

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 25, 2014

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 25th day of September, 2014 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen County of Orange, State of New York.

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

Also Present:	Dennis Caplicki	Attorney
	Valma Eisma	Town Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Bloomfield called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA: Attorney Caplicki said he would like to add Capital Improvement to Old Business

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)

D. REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN PHILIP CANTERINO reported he met with Police Chief James McDowell looking for his input on how the Department is run, and what if anything is needed. He said this is critical information since the contract negotiations are taking place at this time. Councilman Canterino stated that all is going well.

COUNCILMAN GEORGE LYONS reported Zumba classes start on October 2nd, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 at the C. J. Hooker Middle School. Drama Kids begins on October 7th, and continues through December 16th at the Senior Center Tuesday evenings. He said the annual Halloween Party will be held on Saturday, October 25th, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Salesian Park. The event is free to Town and Village residents, but registration at WWWgoshenrecreation.com is required, or call the Recreation office 294-1558.

Councilman Lyons said that clean up and maintenance continues at all parks. The Little League and the Soccer Club are utilizing the Myron Urbanski Memorial Park for their Fall Leagues.

He also reported Goshen Youth Football and Cheerleading is utilizing Erie Street Park for their practices. The installation of electric to this field has been completed. Councilman Lyons stated he had inspected the field for lighting, and found only one fluorescent light, and it was sufficient.

Councilman Lyons reported he and the Supervisor met with Greg Townsend, our broker on Workman's Comp, to discuss the 2015 insurance. He said they are going out for two quotes this year, looking for a better bid.

He said as far as Property and Casualty, he and the Supervisor met again with Mr. Townsend. This time of year any number of applications go out, several people are working on them, the Budget Officer, and Deputy Town Clerk Priscilla Gersbeck. Priscilla found an error in the vehicles the Police own, and she is working now to clear it up. He asked Priscilla to send her list of vehicles to the Highway Superintendent and the Chief of Police so they can verify all their vehicles with her.

COUNCILMAN KENNETH NEWBOLD reported he went out to Water/Sewer, and met the new employee sent over by Joe Klopchin. The new employee will be working with Dave Doty to see what improvements they can make on our facility. Councilman Newbold said "they are doing a great job"

Councilman Newbold has also been working with the Supervisor's Secretary and John Watt who has been doing small repair jobs for us. Councilman Newbold has also been looking for bids to have some type of windows put into the doors leading to and from the halls in the building, as a person cannot see what or whom is on the other side, as they open these doors. If someone opens the door quickly it could result in an injury to someone on the other side.

COUNCILMAN LOUIS CAPPELLA reported that Highway has finished Farmingdale Road, he said the subdivision there has turned out well. He said this past week they have been working on Old Chester Road, patching, etc. He said this road has been held up pending several subdivisions being built in the area. When the subdivisions are finished the road will be properly finished.

Councilman Cappella said he asked John Mc Carey when the work would begin on the bridge on Scotchtown Avenue, with the light. Mr. Mc Carey said it was scheduled for the Spring.

He reported that Dial – A – Bus is doing well, and he sent a letter to Chester to inquire as to what plans they have in regard to Dial – A – Bus in 2015.

Councilman Cappella reported that the Senior Soons Farm Trip that was scheduled is sold out. He is really happy with the Senior Center being so active. He said all the classes are really full. The exercise class has 60 to 70 people participating.

SUPERVISOR DOUGLAS BLOOMFIELD reported he and Councilman Canterino met with the PBA to begin negotiations, and with Councilman Lyons on the insurance. Those are all going well. He said he met with the Mayor and the Humane Society Board of Directors to see in what way we could help them get their costs under control and their revenue increased. He said their Board was very receptive, and the Boards will meet every few weeks to see what can be done to bring the Society back to a good business model, and to help them stay in business.

The Supervisor said he met with John Mc Carey, from the Real Property Tax Office of Orange County. He said the Orange & Rockland distribution plant will be fired up in November or December, and based on that he will be contacting the State's Real Property Tax Office to find out what the assessment will be. He said hopefully it will bring in approximately half a million dollars to the community in taxes per year.

He said they also talked about the Al Turi Tax Certiorari litigation, and the fact that the Fire Departments have to process their own portion of that. Mr. Mc Carey will meet with Joel Kleiman, people from the County, and Attorney Caplicki to work all of this out. He said this is the most important issue for the Town and the Fire Departments at this time.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION TO MODIFY ORANGE AND ROCKLAND UTILITIES ASSESSMENT FOR YEARS 2012 AND 2013: Attorney Caplicki did not have the Resolution in his possession so this was tabled.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO HIRE RIDDICK ASSOCIATES TO EXAMINE THE TOWN HALL CUPOLA TO DETERMINE WORK TO BE DONE: Supervisor Bloomfield reported that he had talked to Sean Hoffman, from Riddick Associates in reference to the cupola, and he talked with the contractor Joe Cassel, of Cassel Construction. They agree that the roof is also leaking now and will need repair as well. If he is authorized to do so he would like to have the work to be done estimated to see if a RFP would be necessary. Councilman Newbold made a Motion to authorize the Supervisor to hire Riddick Associates to examine the Town Hall Cupola and roof to determine work to be done. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried 5 to 0.

2. RESOLUTION: DIRECTING THE ASSESSOR OF THE TOWN OF GOSHEN TO VOID THE ASSESSMENT WITH RESPECT TO PARCEL 630.089-9999-134.100 ON THE TAX ROLLS OF THE TOWN OF GOSHEN: The Attorney reviewed the following Resolution, the Board recognized the error and acted upon it.

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
RESOLUTION**

DIRECTING THE ASSESSOR OF THE TOWN OF GOSHEN TO VOID THE ASSESSMENT WITH RESPECT TO PARCEL NUMBER 630.089-9999-134 ON THE TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF GOSHEN FOR THE 2012 AND 2013 TAX YEARS

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Louis Cappella
SECONDED BY: Councilman Kenneth Newbold
DATED: September 25, 2014

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York, held at Town Hall in said Town on the 25th day of September, 2014,

WHEREAS, the Assessor of the Town of Goshen created and placed parcel number 630.089-9999-134.100/1052 on the assessment and tax rolls of the Town of Goshen for tax years 2012 and 2013, and

WHEREAS, said act or action by the Assessor of the Town of Goshen was in law erroneous, as the property improvements had not yet been initiated by the land owner in 2012 and 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Goshen has decided to correct said erroneous act or action, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Goshen does hereby direct the Assessor of the Town of Goshen to void and expunge from the assessments and tax rolls of the Town of Goshen for tax years 2012 and 2013 parcel number 630.089-9999-134.100/1052.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

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

3. APPROVAL OF WATER AND SEWER CAPITAL PROJECTS IMPROVEMENT PLAN:

Attorney Caplicki reviewed the following Resolution with the Board, saying that this is necessary for future Capital Projects. He said the recent bid that was done by Highway will have to be re-bid.

TOWN OF GOSHEN RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF WATER AND SEWER CAPITAL PROJECTS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Kenneth Newbold

SECONDED BY: Councilman George Lyons

DATED: September 25, 2014

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York, held at Town Hall in said Town on the 25th day of September, 2014,

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Goshen (the "Town") has previously authorized and requested from the Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Goshen a list of water and sewer capital projects to be proposed, bid, and completed during fiscal 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Goshen has previously complied and presented to the Town Board of the Town of Goshen a list of water and sewer capital projects including Hambletonian Park Sewer District manhole rehabilitation and line replacement on Good Time Court, Arcadia Hills Sewer District manhole rehabilitation and installation of a backup generator and installation of a Variable Frequency Drive, inspection, repair, and coating of Arcadia Hills Water District water tank and rehabilitation of two (2) wells, installation of Variable Frequency Drive for the main pump servicing the Stonehedge Water District, initiation of a lead sequestering program for the Scotchtown Water District, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned project(s), the total cost estimates of which are in the amount of approximately \$202,500, are to be separately bid in compliance with state law and the town of Goshen bid policies.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Goshen does hereby authorize the Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Goshen to access, as necessary, the Town of Goshen's retained professionals in order to prepare such specifications and documents as are legally necessary to let, bid, and complete the aforementioned water and sewer capital projects.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

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

G. FINANCE: Councilman Canterino made a Motion to Authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable Check Run for 09/25/14 amounting to \$80,125.24. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried unanimously.

H. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

John Ziobro stated he is a resident of Hambletonian Park since 1967. He said he has only one complaint and that is the parking of camping trailers parked in front of homes in the park. He said there is currently four in the neighborhood. He said he was told back in 1967 when he acquired his, that he had to move it to the rear of the house, which he did immediately. One of his neighbors had to do the same. However, now there are four that are out in the front of the homes.. He said he spoke to different people at the Town Hall, the first time in December, and registered his complaint, and was told that it is indeed a violation. He said he has complained many times since then and nothing has been done. He said I am here to ask why?

Supervisor Bloomfield explained to Mr. Ziobro that he had sent the Building Inspector out there, and he has served the owner violation notices, but the owner has not responded. He said then he told the Building Inspector to consult our attorney. Attorney Caplicki said he did a site inspection on 14 Yankee Maid Lane, and he spoke by phone with the owner. The owner said there were many others in the park doing the same thing. He informed the owner that our code does not allow it, and read him the section of the law.

The Building Inspector is on vacation, but the Supervisor and Attorney Caplicki assured Mr. Ziobro that it will be addressed as soon as the Building Inspector returns. When he serves the Notice of Violation, and they do not respond, they will have to appear in Court. The Inspector will peruse the park, and anyone who is against code will be served a violation notice.

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

1. PBA NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE
2. YOUNG'S GROVE – W/S NEGOTIATIONS
3. TIME WARNER CABLE/WARWICK CABLE FRANCHISE
4. TURI TAX STATUS
5. PROPERTY VIOLATIONS.

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

Time: 8:25 p.m.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk