

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
TOWN COUNCIL COMBINED WORKSESSION & MEETING  
November 08, 2010  
M I N U T E S

A worksession and regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010 at 7:30pm 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

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:36 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA**

**C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)**

No Response

**D. PUBLIC HEARING: TOWN OF GOSHEN 2011 BUDGET**

**1. ADOPT 2011 BUDGET**

Councilman Newbold made a motion to open the public hearing for the Town Of Goshen 2011 Budget. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

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

Supervisor Bloomfield detailed his presentation of findings derived from multiple meetings he had with Councilman Canterino and the Town Board, Department Heads and the Budget Officer.

Following is a summary of the approaches in budgeting for 2011.

**Town of Goshen Financial Planning Goals:** Financial Stability, Protect Jobs, Protect Services and Weather The Economic Storm.

**Principles Followed Preparing 2011 Budget:** Use 5 year budget analysis in decision-making, Continuous focus on cost reduction, No new borrowing in 2011, Pay as we go or don't go, Maintain current level of service, Be prepared to reduce costs further if projected revenues are not realized, Utilize all sources of cash. As a footnote: we have reduced our debt by 52% by not borrowing from the bank since 2006. This translates into taxpayer savings of about \$350,000 a year.

**Assessable Base:** With the economic conditions, activity in building has been at a minimum. Therefore, the change is minor at a +.0003% between 2010 (940,790,770) and 2011 (941,015,674).

**Items To Be Managed – Abnormal Expenses:** Pension Plans are up 15%, Workmen Compensation is up 20%, Health Insurance is up at a minimum of 5% and Tax Certioraris are the “hidden liabilities” to be resolved in the next three years. **Revenue Losses:** Mortgage tax in 2011 will be 61% below the high level which was in 2006. This is a FUND A item which impacts the Village. In the past the Town did very well in receiving Grants. Based on the economic condition of the nation and our State, we did not project to receive grant monies. We will still apply for grants, but the outlook is grim. Court Fines & Fees are down 21% from what they were budgeted to be.

**Revenues:**

<u>Mortgage Tax</u>		Actual (\$M)		
<u>2006</u>	→ → → →	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	▶ Cumulative impact: 2006 through 2011 = -\$1,629 [52% less]
701		225	275	

<u>Sales Tax</u>		Actual (\$M)	
<u>2006</u>	→ → → →	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
1,014		1,000	1,000

Other revenue categories are: Courts 275,000,  
 Grants 0 ▶ will apply for, but not counting on them  
 Fund Balances (cash) 410,000  
 Parkland Fee Account 200,000  
 Property Taxes 4,442,141

**Expense Comparison**

<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
\$7,427,192	\$7,401,431	\$7,395,101

**Town of Goshen Budget Debt History**

	<u>12/31/06</u>	→ → → →	<u>12/31/10</u>		<u>12/31/11</u>
Operations	\$ 3,076,999		\$ 1,719,331	\$	1,439,650
PDR	\$ 1,511,923		\$ 2,399,200	\$	2,357,050
Total Debt	\$ 4,588,922		\$ 4,118,531	\$	3,796,70



**Raymond Rooney**, Corral Court, Inquired about the amount budgeted for JRC at \$70,000 and questioned the mathematics used to calculate the tax increase for the Village. Mr. Rooney also questioned why the Assessors part-time employee positions salary is listed when the Supervisor stated that they will not be filled in 2011. He also wanted clarification of tax certioraris pending and how the settlements will affect the taxpayer. Attorney Caplicki responded that presently we have a *judgment* pending in the Turi litigation, which is a special case as there are unpaid taxes for years with a lot of penalties and interests. On the certioraris in general, *if* there is a judgment which indicates a refund to the taxpayer by the taxing authorities – the school district, governed by a different state law, pays the monies based on a sixty day time period. With the Town, those monies are advanced by Orange County. Then they are levied in subsequent years on the State, County and Town tax bills which are *melded* into the County tax rate which is charged to the Town of Goshen. In summary, it's not an automatic expense item which the Town has to reimburse. That is why the certioraris aren't noted in the budget.

Supervisor Bloomfield noted that with the Turi judgment, the Town has two choices: one is to appeal the judgment and the other is to negotiate it. This is "far from a done deal". Whatever the outcome is, the Village taxpayer will not be levied through the County tax on this particular tax certiorari.

There was discussion pertaining to items in the A and B Funds covering Attorney fees and line items for the Salesian property.

With no further comments from the public, Councilman Newbold made the motion to close the Public hearing on the 2011 Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried.

Councilman Newbold made the motion to approve the adoption of the Town of Goshen 2011 Budget. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Newbold thanked all of those involved in putting together the 2011 Budget for their countless hours of time and effort.

**E.     OLD BUSINESS:**

**1.       Resolution To Authorize Chief Of Police, Dennis Marsh, To Sign "Stop DWI Program" Contract With Orange County**

This resolution authorizes Police Chief Marsh to execute any and all necessary documents and contracts with regards to available funds for the purpose of conducting enforcement activities related to the Stop DWI Program. Resolution as follows:



**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Review Request By The Goshen Humane Society To Build Additional Dog Runs At The Goshen Animal Shelter**

Rick Bossley, Vice President of the Humane Society addressed the Board. Recently the Humane Society received a substantial gift (\$106,000+) from a Goshen resident who passed away. Currently the shelter has 4 dog runs, is overcrowded and needs more room for the overcrowded cat population. The shelter is looking to construct an addition to include 12 enclosed dog runs with guillotine doors. Mr. Bossley reviewed the prospective plans to expand the current 30 x 50 building by 1,000 sq. feet.

Councilman Lyons thanked Mr. Mrs. Bossley for their devotion and time they have given to the daily operations of the Humane Society.

Councilman Cappella pointed out how the improvements might add to annual expenses (i.e.: electricity, air conditioning). Mr. Bossley stated that they have had fund raisers and slightly increased the adoption fees plus many other ways to raise revenues to stabilize the operations of the shelter.

On behalf of the Humane Society, Mr. Bossley is asking for a building permit.

Response: An application has to be submitted to the Town for acquiring the land and necessary permits.

Councilman Newbold noted that the shelter well is shared with the Town Police Department. This will have to be looked into.

**2. Set Public Hearing Local Law #2 Dog Licensing Law – November 22, 2010**

Effective January 1, 2011, the State of New York will relinquish the responsibility of the dog licensing function to local municipalities and is eliminating the Animal population Control Fund. Local municipalities will now be required to adopt legislation relating to this issue. Resolution to set a public hearing in respect to the adoption of Local Law #2 of 2010 as follows:

**TOWN OF GOSHEN  
RESOLUTION**

**Local Law No. 2 of 2010 Amendment to the Code of the Town of Goshen  
Chapter 55 Entitled “Dogs”**

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman George Lyons

SECONDED BY: Councilman Louis Cappella

DATED: November 8, 2010

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York, held at Town Hall in said Town on the 8th day of November, 2010;

WHEREAS, a Local Law, being proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2010, a copy of which is attached hereto was introduced at the Town Board meeting of November 8, 2010 by a member of the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to hold a public hearing in respect to the adoption of said local law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held by this Board with respect to the adoption of the aforesaid local law at 7:35 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2010 at Town Hall, 41 Webster Avenue, Goshen, New York and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, Philip Canterino	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilperson, Louis Cappella	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>		

*Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 4 to 0.*

### **3. Police Department Auto Accident**

Supervisor Bloomfield reported that Police Chief Marsh while working the 4-12 shift was involved in a deer accident. Apparently a passing vehicle hit the deer which went across the road into the Chief's car. Chief Marsh fared better than the deer, with an injury to his knee. Please be conscious of the fact that the deer are running this time of year when traveling along the roads.

### **4. Resolution: Amendment To Chapter 85 of the Code of the Town of Goshen entitled "Fees"**

An amendment is proposed to our Town Code, Chapter 85 that will apply to Special Permit application fees that come before the Town Board. This is in addition to/separate from any SEQRA fees. The fees will be applicant driven so as to not burden the taxpayer. Resolution as follows:

**TOWN OF GOSHEN  
RESOLUTION**

**Amendment to Chapter 85 of the Code of the Town of Goshen Entitled “Fees”**

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Kenneth Newbold

SECONDED BY: Councilman George Lyons

DATED: November 8, 2010

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York, held at Town Hall in said Town on the 8th day of November, 2010;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Goshen has previously adopted a Schedule of Fees with respect to building, planning and zoning application and inspection fees; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Goshen does in certain specific instances receive application(s) for Special Permit(s); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Goshen wishes to establish a Schedule of Fees for same,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Chapter 85 of the Code of the Town of Goshen entitled “Fees” is hereby amended so as to add the following:

Town Board Fees			
Applications			
Special Permit			
Application	\$525.00		plus \$120/du or \$55/1000 sq. feet of floor area
Escrow	\$2,500		

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>Aye</u>	Councilperson, Philip Canterino	<u>Absent</u>
Councilperson, Louis Cappella	<u>Aye</u>	Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	<u>Aye</u>
Councilperson, George Lyons	<u>Aye</u>		

*Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 4 to 0.*

