

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
April 10, 2008

A regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Goshen was held on the 10th day of April, 2008 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
Kenneth Newbold Councilman

Also Present: Dennis Caplicki Town Attorney
Valma Eisma Town Clerk

Absent: Councilman George Lyons and Councilman Philip Canterino

A. CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Bloomfield opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. and asked Attorney Caplicki to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA: None

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – agenda items only: No Response

Supervisor Bloomfield said he would like to take this time to remember Adolph "Jerry" Gutkaiss who passed away April 2, 2008. He was for years the head of the Water/Sewer Department and retired from that position. Councilman Newbold stated, referring to Jerry, "he was Water/Sewer". He said there was nothing that was asked of him that he would not do. He said the Town really missed him when he retired, and the community will miss him now.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. CSEA MOA: Authorize Supervisor to Sign: Supervisor Bloomfield said he was pleased to say that he and Councilman Canterino have been negotiating the CSEA contract for this year and the following two years. He reported they now have reached an agreement. Councilman Cappella made a Motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the CSEA. Councilman Newbold seconded the Motion. Motion carried 3 to 0. Supervisor Bloomfield said that tomorrow there will be a ratification vote by the employees and then, once that is done, the Council will have a resolution for the next work session.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. ACCEPT HEATHER LEWIS'S RESIGNATION: Supervisor Bloomfield introduced Heather Lewis's resignation stating she has been employed for some time as a part time clerk in the Court Office. He stated that she has been a valued employee and would be missed. Councilman Cappella made the Motion to regretfully accept the resignation, and the Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried 3 to 0.

2. Authorize Town clerk to Purchase Audio Equipment: Supervisor Bloomfield explained that one of the microphones no longer works, which leaves the Board at least one short. He stated he has a proposal to replace the broken one, and add two more, so each Councilman will have their own mike and there will be one for the public. These are needed, as the new system requires that the mikes must be used for the meeting to be recorded. He said the total cost would be \$1,900.00 and there is money in the budget to provide them. Councilman Cappella made the Motion to authorize the Town Clerk to purchase the new audio equipment. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried 3 to 0.

F. FINANCE: Councilman Cappella made a Motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Check Run of March 27, 2008 amounting to \$220,301.15 and Check Run of April 10, 2008 amounting to \$55,940.36. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Supervisor Bloomfield stated he would like to announce there will be a Water/Sewer District informational meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 7:30 at the Town Hall. The meeting is being held to discuss the proposed increase in water/sewer rates with members of the four Water/Sewer Districts. The Supervisor said the meeting has been advertised in the paper and individual letters sent to all the residents of the Water/Sewer Districts.

G. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Doris Bialas asked the following questions:

1. Does any department in the Town have a credit card? Supervisor Bloomfield replied only one, the Joint Recreation. He said the only reason for this is that many times they need equipment or other odd items and some of the stores will not deal with vouchers. However, the purchases are monitored closely.

2. Are there any additional plans for Salesian Park this year. Supervisor Bloomfield replied none, there are no funds available at this time for Capital Improvements. He said however, if there should be grant monies obtained, there might be some improvements made.

3. Would the Council be agreeable to merging with the Village? Supervisor Bloomfield replied before making any decision the Council would have to really study this as we have a lot less debt, and we spend a lot less on certain services than the Village does. He said the merger would have to be good for everyone.

The Supervisor stated he would not be opposed, Councilman Newbold said a study was done once and the idea has been raised many times. He said it is a wonderful concept. Councilman Cappella said he has been talking about it for four years. "I feel we owe it to the public to study the plan, to see on paper if it is feasible." He said there seems to be a lot of misconceptions about it.

Supervisor Bloomfield said he had received a letter from the County Executive stating the Town had been awarded matching funds, under the PDR program, to purchase the Slesinski farm. He said there will be no others chosen for this year due to the current economy. This parcel is the fourth Goshen property and Supervisor Bloomfield said he would like to thank the County Executive and his committee for selecting another Goshen parcel. Upon the completion of this purchase the Town of Goshen will have purchased a total of four hundred and ninety nine acres under PDR.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Supervisor Bloomfield made a Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss IWS negotiations and Indiana Road legal assessment, with intent not to return. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried 3 to 0.

I. ADJOURNMENT: 8:25 p.m.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk