

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 23, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 23rd day of October, 2008 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	Louis Cappella	Councilman
George Lyons	Councilman	Philip Canterino	Councilman
Kenneth Newbold	Councilman		

Also Present:

Dennis Caplicki	Town Attorney
Valma Eisma	Town Clerk

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

B. AMMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA: None

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (agenda items only)

D. REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN CAPPELLA: No report, gave full report last month.

COUNCILMAN NEWBOLD: No report, Supervisor Bloomfield will be reporting on Water/Sewer later in the meeting.

COUNCILMAN LYONS: reported he had attended the Joint Recreation Commission meeting on October 14th. He reviewed the upcoming programs: 1st Annual Turkey Trot to be held at Salesian Park, on November 22nd.; 1st annual Chili Cook-off and Halloween Party/Fall Festival to be held at Craigville Park on October 25th. Councilman Lyons said the concert series should be expanded next year as the Chamber of Commerce will be working with the JRC if another grant can be obtained. He stated there are other issues going on in Joint Recreations, and referred to the October 20th meeting, but these will be taken up at a later time.

SUPERVISOR BLOOMFIELD: reported he has met with Senator Larkin twice looking for some assistance for the various problems the Board is facing. He said Annie Rabbit is working hard for us and he and Councilman Newbold will be seeing Representative Hall in December. Supervisor Bloomfield said he has been assured by John Mello, Chief of the Grant Section that the \$400,000 promised for Hambletonian Park will be forthcoming, but at this time is tied up with red tape.

COUNCILMAN CANTERINO: reported he has been busy meeting with Chief Marsh on the Police Budget. He read a letter from the Orange County Department of Emergency Services, Division of Police Services, thanking Chief Marsh and his department for their assistance in providing for the Child Passenger Safety Checkpoint that was held on Saturday, September 20th. 2008 at the Goshen Central Schools Main Street Building. The letter stated the partnership between law enforcement, school personnel and Traffic Safety is an effective way to spread the message and equip our community with the tools necessary to keep our children safe. Our officers installed children's car seats and checked installed seats for safety.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Accept Bid for Survey of Slesinski Farm (PDR): Supervisor Bloomfield explained part of the process of the PDR program is to have an accurate survey of the property being purchased. A request for bids to survey the property was advertised and seven bids were submitted. The lowest and best bid was submitted by Piertrzak & Pfau of Goshen.

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
RESOLUTION**

**Awarding Bid for Survey Work with Respect
to Slesinski Purchase and Sale Agreement**

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Kenneth Newbold
SECONDED BY: Councilman George Lyons
DATED: October 23, 2008

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 23rd day of October, 2008;

WHEREAS, the Town of Goshen together with the County of Orange has agreed to purchase the development rights of the Slesinski farm by means of a Conservation Easement and Purchase of Development Rights and it is necessary that a survey be completed with respect to the subject property, and

WHEREAS, after review of the submitted bids/proposals and an examination of the qualifications of the bidders, it appears that Piertrzak & Pfau of Goshen, New York are the lowest

responsible bidders with respect to the requested survey work having submitted a bid of \$4,995, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Goshen retain the services of Piertrzak 7 Pfau of Goshen, New York to complete a perimeter survey of the Lands of Slesinski known on the tax maps of the Town of Goshen as Section 19 Block 1 Lot 121.2 consisting of approximately 101± acres for a consideration of \$4,995; it being understood that Piertzak & Pfau shall complete said requested survey work on or before November 30, 2008.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

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

2. Water/Sewer Bill of Resident: Supervisor Bloomfield explained the Town Board has received a request for consideration of hardship by a property owner in Arcadia Hills. The request comes from a senior citizen, who just lost her husband this year. The property owner's consumption has been extraordinarily high over the last year and she has discovered that she had an extreme leakage problem in a toilet in her home, which has been remedied. Supervisor Bloomfield said he had written a letter to ask the Village Mayor if there was any options on the water side of the invoice and if some adjustment could be made. The Mayor responded saying he felt if an adjustment is to be made at all, the adjustment should be a compromise between the resident and the Town

Supervisor Bloomfield said he asked John Mello, from the Environmental Protection Agency, his opinion and John felt a reduction should be made on the sewer consumption, since it was a clean water leak.

He also spoke to Joe Klopchin, our Water Operator, who has been in water/sewer for over thirty years. Mr. Klopchin said in his experience, it has been an unwritten rule that in any catastrophic loss such as this, it is forgiven.

Supervisor Bloomfield asked for comments from the Town Board. Councilman Canterino felt there should be some adjustment, "you can't turn your back on her".

Councilman Newbold said he would support an adjustment and thanked Supervisor Bloomfield for investigating the situation and working out an adjustment.

Councilman Cappella said he would support an adjustment totally.

Councilman Lyons asked if the adjustment was for 2008 only. The Supervisor replied yes. Councilman Lyons stated he was in agreement to an adjustment.

Councilman Newbold made a Motion to adjust the gallons used to reflect an adjustment of \$6,032.02 and the resident will be billed \$3,875.20 a figure based on prior consumption. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Newbold made a Motion to accept the Work Sessions of September 8th and 24th of 2008 and Regular Meetings of September 11th and 25th with a correction to the last paragraph of September 8th Work Session. The Motion was passed, with Councilman Canterino abstaining on September 8th and 11th as he was out of the Country.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution: Tax Levy for Open Space

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
RESOLUTION**

Tax Levy for Open Space

Introduced By: Councilman Kenneth Newbold
Seconded By: Councilman Louis Cappella
Date of Adoption: October 23, 2008

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 23rd day of October, 2008;

WHEREAS, the Town of Goshen presently supports an open space real property acquisition program, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that certain charges for open space for the 2008 tax year be levied upon 2009 real property tax rolls,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following charges for open space for the 2008 tax year be levied upon the 2009 real property tax rolls:

Levy of Open Space Debt	Amount
"A" Fund – Townwide Residents	\$159,560

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

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

G. FINANCE:

Councilman Canterino made a Motion to pay A/P Check Run of October 23, 2008 amounting to \$300,220.45. Councilman Newbold seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.

H. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Jerry Boss asked if compromising on the Arcadia water bill was setting a precedent? The Board replied yes, but they have tried to help when a resident has a serious problem, not necessarily their fault, and especially when it involves an elderly person. In this case an elderly widow. He also did not feel that \$25.00 was sufficient for a Carter's license. The Board discussed the various new fees that have just been established and will be incorporated in the code under 80B, which is being reviewed at this time.

Gary (last name inaudible) asked what services the Board plans to cut in the upcoming budget? Supervisor Bloomfield replied the Board did not plan on cutting services, but were cutting the budget where ever possible. Gary said he felt it irresponsible not to cut some positions. Councilman Cappella asked him what positions he would choose to cut, three positions from the Police Force or DPW or both. Supervisor Bloomfield stated the Board would not cut service positions at this time, but might have to if the economy becomes worse.

Reynell Andrews asked who is pressing for the kitchen at Craigville Park. Councilman Lyons replied Joint Recreation and all of the sport groups. He said it would generate finances for Joint Recreation, and since the present kitchen has a number of problems including venting, an improved kitchen would be healthier. He said this may be a capital improvement and be able to be funded by Parkland fees. Mr. Andrews said it did not seem to be necessary at this time.

Doris Bialas asked about the grant that was to provide for restrooms at Salesian. Councilman Lyons said the grant was for \$15,000 and the bathrooms could not be done for that amount of money. It is hoped that the money may be transferred to the Craigville park or that the rest rooms could come from parkland fees. Supervisor Bloomfield stated the rest rooms are needed at Salesian and Councilman Canterino said the infrastructure is there on the property to service rest rooms.

Mr. Boss asked about the signs that have been suggested for Craigville Park to earn money and their proximity to the Veteran's Cemetery? Again Supervisor Bloomfield and Attorney Caplicki stated they are against the law and will not be allowed.

Councilman Newbold said he would like to congratulate Town Police Officer Edward Edwards on doing a great job by arresting Luis Pedraza, with no violence. Officer Edwards stopped Mr. Pedraza for a vehicle and traffic stop, and an inquiry to Motor Vehicle showed that Pedraza was wanted on a felony parole warrant. Councilman Canterino said he would convey the message to Officer Edwards.

With no further comments forthcoming, Councilman Newbold made the Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Caggiano Negotiations
2. IWS Negotiations
3. JRC Personnel

4. Comprehensive Plan Litigation

with intent possibly to return. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:25 P.M.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk