

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 24, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 24th day of June, 2010 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
	George Lyons	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 asked Councilman Newbold to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA: None

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only) No response

D. REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN CAPPELLA reported that Highway just received information from the state saying they are awarding us \$113,000 of the CHIP money. He explained this is money to purchase blacktop and macadam for the roads. He said last year we receive \$137,000, a shortfall of \$24,000, this means 375 tons less of blacktop. He asked Supervisor Bloomfield what the change in the program was? Supervisor Bloomfield answered that the monies would now come in multiple payments, possibly quarterly, instead of one payment that was given in the past. Councilman Cappella also reported Highway has finished cleanup and are now working on the subdivisions, catch basin and general clean up work.

Councilman Cappella reported he had a Senior's Commission meeting today, everything is running smoothly, the rentals are doing well, and the seniors are enjoying the programs. He said there was nothing to report on Dial-A-Bus.

COUNCILMAN NEWBOLD reported there was nothing to report on the Water/Sewer Department, no water breaks. He said he attended the fund raiser Games for Grace, there were four or five hundred people there, and he said he was very proud to see the community turn out for the family. He said as he was coming to the meeting the graduating class was lined up to go to church, and he wished to congratulate them all.

COUNCILMAN LYONS reported that Joint Recreation is handing out fliers to introduce the public to all their new programs and activities available to our youth through the course of the summer. He said the program is quite varied and the prices are somewhat reasonable. Councilman Lyons said the fees do vary somewhat, if you live in the Town the fee is less than neighboring towns who have to pay a little more.

He reported there are seventy-five people registered for the first week of camp that begins on Monday, June 28th. The count is a little bit down for the first week, which is normally between ninety five and one hundred fifteen students in the day camp. He said the numbers for the U.S. Sports Camp, which we use in conjunction with JRC are also down.

Councilman Lyons said the biggest news is that the JRC did receive the extension for the bathrooms, and since it is #1 on the agenda tonight, we will be discussing it later.

COUNCILMAN CANTERINO said he had previously reported he thought there were some relatively good offers on the table in reference to the PBA contract negotiations. He said now there is the matter of whether we , the PBA, and the police will agree, and make a formal agreement. Hopefully, he said, this will keep us from going to arbitration.

Councilman Canterino also reported the Police Department was awarded a grant for the purchase of a speed monitoring piece of equipment. He said they have received it, and it is being used. He said it is trailer mounted, and tells what the speed limit is and what your speed is. He said the Police plan to place it in strategic locations where there are excessive speeds being reported that are dangerous to the community. Councilman Canterino said they were hoping members of the community would report any excessive speeders to the police, so they can utilize this piece of equipment.

Councilman Canterino reported that William Davis retired effective June 23rd, and he went to the Department's office to give him his certificate of appreciation. He said most of the police were there, but it was very low keyed, as he did not want a going away party. He said more importantly his daughter just presented him with a new grandchild. He said he was sorry to see officer Davis leave.

SUPERVISOR BLOOMFIELD reported that at Monday's Work Session he had spoken about Court revenue, and the fact that the Court revenue is down. He said when he looked into the cause of this he found that the State is keeping a larger amount of the money. He said last year New York took 51%, this year they are taking 55%. Supervisor Bloomfield said there are fewer tickets being given, the number of tickets are off by approximately 800, and it seems that the State Police are writing fewer tickets. He said this will create a \$90,000 lost in revenue compared to 2009 revenues.

Supervisor Bloomfield said at Monday's meeting he had reported the Al Turi tax certiorari trial had begun, and it is now finished. He said most of the Board members attended the trial at different times, and he tried to attend all of the sessions. The Supervisor said he was very pleased with the representation of our attorney and appraiser, the team that the Board put together with the help of Attorney Caplicki. He said the Board should hear the results in late fall.

Supervisor Bloomfield reported that people have been asking him about the audit the Board requested on the Village Sewer finances last year, and what is the status. He called Christopher Ellis, Unit Manager of the New Windsor office, and he said we should be receiving the results within a week or two.

The Supervisor also reported that at the request of the County, some last minute changes were made on the Jessup Switch Road Rehabilitation, a Community Development Block Grant. He said the changes were put in and, received the final prints back. He said any day now we should get the go ahead from the County. When this occurs the Supervisor, Councilman Canterino, Councilman Cappella and Highway Superintendent Andryshak will meet with our engineer to review it and prepare to put it out to bid. He said the grant is for approximately \$287,000, a very good grant, and a major improvement.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2008 Municipal Parks Grant Re: Restroom At The Salesian Park: Supervisor Bloomfield asked Councilman Lyons to address the Board. Councilman Lyons said Joint Recreation received a letter giving an extension to the 2008 Municipal Parks Grant for the restroom at the Salesian Park. The extension has been granted to December 17th, 2010. He said this was a \$15,000 grant that was a joint request between the Town and the Village. It has been delayed for many different reasons, but Councilman Lyons said the extension will give the JRC time to get the restroom up and going, hopefully way before December.

Councilman Canterino made a Motion to Authorize the Supervisor to sign the Intermunicipal Cooperation Parks Agreement. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes: Councilman Cappella made the Motion to approve the minutes of Work Sessions of May 10th, May 24th and June 7th, 2010 and the Regular Meetings of May 13th, May 27th, and June 10, 2010. Motion seconded by Councilman Newsbold. Motion carried unanimously.

F. FINACNES: Councilman Newbold made a Motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable Check Run for June 24th, 2010 amounting to \$207,378.18. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Canterino made a Motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Manual A/P runs as of 6/24/10 for checks written from 4/02 to 05/31/2010 amounting to \$20,598.31. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried unanimously.

G. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Supervisor Bloomfield said he would like to remind people to be careful driving around the subdivisions in the Town as school is out and the young people are playing in the streets in many areas.

Neal Hickok asked a question in reference to insecticide (did not use mike, could not be heard) Councilman Lyons answered saying at the last meeting JRC meeting Kevin Armistead said he was aware of a new regulation and modifications will have to be made as far as the JRC is concerned. Supervisor Bloomfield said if it is used at the Town Hall, he will just have them discontinue the use.

Joel Markowitz asked about the status of the RFP (Request For Proposal) between the Village and the Town in reference to the Salesian School Building. Councilman Lyons said he understood David Donovan, Village Attorney, was supposed to draw up the RFP. When asked to do it Mr. Donovan said he would need some help from an engineer. Councilman Lyons said that was when Sean Hoffman was called in, but he has not heard anything since, and he did not think that anything has been done. Supervisor Bloomfield said he would suggest Mr. Markowitz take this to the Village Board and ask them the same question, since they were the ones that where assigned the lead on it.

Mr. Markowitz said you can speak to either Village Board or Town Board, but there is a serious lack of communication between the two Boards. He said it is time the two Boards worked things out. Supervisor Bloomfield said Councilman Lyons is the liaison between the Joint Recreation Commission and the Town. As such he works closely with the Village liaison, and reports back to the Town what is being done, etc. The Supervisor said "this is the vehicle to take this on, I am not going to write a note to the Mayor asking him why are he is not doing his job and I don't want him sending me a letter saying I am not doing mine.

We do communicate and have been communicating all along, with the sewer negotiations.

Councilman Canterino asked Councilman Lyons if he would ask about the progress of the RFP at the next meeting with the JRC. Councilman Lyons replied he would.

H. ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Cappella made a Motion to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss the Al Turi Litigation status and Village Sewer Negotiations with intent not to return. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried unanimously.

Time: 8:05 p.m.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk