

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
January 5, 2009
MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 5th day of January, 2009 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 7:25pm.

1. IWS – NEGOTIATION STATUS

This item was moved into Executive Session.

2. IWS – SEQRA LEAD AGENCY

Attorney Caplicki summarized where the Town is at in the IWS SEQRA process. IWS has applied for a permit to expand for more in tonnage intake rather than physical modifications. Upon notifying various agencies, the Town of Goshen will be the lead agency designated for SEQRA. The Town has to create a schedule of hearings and submissions required of the applicant in order to fully examine their application and what is in the best interest for the Town of Goshen. Other Town entities can be asked for input into this study. Presently, IWS *seems* to be in compliance with the NYS DEC requirements other than a few technical violations. Nevertheless, we need to make sure everything is in compliance with the Town and the need to become familiar in the types of activities IWS engages in namely for their modification. Attorney Caplicki advised the Board that although this will be a time consuming process, we need to determine exactly what is expected from the applicant and what genuine issues need to be addressed. The Town is responsible to protect the citizens and to further any proper application and activity within the community. Accordingly, the applicant is responsible for costs incurred.

Supervisor Bloomfield called for comments from the Board members. Councilman Canterino feels we need to proceed with caution for this is not only any expansion, but a facility that handles daily garbage. He asked if the IWS expansion application was available to the public. Response: yes and can be viewed in the Town Clerk's office.

Councilman Newbold noted that a public hearing is necessary for community input as well as recommendations from other Boards and professionals.

Councilman Cappella feels that the Board needs to meet and discuss issues, particularly the impact on Town roads. IWS needs to be responsible for added stress to roads traveled and not the taxpayers.

Councilman Lyons approves of incorporating multi-boards into the SEQRA process to assist the Town Board members in the decision making process.

Supervisor Bloomfield inquired as to the Town Engineer's participation. Attorney Caplicki stated that our Engineer will lead us with his expertise in engineering data, submission and analysis to lead us through the process. He asked Attorney Caplicki to prepare a memo outlining how to proceed from here.

3. ESTABLISH SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF LAND USE MEETINGS

With the FEIS completed, Attorney Caplicki stated that it is being reviewed by the professionals. Now the FEIS has to be accepted and a public hearing date needs to be set to complete the SEQRA process and the adoption of Local laws I & II. At the next meeting a schedule for accepting the FEIS and for the public hearings will be presented.

4. ANY OTHER MATTER OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD

None

Councilman Newbold made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. IWS – Negotiation Status

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

Time: 7:45PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk

