

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
April 11, 2011
MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 11th day of April, 2011 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 7:34pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. REVIEW COST REDUCTION PROPOSAL BY BUDGET OFFICER REGARDING TOWN HALL TELEPHONE SERVICE

Budget Officer, William Standish, presented the Town Board with his cost savings analysis of monthly charges from three telephone companies. He compared Time Warner and Telecom Data Service to our present provider, Frontier. The monthly cost Frontier stated was \$1,977. Time Warner's stated monthly cost is \$1,518 which includes more services. Telecom Data Service stated \$580 per month with additional charges to usage of minutes in excess and labor charges. General consent of the Board Members favored Time Warner with a monthly savings of \$459 and a yearly savings of \$5,508.

Councilman Cappella suggested that if the Town should select Time Warner with the new higher speed internet modem, the Town should maintain one hard-wire line in case the internet goes down.

2. REVIEW COST REDUCTION PROPOSAL REGARDING ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

ThyssenKrupp Elevator Company had a change in personnel which enabled the Town to negotiate a new service contract. The current monthly cost is \$317.48. The proposed monthly cost is \$200.00 which will decrease the monthly total by \$117.48. The annual reduction will be saving of \$1,409.

3. REVIEW COST REDUCTION PROPOSAL FOR COPYING MACHINE LEASE CONTRACT

The Building and Zoning Department requested a scanner for their Xerox copier. This prompted a review of the current lease comparing it to a new lease:

Current Lease:

Department	Prints	Overage Rate	Monthly Lease
<i>Town Clerk</i>	6000	0.0084	213.25
<i>Assessor</i>	5000	0.0084	259.26
<i>Building & Zoning</i>	6000	0.0084	213.25 (running over)
<i>Justice</i>	2000	0.0084	191.26 (running over)
		Total	877.02 + overage charge

Proposed Lease:

Department	Prints	Overage Rate	Monthly Lease
<i>Town Clerk</i>	6000	0.0051	145.73
<i>Assessor</i>	6000	0.0051	158.92
<i>Building & Zoning</i>	6000	0.0051	145.73
<i>Justice</i>	6000	0.0051	148.55
		Total	598.93

With a new lease, the monthly savings (excluding overage fees) will total \$278.09. The new Xerox copiers will include the scanner and a free fax option.

4. JPK ENVIRONMENTAL INC., WATER & SEWER MANAGEMENT SERVICES (added to the agenda) Supervisor Bloomfield informed the Board Members that he had a discussion with Joseph Klopchin of JPK Environmental Services. The discussion pertained to the Town Highway Superintendent, Broderick Knoell, who is presently taking courses to obtain a water and sewer license. When Mr. Knoell has the credentials to take over the Water and Sewer Department, the services provided by JPK Environmental Inc. will be phased-out. Meanwhile, JPK Environmental Inc. has decreased their fee from \$1,960 to \$1,200 per month.

5. JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR MAY 4, 2011 AT 7:00PM AT TOWN HALL

Supervisor Bloomfield informed the Board Members that the first meeting of the Joint Economic Development Initiative (JEDI) to take place on May 4, 2011 at 7:00PM in the Town Hall. The JEDI committee (Town & Village) will be formed to explore ways to promote business and job creation and retention in the Town and Village. JEDI will also explore ways to partner with county, regional,

state and federal officials to help support and promote economic development in Goshen. Several major economic promoters of the Hudson Valley area have signed on as presenters. Invited guests are representatives from several Federal, State and County levels of government as well as members on the land use boards in the Town and Village.

6. APPROVE REQUEST BY HACIENDA RESTAURANT FOR PERMIT TO HOLD CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2011.

A letter was received by the Town Board from Ricardo Salcedo, Manager of the Hacienda Restaurant requesting permission to hold its annual outdoor Cinco de Mayo celebration on Thursday, May 5th, 2011. This was referred to the Police Department for their input.

Councilman Newbold made the motion to honor the request from the Hacienda Restaurant for permission to hold the Cinco de Mayo on Thursday, May 5, 2011. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold
0 NAYS

7. DISCUSS POTENTIAL WATER/SEWER RATE CHANGES AND SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011 AT 7:00PM AT TOWN HALL

A letter was sent to the Village Mayor, Kyle Roddey, on March 31, 2011 requesting the estimate of the percentage change in Village charges to the Town residents in the water and sewer districts. The Town was in the process of establishing new water and sewer billing rates. As of this date, the Town has not received a response to this request. The question was raised as to what is exactly included in the operating costs.

Councilman Cappella made the motion to set a public hearing for the annual water and sewer rate change meeting for Wednesday evening at 7:00pm at the Town Hall on April 27, 2011. Councilman Canterino seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold
0 NAYS

8. DISCUSS NORTH JERSEY TRAILER & TRUCK SERVICE DRAINAGE EASEMENTS

Supervisor Bloomfield referred to a letter from Sean Hoffman, PE, Consulting Engineer- Riddick Associates. The letter outlined four proposed drainage easements located on property owned by North Jersey Trailer & Truck Service. Although the drainage facilities (ponds and swales) will be maintained by the developer, these drainage easements are offered to provide the Town the right, but not the obligation, to maintain the facilities which impact road drainage. The Attorney for the Town hasn't received the paperwork on the drainage easement for review. A request was made to review the Cannon Hill Road dedication with this, as this is part of the same project.

9. DISCUSS AND APPROVE REQUEST BY ORANGE COUNTY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS TO HOLD A BIKE RIDING EVENT ON SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011

Seven Catholic Schools in Orange County will hold a fund raiser "Spirited Spokes" Bike Tour on May 21, 2011. Participating schools are; John S. Burke Catholic High School-Goshen, Most Precious Blood-Walden, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School-Middletown, Sacred Heart-Monroe, St. John School-Goshen, St. Joseph's School-Middletown and St. Stephen-St. Edward School-Warwick. Insurance coverage is requested, for the Town of Goshen, covering the roadways to be used.

Councilman Newbold made the motion to authorize the request by the Orange County Catholic Schools to hold the bike riding event on Saturday, May 21, 2011. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold
0 NAYS

10. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITIZEN INPUT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Councilman Newbold made the motion to set the Public Hearing for citizen input for The Community Development Block Grant on May 9, 2011 at 7:30pm or soon thereafter at 41 Webster Avenue. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold
0 NAYS

11. DISCUSS AND APPROVE REQUEST BY GOSHEN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO ALLOW NELSON TREE SERVICE TO TEMPORARILY PARK TRUCKS AT THE DPW PARKING AREA

Highway Superintendent, Broderick Knoell, sent a letter to the Town requesting authorization to allow Nelson Tree Service to park at the DPW for approximately two months while they are working in the Goshen area. Nelson Tree Service has contracted with Orange and Rockland to trim trees along the O & R power lines. Nelson Tree Service would provide a boom truck and crew to assist our highway personnel to cut higher branches and tree portions along roads that posed potential hazards in exchange for this parking privilege. This request will be continued at Thursday's meeting.

12. ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME EMPLOYEE JOHN LYNN TERRY FROM BUILDING & ZONING OFFICE EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011

Councilman Canterino made the motion to accept the resignation of John Lynn Terry, a part time employee in the Building & Zoning Office, effective Wednesday, April 20, 2011. Councilman Newbold seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilman Lyons inquired as to Mr. Terry's insurance coverage as an independent contractor to take photographs for the revaluation for the Assessor's Office. It is understood that Mr. Terry has almost completed this contract.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold
0 NAYS

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

1. Discuss Proposed Interstate Waste, Inc. Tax Certiorari Settlement
2. Discuss Proposed Orange County Golf Club Tax Certiorari Settlement
3. Update Information On Development Of Water/Sewer Districts For New York Farms, AKA Heritage Estates, Inc.
4. Update Status Of Village/ Town Sewer Dispute Arbitration
5. Personnel – P.D.
6. Discuss Potential Candidates For The Town Environmental Review Board
7. Discuss Potential Members For "JEDI"
8. Discuss Nelson Tree Service Contract

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

Time: 8:35PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk