOARD POSITION REGARDING LOCAL LAW #7 OF 2016.

Councilman Newbold made the motion to close the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #7 amending section 89-19 to establish a weight limit (five ton) on Durland Road. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

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

(3) MOTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW #7 OF 2016 AMENDING SECTION 89-19 OF THE TOWN CODE ("DESIGNATION OF WEIGHT LIMITS ON TOWN ROADS") TO ESTABLISH A WEIGHT LIMIT (FIVE TON) ON DURLAND ROAD

Councilman VanDerMolen made the motion to adopt Local Law #7 as stated above. Councilwoman Gallo seconded the motion. [This will be filed as Local Law #5 with New York State]

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 5 to 0

E. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. DISCUSS AND APPROVE A \$4,084,000.00 SITE IMPROVEMENT PERFORMANCE BOND FOR TAX MAP 8-1-9.22 AND 11-1-98.6 PROPERTIES ASSOCIATED WITH SECTION 1 OF HERITAGE AT GOSHEN, LLC PROJECT**

This performance bond is a Town requirement to guarantee the completion of those public improvements associated with Phase 1 of the Heritage at Goshen, LLC project.

Councilwoman Gallo made the motion to approve the \$4,084,000.00 Site Improvement Performance Bond for Phase 1 only. Councilman VanDerMolen seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed 5 to 0

- 2. INFORMATION: HONORABLE CATHERINE M. BARTLETT, ACTING NYS SUPREME COURT JUDGE, SIGNED THE AL TURI LANDFILL, INC. TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT.**

The Al Turi settlement was filed on this day, September 8th, 2016, in the Orange County Clerk's Office. *IT IS DONE!*

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS AND APPROVE FREEZING THE MEDICAL INSURANCE BUY-OUT AT THE CURRENT RATE OF 2016

Supervisor Bloomfield explained that if an employee has health insurance through another source, the employee has the option to take the "buy-out" at a percentage of our insurance premium. This avoids having duplicate insurance coverage. Every year the insurance option to take the "buy-out" percentage goes up.

Councilwoman Gallo made the motion to freeze the medical insurance buy-out at the current rate. Supervisor Bloomfield seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilman Lyons calculated that using MVP/HRA insurance coverage, the average amounts to \$18,000. His preference is to encourage more employees to take the "buy-out" option rather than use the Town MVP/HRA insurance coverage.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Kenneth Newbold	<u>NAY</u>
Councilperson Melissa Gallo	<u>NAY</u>	Councilperson John VanDerMolen	<u>NAY</u>
Councilperson George Lyons	<u>NAY</u>		

Motion Denied 4 to 1.

2. DISCUSS AND SELECT A NEW ELECTRICITY PROVIDER AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT

Supervisor Bloomfield reviewed comparisons of three energy providers: *Direct Energy*, *GDF Suez* and *Constellation*. Everyone has the opportunity to purchase electricity from someone other than Orange & Rockland. Our current contract is with Direct Energy at a fixed price of 8.857cents per kilo-watt hour. Direct Energy has offered to renew our contract at 2.2 cents less per kilo-watt hour than the current cost. By comparison, if the Town chooses to renew the contract with Direct Energy for two years, we will save \$10,870. Included in this contract is; water & sewer departments-pumping stations etc., the Highway Dept., Police Dept. and the Town offices.

Councilman Lyons made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign a three year contract with Direct Energy, thru M & R Energy Resources Corp., at 0.06683 per kilo-watt hour. Councilman VanDerMolen seconded the motion.

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

3. DISCUSS AND APPROVE MOTION TO HIRE BONNIE MAYEFSKY AS PART-TIME SENIOR CITIZEN'S ACTIVITY LEADER. MRS. MAYEFSKY WILL BE REPLACING ELLEN TEATUM WHO RECENTLY RESIGNED.

Councilman VanDerMolen made the motion to hire Bonnie Mayefsky as part-time Senior Citizen's Activity Leader at \$19.26 per hour effective September 1, 2016. Councilwoman Gallo seconded the vote.

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

G. FINANCE:

Councilman Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Manual A/P runs as of August 31, 2016 amounting to \$13,665.01 and Accounts Payable check run for September 8, 2016 amounting to \$127,248.40. Councilwoman Gallo seconded the motion.

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

H. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Discussion covered: The current status of ADC Maplewood development; water/sewer for Hambletonian Park as Heritage of Goshen development is built; Status of Legoland proposal to deed the wells on Legoland property to Arcadia Hills and wells owned by the Town; Chester school district receiving monies from Legoland on three parcels - pending Pilot agreement with the IDA; financial responsibility for the reconfiguration of the traffic pattern; relocation of wildlife habitats; requesting a forum; and Legoland is still negotiating with the IDA.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

J. ADJOURNMENT: 8:30PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk