

TOWN OF GOSHEN

TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

August 08, 2011

MINUTES

A Work Session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 8th day of August, 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
	Valma Eisma	Town Clerk

Supervisor Bloomfield opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. and asked Councilman Newbold to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN TO EXPAND HAMBLETONIAN PARK WATER DISTRICT BY 75 ADDITIONAL HOMES. THE NEW FILING PROCESS WITH THE COUNTY NEEDS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Supervisor Bloomfield asked Attorney Caplicki if he had anything new on items one and two on the agenda? Attorney Caplicki stated that everything is proofed and ready to be accepted, however he had not heard from Mr. Sweeney nor Mr. Esposito. Mr. Caplicki stated everything should be ready for Thursday's meeting.

2. DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT NEW YORK FARMS, LLC (AKA HERITAGE ESTATES) CONSERVATION EASEMENT, PARCEL A. AND PROPPERTY TRANSFER WITH CONSERVATION EASEMENT PARCEL B.

Attorney Caplicki said the same is true of this as the expansion, discussed in Item 1, everything is ready and in place, however, the money is not yet in place. Attorney Caplicki stated that Mr. Esposito assured him that they want the Town to keep proceeding forward, and they are processing everything on the State level, the DEC. etc. There was a brief discussion, and it was decided the Board will address this at Thursday's meeting.

3. APPROXIMATELY 100 SMALL CLAIMS ASSESSMENT REQUESTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR 2011, VERSUS 103 IN 2010 AND 180 IN 2009:

Supervisor Bloomfield explained that this was just for the Board's information, and it was about the same as last year.

4. REVIEW PROPOSED TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT FOR EASTGATE PROPERTIES:

Supervisor Bloomfield asked Attorney Caplicki the Status of this settlement? Attorney Caplicki replied that he had appeared in court on Friday, and he indicated to the court that this tax certiorari had been settled. Attorney Caplicki is waiting now for the Consent Judgment, which he has not received as yet, but has been assured that he should have it for Thursday's meeting. He said he also wants to talk with the Assessor so that he is sure he has accurate numbers. The Board discussed two other tax certs they will be dealing with in the near future.

5. A PHOSPATE ADDITIVE SYSTEM IS BEING RECOMMENDED BY RIDDICK ASSOICATES TO CONTROL LEAD AND COPPER; THE ELEVATED LEVEL AT SOME CUSTOMER TAPS IS COMING FROM HOUSEHOLD PLUMBING. THE ESTIMATED COST FOR THE SYTEM IS \$4,200.00.

Supervisor Bloomfield explained the Town Engineer Dennis Lindsay, did a lead & copper desktop study of the Scotchtown Water District. As a result he is recommending a phosphate additive system to control the lead and copper levels in the Scotchtown Water District. The Supervisor said we received a grant for the water tank, and we are making good progress in this water district.

6. RAY BALLY WROTE A NICE LETTER OF COMMENDATION FOR BRODERICK KNOELL AND THE DPW EMPLOYEES FOR RESPONDING TO A ROAD PROBLEM IN FRONT OF HIS HOME:

Supervisor Bloomfield explained that Lower Reservoir Road, which is where Mr. Bally's home is located, has been built up over the years making the road higher and higher with layers of asphalt. He said this caused the water to run off the road and form a gully right in front of his home, with a considerable drop off. The Supervisor spoke to the Highway Superintendent, and when he had time the men went up to repair it. Mr. Bally wanted to thank the men and commend them for the great job they had done.

Supervisor Bloomfield also read a letter from Susan Cleaver expressing her gratitude to our Highway and Police Department. She said they did an incredible job during the recent tornado that touched down in Goshen recently. "it was heartwarming to see the response, care and concern that they showed during the mess that was created.

7. MEMORANDUM FROM BUILDING INSPECTOR REGARDING PLANNIG DEPARTMENT FEES:

Supervisor Bloomfield explained that the Board had received a memo, from the Building Inspector, Neal Halloran, stating that New York State is now allowing for the perpetual extension of projects with Conditional Final Approval. The Building Inspector said that he has seen the start of projects sitting idle for more than a year and, " I expect that we will see that time period creep up to several years for some of the projects." He said each project will need to come back to the Planning Board every 3 – 6 months.

Mr. Halloran said it costs the Town, from the general budget, approximately \$800 to \$900 for each Planning Board Meeting. He explained that this includes the costs of the Planning Board Members and the secretary. It does not include the costs of my office involvement, the administration and tracking of the project approval, nor does it cover the cost of the consultants (which is paid from escrow funds)

Mr. Halloran is suggesting that the fee should be \$100-200 per extension, which will cover a small part of the cost of a meeting.

The Board was very concerned about the State's decision, they felt it would enable projects that have Conditional Final Approval to sit for years and suddenly, when they wanted to resurrect, want to come back under the same conditions, which may have changed in the mean time. Councilman Canterino felt the three six month review could be very costly under this new law, and why was that type of review necessary. He said he felt that would be costly to the taxpayer. Councilman Lyons stated "I would just be more cautious of granting Conditional Final Approval now as prior to this." The Board discussed the fees briefly, and Supervisor Bloomfield suggested that since the Board had unanswered questions, he would meet with Neal Halloran and discuss this, and report back to the Board at Thursday's meeting.

8. DISCUSS AND APPROVE SECRETARY FOR ERB AND ZBA EFFECTIVE 8/8/2011:

Supervisor Bloomfield explained that this hire was talked about, but when he sought the resume it could not be found. The Building Inspector's secretary is on vacation, and will return before Thursday's meeting, therefore the Board will address this on Thursday's meeting.

With no further business, Councilman Newbold made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, and go into Executive Session, with intent not to return to discuss:

- 1. Sewer Arbitration Status Review**
- 2. IMA Negotiation Status Review**
- 3. CSEA Negotiation Status Review**
- 4. Personnel Case – PD**
- 5. Al Turi Appeal Status .**

The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

TIME: 8:00 p.m.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk

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