

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD COMBINED WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
November 14, 2013
MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 14th day of November, 2013 at 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:	Dennis Caplicki	Attorney for the Town
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Deputy Town Clerk

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

The order of the agenda has been changed to accommodate the guest speakers.

1. DISCUSS ADC MAPLEWOOD DEVELOPERS AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF GOSHEN AND EXPANSION OF THE HAMBLETONIAN PARK WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS

Riddick Associates and Attorney Caplicki have reviewed the recent revisions. "Hopefully by the next meeting, a copy of the Proposed Developers Agreement will be available" stated Attorney Caplicki. Each Board Member will need to review the proposed agreement for comment.

2. DISCUSS PROPOSED DRAFT OF A GENERIC CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR BOARD INPUT FOR LANDS WITH FARMING POTENTIAL

Neal Halloran (Building Inspector) submitted copy of the Open Space section from the Town Zoning Code. This will give the Board guidance in approving a Conservation Easement with a farming potential. Mr. Halloran also submitted suggestions/changes to the proposed agreement for Alida Persoon. As written, the Conservation Easement shall prohibit residential, industrial, or commercial use of open space land (except in connection with agriculture, forestry and recreation) and shall not be amendable to permit such use. The Town Board will give the final decision to grant the Conservation Easement as approved by the Planning Board and shall be required as a condition of subdivision plat approval. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to review the issue of property maintenance, on the easement, at the next meeting.

3. REVIEW STATUS OF MS4 MUNICIPAL STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Broderick Knoell (Highway Superintendent) briefed the Board on his progress in working with Sean Hoffman of Riddick Associates to develop a storm water management plan for the DEC for the Town. "We have three years to complete the entire process - it's going to be a large undertaking" stated Mr. Knoell.

Councilman Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the notice of intent regarding the MS4 Program. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion.

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

4. AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE NYS OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, APPROVING THE ACCESS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO ECHO LAKE CORPORATE PARK

Supervisor Bloomfield received correspondence informing the Town of a change in the location of the access road leading into the Echo Lake Corporate Park. Without a diagram, we believe the change involves moving the access road further away from the Walkkill River Bridge. Accordingly, NYS DOT will have to sign off on the change. JEDI has been working with the Town to attract rateables to this location.

Councilman Lyons made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign a letter that the Town of Goshen supports the proposed changes to the access plan for the Echo Lake site. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion.

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

5. INFORMATION REGARDING SECTION 10, BLOCK 1, LOT 27.2

This parcel is located on Phillipsburg Road in the Town of Goshen. A colonial - *two* family residence built in 1981. However, the building permit and the CO classified this home as a single family residence. Currently all documents are under review as this home is for sale.

6. REVIEW STATUS OF REMAINING INFLOW AND INFILTRATION INSPECTION AND WATER METER INSTALLATIONS

A new final notice will be sent to the households which are still in need of an inspection to determine whether possible sump pump and/or other storm drainage connections to the sanitary sewer system are in need of repair.

Broderick Knoell reported that two stages of manhole rehab have been completed. Arcadia Hills has 73 manholes of which 42 have been completed, leaving 31 to be done. Hambletonian Park has 47 manholes of which 23 have been completed, leaving 24 to be done. This will help to save the residents money by preventing water from going into the sanitary sewer.

7. REVIEW STATUS OF CELERY AVENUE ROAD SOIL BORING ANALYSIS AND RIDDICK ENGINEERING RECOMMENDATIONS

Broderick Knoell reported that the soil borings have been completed. Gray, *soft clay* was found at the depths of 30, 32 and 40 feet. Incidentally the County went down 90 feet before hitting solid dirt. The weight of the blacktop isn't helping this situation. The Town will need to decide how much money will be allocated to correct the problems with Celery Ave. This will determine what options to take into consideration.

Presently the Or. Co. Soil & Water Conservation committee is working on a flood mitigation plan to correct issues of the Walkkill River. We need to find a way to work with them as they plan on altering the depth of the Walkkill River along Celery Ave. and its effect on the erosion of this roadway.

8. REVIEW RECENT ARCADIA HILLS FORCE MAIN BREAK AND APPROVE REQUEST TO INSTALL VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVES (VFDs) ON THE SEWAGE PUMPS

Broderick Knoell stated that there have been three breaks this year. The breaks have occurred after the installation of new pumps at the station. He is recommending that the Town purchases VFD's for the sewage pumps. Mr. Knoell explained the technology involved in VFD's. In summary: VFD's (variable-frequency drives) are used to vary the speed of an electric motor. They do this by changing the frequency of the electric power going to the motor. Most VFD's come with a preset limit of 60Hz. Normal electric power is supplied at this 60 cycles per second. At this frequency motors run at 1,800 rpm, 3,600 rpm, 1,200 rpm or 900 rpm depending on how they are wound. They work only with three-phase power. What is best about the VFD's is that they have a built in circuit breaker that shuts down the motor if the amps get too high at the speed the motor is being run. It provides protection preventing a motor from slamming on or chatter.

Councilman Newbold made the motion to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase and install two VFD's and a control panel at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 as an emergency basis in Arcadia Hills. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold
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9. INFORMATION: THE TOWN BUDGET OFFICER HAS PLACED THE 2014 BUDGET ON THE WEB PAGE PER JOEL MARKOWITZ'S REQUEST

As stated for information only.

10. DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE JRC PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR LIGHTING AND IRRIGATION OF THE URBANSKI SOCCER FIELD

Councilman Lyons reported that the two bids for lighting and irrigation at the soccer field were opened. The JRC rejected both bids, because they came in way over the allocated amount. Sean Hoffman of Riddick Associates suggested that there are better ways to accomplish this project while saving a significant amount of money. One way is by direct equipment purchase and

then bidding out for the installation. Furthermore, to minimize the cost, perhaps the Town and Village DPW could jointly handle a portion of the irrigation part on this project. "Trenching for a soccer field is a major project and costly" stated Councilman Newbold. With some discussion, it was decided to suggest to the JRC to hire either the Village or Town Engineers for assistance in project design.

11. AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO HIRE RIDDICK ASSOCIATES TO DETERMINE THE WEIGHT LOAD OF THE TOWN CLERK'S DOCUMENT ROOM

The Clerk's office has been pursuing ways to protect historical documents from a disaster. Recently, grants through the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund for archiving historical records became available. In order to apply and qualify for such a grant, Deputy Clerk, Priscilla Gersbeck, has been reviewing Town Hall blue-prints with the Building Inspector to determine if the *clerk's document room* is adequate. According to the blue-prints, the walls consist of 2 layers of 5/8 type X sheeting which will allow for 1 1/2 to 2 hour fire wall protection. Additionally, the door, window, ceiling, interior temperature and flooring will need to be assessed. In order to proceed with an application for such a grant, a determination has to be made if the designated document room floor will bear the weight load of archival shelving and boxes.

Councilman Cappella made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to hire Riddick Associates to determine the weight load of the Town Clerk's Document Room. Councilman Canterino seconded the motion.

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

12. FINANCE

Councilman Canterino made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run for 10/31/2013 amounting to \$641,587.38 and Manual A/P runs as of 11/13/2013 amounting to \$4,777.83. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold
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13. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Councilman Canterino would like an update on communication received from Attorney John Bach who is representing the Goshen Fire Departments. An urgent request has been sent to the Planning Department indicating that many of the new homes are installing narrow driveways, with permanent entrance embellishments. The narrow entrances make it impossible for large fire trucks to ingress and egress in an emergency. Supervisor Bloomfield has given this to the Building and Highway Departments for review. Taking into consideration that fire trucks are becoming larger and larger, we'll have to draft new specifications for our Code and hold a public hearing. An invitation has gone out for a representative from the Fire Districts to address the Board on this matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Canterino made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following,

1. P.D. PERSONNEL CASE - UPDATE
2. PBA REQUEST TO REOPEN PROVISIONS OF 384-D RETIREMENT LAW FOR FIVE P.D. OFFICERS - UPDATE
3. DENNIS MARSH LITIGATION - UPDATE
4. REVIEW REALTY EQUITIES, LLC AND GOLDVEST CORP POTENTIAL CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS
5. STATUS OF AL TURI LANDFILL CERTIORARI

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

ADJOURNMENT: 9:35 PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk