

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
**March 07, 2011**  
MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 7th day of March, 2011 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  
Kenneth Newbold Councilman

Absent: Philip Canterino Councilman

Also Present: Dennis Caplicki Attorney for the Town  
Priscilla Gersbeck Deputy Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:31pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. DISCUSS ANNUAL RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR VAN HORN REFRIGERATION, INC.  
THE PROPOSED RATES REMAIN THE SAME AS LAST YEAR.**

Van Horn Refrigeration Inc. submitted a proposal of service for the maintenance of the Town Hall's heating, ventilation and cooling system. The proposed rates are the same as stated in the 2010 agreement.

Councilman Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Van Horn Refrigeration, Inc. annual contract. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

Discussion: Supervisor Bloomfield stated that the *total* cost for preventative maintenance is \$945.00 and the technician costs are identical to last year's agreement. Councilman Lyons questioned if this agreement included the Police Station. Answer: The contract only covers the Town Hall.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold  
0 NAYS

**2. PESH FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION VERIFIED TOWN OF GOSHEN TO BE IN COMPLIANCE.**

Supervisor Bloomfield noted that this pertains to the security and safety of the buildings along with confined space entry (manholes etc.). He is pleased to report that the town was found to be in compliance.

**3. EXTERNAL AUDITORS COMPLETED ON-SITE REVIEW OF FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS AND CONTROL PROCEDURES. THE AUDIT RESULTS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE IN EARLY MAY.**

This past week, the auditors completed their on-site review of the Town's financial documents and control procedures within each department. The results will hopefully be available in early May.

**4. REMINDER – ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2011**

Supervisor Bloomfield reported that the St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Sunday, March 13, at 2:00pm. Lineup is between 1:00pm and 1:30pm at Scotchtown Ave. exit of the Orange County Government Center. If any of the Councilmen are interested in attending the Grand Marshal's Breakfast contact Supervisor Bloomfield for the details.

**5. BUDGET OFFICE REQUEST TO CLOSE OUT SIX BANK ACCOUNTS AS PART OF OUR COST SAVINGS/REDUCTION PROGRAM.**

The Budget Officer submitted a memo listing the six bank accounts which are no longer needed. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

**6. BUDGET OFFICER REQUEST TO ATTEND GFOA (GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOC.) ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND TRAINING.**

Bill Standish submitted a request to attend the GFOA Annual Conference and Training session from April 6 through April 8, 2011, in Albany, N.Y. The Wednesday through Friday sessions will cover governmental cash management, internal controls and 2011 federal legislative update as well as the state budget update. Other topics include implementing the new fund balance standard, converting assets into revenue streams, budgeting solutions, health care reform act, justice court audits, state retirement update and property tax levy caps.

Councilman Newbold made the motion to authorize Bill Standish to attend the Annual Conference and Training sponsored by the Government Finance Officers Association. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

Discussion: Conference registration costs to cover all seminars, breakfasts and lunches will cost \$345.00 and lodging for the 3 nights will cost \$425.00 totaling \$770.00. Discussion to cover the cost of mileage and evening meals concluded with a consensus from the Board Members to be included.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold  
0 NAYS

**Supervisor asked if there was anything for discussion.**

Supervisor Bloomfield reported that he received a phone call from the Highway Superintendent, Broderick Knoell, who reported on his investigation of the flooding that occurred from the recent storm. There was no damage to the well heads in Arcadia Hills. There was no interruption (electronics etc.) to the sewer service. Supervisor Bloomfield is pleased to report that the installation of an upgraded impeller to one of the sewer pumps is yielding 400 gallons per minute as opposed to 190 gallons per minute we've been using. This impeller will run less, using less electricity.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

1. Discussion With John Walsh, Insurance Attorney, Regarding Ken Sullivan Litigation.
2. Discuss Bond Amount For Final Approval Of Heritage Estates, AKA New York Farms, To Ensure Integrity Of Off-Site Neighboring Wells.
3. Update Status Of Village/Town Sewer Arbitration
4. Update Status Of Personnel Case Arbitration
5. Discuss Recent Correspondence With PBA
6. Update Status Of Time Warner Franchise Contract Renewal
7. Review Tax Certiorari Developments
8. Vacancy – Board Of Assessment Review

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

Time: 7:52PM

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Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk