

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
October 5, 2015
M I N U T E S

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 5th day of October, 2015 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:	Philip Canterino	Councilman
	George Lyons	Councilman
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilman
Absent:	Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
	Louis Cappella	Councilman
Also Present:	John Swift, Esq.	Special Counsel to Town Board
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Deputy Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Canterino at 7:32pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was a moment of silence respectfully for the passing of Councilman Newbold's Mother.

1. DISCUSS A PROPOSAL FOR A SOLAR FARM. TO PROCEED FORWARD WILL REQUIRE ZONING AND CODE CHANGES.

A presentation was given by Mary & Ron Israelski on behalf of R.M. Elegant Homes, LLC and Chris Patak, Project Manager at Hudson Solar. Packets handed to the Board detailed a proposed solar farm - included topography photos showing different penciled in views of the proposed solar panels on site and information of the ground mounted solar system. Presently, the Town has no zoning for community solar energy to provide electricity for numerous homes. This is a "step down" from industrial solar plants. Positive reasons were given to promote this clean – green natural energy. This presentation request is for the Town of Goshen to consider changing the zoning to allow a community solar farm on this parcel. With some discussion, this will be explored at a later date.

2. REVIEW SCHEDULE FOR INTRODUCING AND APPROVING THE TOWN OF GOSHEN 2016 BUDGET.

Christine Cavalier (Budget Officer) stated that there will be a decrease in taxes on a market value residence of \$300,00 of \$47.40 for the town and \$2.32 for the village. The Tentative Budget was filed with the Town Clerk 9/30/15. The Preliminary Budget is scheduled to be filed with the Town Clerk Oct. 23, 2015. The Town will hold the public hearing on November 09, 2015 to adopt the budget. This entire process must be completed by November 20, 2015.

3. THE TOWN OF GOSHEN TENTATIVE BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW.

For Information: the Tentative Budget is in the Clerk's Office for review. Copies can be provided upon request.

4. INFORMATION: THE TOWN OF CHESTER HAS NOT RESPONDED TO A LETTER FROM BRODERICK KNOELL REGARDING DIAL-A-BUS SERVICES FOR 2016.

As stated, for information only.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE PROPOSAL TO ACCEPT A BID TO RESTORE THE TOWN HALL CUPOLA

The town is in the process applying for a grant with the assistance of DASNY, (Dormitory Authority of the State of New York) that provides construction, financing, and allied services which serve the public good of New York State. More specifically, DASNY provides assistance for public and non-proprietary facilities in the State, and for other New York State-related institutions/purposes. The Town is in a very good position for getting this grant. However, this is the type of grant that reimburses the awarded portion *after* the work has been completed. There is money budgeted for the cupola restoration. This project must be done to seal the leaks in the roof caused by the deterioration of the cupola.

In response to a recent bid, only one proposal was submitted. For the record; there were a couple of minuscule miss-steps in signature legibility and notarization. Both of which have been addressed. Attorney, John Swift reviewed the following resolution.

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
RESOLUTION**

Awarding Contract to Billman Ross & Associates, Inc. for restoration of Town Hall Cupola

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman George Lyons
SECONDED BY: Councilman Kenneth Newbold
DATED: October 5, 2015

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 5th day of October, 2015

WHEREAS, the Town of Goshen (the "Town") has previously requested bids for work in restoring the Town Hall Cupola; and

WHEREAS, only one (1) bid was submitted to the Town of Goshen for said project by Billman Ross & Associates, Inc. and

WHEREAS, after opening, reviewing, and confirming that said one (1) bid proposal was in compliance with the bid specifications and with the laws of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, based upon the one (1) bid as submitted, the lowest and only responsible bidder was Billman Ross & Associates, Inc., with a total bid amount of \$ 58,660.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Goshen does hereby award the bid for the project, including the restoration of the Town Hall cupola to Billman Ross & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$ 58,660.00 and the Supervisor of the Town of Goshen and the Budget Officer of the Town of Goshen are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate the terms hereof.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield: ABSENT Councilperson, Philip Canterino: AYE
Councilperson, Louis Cappella: ABSENT Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold: AYE
Councilperson, George Lyons: AYE

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 3 to 0.

6. INFORMATION: FILMING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY (10/8) & FRIDAY (10/9) TO TAKE PLACE ON PUMPKIN SWAMP ROAD. EXPECT INTERMITTENT ROAD CLOSURES

Crazy Famous Productions LLC submitted an application to use pumpkin Swamp Road for filming a car chase using four vehicles. Crazy Famous Productions LLC will pay expenses incurred by our Police Officers for traffic detail.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

1. DISCUSS MEDICAL INSURANCE BUY-OUT
2. PBA NEGOTIATION STATUS UPDATE

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

ADJOURNMENT: 8:22PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk