

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
**TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
April 7, 2008

MINUTES

A work session of the Town Council of the Town of Goshen was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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	Philip Canterino	Councilman
Kenneth Newbold	Councilman	Louis Cappella	Councilman
George Lyons	Councilman		

Also Present: Dennis Caplicki    Town Attorney    Valma Eisma    Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:35 p.m.

**1 Cost Containment Discussion:** Supervisor Bloomfield addressed the Board stating he would like to have a cost containment discussion. He said he had spoken with Joel Kleiman, Commissioner of the Orange County Finance Department, and asked him for a heads up on the mortgage and sales tax income for this year. Mr. Kleiman stated he is not clairvoyant, but he said he was sure it would not materialize as the County had forecasted last year, and the county is very concerned. The County has announced only one choice for their Purchase of Development Rights this year and will not be doing a second round this year as they have done in the past.

Supervisor Bloomfield stated other municipalities are cutting back, one Police Chief asking his officers to park their cars and walk for one hour each day, which will save 12½ % on fuel. Supervisor Bloomfield stated other choices being made by many municipalities such as capital improvements being downsized or postponed, hiring freezes, etc.

The Council discussed at length various ways to curtail expenses, agreeing with many of the afore mentioned and many others as each Councilman spoke about their departments. It was agreed that the Board would talk with the Department Heads and bring their ideas and suggestions to the next work session, and the Board would continue the discussion.

**2. WATER/SEWER RATES:** Supervisor Bloomfield announced there will be a Water/Sewer Meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. He explained he met with Councilman Canterino and William Standish, Budget Office, and they went over the Proposed Rate Increase for the various Water/Sewer Districts that can be presented to the public at that time. He stated he is now presenting the results to the Council for their review.

The Council went over the proposal for all the Water/Sewer Districts, discussing what has to be done in each district and how best to finance the various projects that are needed. They discussed and tweaked the various items and Supervisor Bloomfield will take the proposal back to the Budget Officer and prepare the final reports that will be presented to the public at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing.

**3. REQUEST BY PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN:** Ralph Huddleston, Chairman of the Planning Board approached the Council with a request on behalf of the Planning Board Members. He stated it has been some time since the Board has seen an increase, and the amount of work involved has increased considerably. The Council agreed the work of the Planning Board goes

way before and after the actual meetings. Supervisor Bloomfield read the letter of request and the Council was in complete agreement. Councilman Newbold made a Motion to increase the stipend paid to the Planning Board members to \$85.00 per scheduled meeting and the Chairman's stipend to \$95.00 per scheduled meeting, effective May one. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. CSEA MOA:** Supervisor Bloomfield reported he had hoped to have a Memorandum of Agreement to approve this evening. However, a fax that was supposed to reach Council in time for the meeting did not arrive and approval will be placed on Thursday's Agenda.

**5. ROOF LEAK REPAIR QUOTE: \$3,899 PLUS:** Supervisor Bloomfield called the Council's attention to an estimate from J. Cassel for repair work of the damage done by the frozen, blocked drains during a storm on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The ice blockage caused the water from the rain to backup and enter the building causing considerable damage. The Cost of repairs is estimated to be \$3,800, which will be turned over to the insurance company. The Supervisor said there is also additional maintenance work that has to be done and he will obtain a quote and bring it back to Council at a later date.

**6. SGT. ALLEN FAUST PROPOSAL:** Attorney Caplicki suggested this be moved to Executive Session, Supervisor Bloomfield agreed.

**7. HEATHER LEWIS RESIGNATION:** Will be addressed and accepted at Thursday's meeting.

**8. 2008 GREAT AMERICAN WEEKEND 5k and 10k:** Supervisor Bloomfield read a letter from the Goshen Rotary Club requesting the use of certain Town Roads to hold the annual road race on July 5, 2008. A Motion was made by Councilman Lyons to approve the request. Councilman Cappella seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield announced the Slesinski Farm has been selected by the County for the purchase of their development rights. He stated Councilman Newbold will be acting as liaison and negotiator, along with Attorney Caplicki, for the project as he feels he should recuse himself as he attended school with the Slesinskis and have been lifetime friends. Supervisor Bloomfield stated this was the only parcel the County chose this year and there will not be any second round this year.

Supervisor Bloomfield made a Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Slesinski PDR negotiations, IWS contract negotiations and Sgt. Allen Faust's personnel proposal with the intent not to return. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried unanimously.

Time: 8:37 p.m.

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Valma Eisma, Town Clerk