

TOWN OF GOSHEN
WORK SESSION/TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 23, 2009
MINUTES

A Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 23rd day of November, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. 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
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilman
	Louis Cappella	Councilman

Absent:	George Lyons	Councilman
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Also Present:	Dennis Caplicki	Town 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. He then asked for a moment of silence for Thomas A. Dawson, owner of Trottown Printing, located here in Goshen, and William J. Finan, also a member of the community. Mr. Dawson did most of the outside printing projects for the Town and was well known and liked in the community. William J. Finan was active in local government, serving as a Village Trustee, Deputy Mayor, Sewer & Water Commissioner and many more positions in various community organizations.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA: Supervisor Bloomfield reported number two, under New Business, would be removed since Donoghue, Thomas, Auslander & Drohan, LLP have not responded to a request from the Board.

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (agenda items only) None

D. REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN CAPPELLA reported that this past Thursday the Senior Center celebrated it's annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. There were approximately one hundred five people in attendance, and the Senior Commission took the opportunity to Honor Jack Cusack for his dedication to the Senior Citizen Community and his commitment and leadership as Chairman of the Goshen Senior Center Commission from 2000 to 2009. He reported that rentals are high, and every weekend through December is reserved.

Councilman Cappella said there was nothing to report on Dial - A- Bus or Highway except that they are preparing for winter. He wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

COUNCILMAN NEWBOLD said that Mr. Cusack was well deserving of the recognition of his hard work and asked Councilman Cappella where the plaque presented to his family will be placed. Councilman Cappella replied it will be hung in the lobby of the Senior Center. Councilman Newbold said he had nothing to report on water/sewer, at this time as they are just finishing up the Stone Hedge well project.

COUNCILMAN CANTERINO reported the PBA negotiations are ongoing, and the Supervisor and he spent a good part of today negotiating, and he felt they had gotten a little closer by the end of the meeting. He hoped to reach a contract agreement soon. He said the Supervisor and he had spoken to the Police Chief about putting our expense controls in effect immediately rather than waiting for 2010.

SUPERVISOR BLOOMFIELD reported on some of the feedback he has received from the public in regard to the budget, and said they are as concerned about our ongoing budget as the Board is. He said he found them very supportive of the Board, and what it is trying to do. However, they were somewhat dismayed that the percentage was as high as it is. The Supervisor said that it was the PDR that made it so significantly high.

E. OLD BUSINESS :

1. DISCUSS APPROACH TO RESPONDING TO REQUEST BY TIMBER TRAIL, LLC FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT: Supervisor Bloomfield asked Attorney Caplicki to review this request. Attorney Caplicki reviewed the various applications pertaining to this property that have appeared before the Planning Board through the years. The newest application is proposing approximately 238 units, a mixed residential project which includes a PAC. He explained how the new zoning has left the final discretionary approval on PACs in the hands of the Town Board. He stated that he and the Supervisor feel that this is the time to establish a procedure for how the Board will act on special permits, as this is the first such request, and so that going forward it does not become arbitrary or capricious. Attorney Caplicki said he is working with the engineer, lawyers, Building Inspector, etc., and expects to have a criteria to present to the Board some time after the Thanksgiving Holiday.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO PROCESS A 211 REQUEST BY POLICE CHIEF DENNIS MARSH: Supervisor Bloomfield explained the 211 Waiver process. Councilman Canterino made the Motion to authorize the Supervisor to forward Police Chief, Dennis Marsh's 211 Waiver to the Civil Service Department's Board of Benefits and Pensions. Councilman Newbold seconded the Motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

2. 7 LARCHWOOD DRIVE –TOWN ACTION REVIEW: Supervisor Bloomfield explained this is a problem every year, as there is a house in Arcadia Hills which has been abandoned, but still owned by the people. Therefore, he said the Town has to go up and secure it each year. He said this year it will be boarding up the front door and cleaning up the property, and the cost will be placed on their tax bill as it has been done in the past.

3. AUTHORIZE THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO PUT SURPLUS EQUIPMENT OUT TO BID: Councilman Cappella made a Motion to authorize the Highway Superintendent to put surplus equipment out to bid. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried 4 to 0.

G. FINANCE: Councilman Newbold made a Motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Manual Check Run of November 5, 2009 amounting to \$84,428.79, Manual A/P Runs of 11/12/09 & 11/18/09 amounting to \$686,307.43 and Accounts Payable Check run of November 19, 2009 amounting to \$118,702.02. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried 4 to 0.

H. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: No Response

I. ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Cappella made a Motion to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss:

1. PBA NEGOTIATION STATUS
2. VILLAGE SEWER NEGOTIATION STATUS
3. ADC LITIGATION STATUS
4. OWENS ROAD LITIGATION STATUS
5. TAX CERTIORARI UPDATE

with intent not to return. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Time: 7:55 p.m.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk