

**TOWN BOARD WORKSESSION  
FEBRUARY 5, 2007**

PRESENT:

Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor	George Lyons	Councilman
Kenneth Newbold	Councilman	Philip Canterino	Councilman

ABSENT: Louis Cappella, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Cleaver and Neal Halloran

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. Supervisor Bloomfield asked Susan Cleaver, member of the Planning Board and Neal Halloran, Town Building Inspector to join the Board. He said he asked them to come and give the Board some ideas relative to some potential water protocols in regard to water quality. The Supervisor said the Board is now in the process of putting together new protocols. Ms. Cleaver addressed the Board saying the laws she was about to read were in regard to the meeting in January about the weather stations. She said at that time the quality of the surface and ground water were discussed. The Board at that time asked Ms. Cleaver and Inspector Halloran to come back to the Board with some drafts or possible laws to protect the water quality of the Town. She said the concerns about the water quality of the water is based on the following:
  1. There is a chloride problem in the groundwater on Scotchtown Avenue as evidenced by the test results for the water district and the results of the test for a proposed subdivision.
  2. There is a ground water problem on Police Drive and Philipsburg Road as the result of MTBE spills.
  3. There are impaired streams and a river in the Town as evidenced by tests done by the Orange County Water authority. The black Meadow Creek, the Otterkill, the Rio and the Wallkill River. The Black Meadow, and the Otterkill are not currently a health hazard, but with continued or additional degradation they may get to that point. The actions we propose address these concerns in several ways.

- A. The first law is a law regulating wells in the Town. The law calls for a permit to be issued prior to any well being drilled in the Town. This will give the Town knowledge of where and what conditions exist when the wells are drilled. Further it will allow us to assure that the wells are properly drilled, in a location that is safe, in a way that will prevent surface water contamination in the groundwater. We have several wells we are aware of right now that have been drilled, then abandoned without being done in a manner that prevents surface water, garbage, and any other pollutant that might be in the area.

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The draft does not discuss the question of whether to require existing well owners to register their wells. That would make sense for all the reasons there are concerns about wells in general. While owners may be concerned about the impact, the Town might want to waive any fees for any existing wells for the first 90 days, then require a fee for any after that time.

- B. The second law is to regulate development near wetlands and watercourses. The purpose of this is to mitigate, eliminate, and prevent any degradation of water quality through the introduction of pollutants and toxins associated with increased development. ie. fertilizers, herbicides, nitrogen. These features naturally and economically function to help with nutrient and pollutant uptake, mitigation of storm water quality and quantity. It will involve the use of buffers and restrictions or elimination of development within those buffers.
- C. The third law is a local storm water law. This will expand the requirements of the state laws. It is based on the model local laws proposed by the state. It will allow the Town to take a more active roll in the control and treatment of storm water and it will put the Town in a better fiscal position when it is eventually included in the requirements for what is known as a MS4 community. We will be in the position of not having to suddenly put facilities in place that we have not planned for and provided for in our approvals and actions.
- D. Lastly we are working on the application to have the Otterkill and the Black

Meadow Creek included on the states priority (impaired and impacted) stream list and possibly the 303d list. This is expected to allow the Town to apply stricter standards for approvals within the watersheds and it should give us a higher ranking if we request funding to improve the quality of the waters in these streams.

We would like to continue working on these laws and having other people reviewing them. We are requesting that Hickory Creek Consulting be involved in the review of the laws from an environmental impact viewpoint.

We have had help from the ERB and some Planning Board members in reviewing and writing these drafts. We started with laws already passed and in force throughout the state and modified and changed the laws to fit the local conditions.

The Board discussed the proposal at length, with Inspector Halloran reporting he has found many abandoned wells while inspecting properties. He said these wells really need to be capped and registered. They suggested a 90 day grace period for residents to come in and register the wells and if not used capped. After the 90 days there would be a penalty for having an abandoned well. The method of capping the wells was discussed.

Inspector Halloran also said he is concerned the wells out there might not have backflow protection, they are drilling in areas where they should not be drilling. He said we need to have some control over these wells. They presented the Board with a report titled Possible Local Law for the Protection of Water Quality for their review.

Inspector Halloran said Lee Bergus, with the Health Department is working on the well law. Mr. Bergus has reviewed it once and is now going to update some of the standards and will be finished soon. Supervisor Bloomfield said Ron Gainer is working with Ed Garling relative to the water protocols and he will have his report ready by the end of the week. They are concerned with contamination and the Supervisor said perhaps this should be considered in the water protocols. The Supervisor said he had asked Mr. Garling and Mr. Gainer to have their report ready and to meet with the Board on February 20<sup>th</sup> at the work session. He said hopefully the Public Hearing can be set at that meeting also.

Supervisor Bloomfield felt spills should also be a part of the protocols. He said after the spill of MTBEs at the Police and Highway Departments, future spills should be addressed.

2. Accept Resignation of John Swift from the Environmental Review Board – Will be placed on Thursday's agenda.
3. Water/Sewer Districts Meeting: Supervisor Bloomfield said he has scheduled a Water/Sewer meeting for all the districts. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall on February 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Notice of the meeting will go out with the water bills and will be advertised in the newspaper. The meeting will be for all four districts, which will include Scotchtown Park as we now own it. With the money already bill in Scotchtown Park the meters will now be ordered.
4. Board Authority to Bond for \$300,000.00 for Hambletonian Park Water Line: Supervisor Bloomfield said this would have to be on Thursday's agenda as a Public Hearing will have to be set to obtain the authority to bond the \$300,000.00 for the Hambletonian Park water line as it appears the Town will not be receiving the \$300,000.00 promised by former Representative Kelly.
5. Scotchtown Park Water Meters: If all reports are in from the engineer, etc. the meters will go on the agenda for Thursday.
6. Workplace Violence Prevention Plan: Councilman Lyons reported he had given the Board a plan to review and there where some changes suggested. He said he made these various changes and reviewed them with the Board. Supervisor Bloomfield said he thought the Board should prioritize the offices that might be most vulnerable. He felt the Justices' offices are definitely high priority. He said he would like to have the Justices' input on the plan. The Board discussed various ways of calming people, de-escalate a situation. The Supervisor asked Councilman Lyons to arrange to meet with the Justices and possibly the Police Chief to exchange ideas and return their comments to the Board.

Councilman Lyons said the Right to Know program has to be addressed also. He said the County offers this in the Risk Management Department. He asked the Town Clerk to contact that office and see what classes are being offered and try to set up a schedule for all the employees.

7. Salesian Lights: Supervisor Bloomfield asked Councilman Newbold to report on The lights. Councilman Newbold said he obtained the keys and there are two

separate location, two separate meters and control panels. He said it would need two separate timers, approximately \$75.00 to \$100.00 apiece, and they can be tied in with a sensor giving the Board control. He said it is not a huge job. The Councilman took the plans to the Village Police Chief explaining this is what the Board plans to do. Councilman Newbold said he agrees with the Supervisor on turning the back lights off completely. This would still allow the police to see the school and the front more active area. The Board suggested the lights should turn on around 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm or 10:00 p.m. The Supervisor will suggest this to the Village. He and Councilman Newbold will look into a different type of light bulb.

8. Resolution to Hire Gerald Griffin, Jr. to Appraise for Town of Goshen Adv. Orange County Golf Club and Accept Fee Proposal: Supervisor Bloomfield explained the Golf Club has commenced a tax certiorari proceeding against the Town and an appraisal of the property is needed. The Resolution is needed to hire Gerald Griffin, Jr. to do the appraisal. Councilman Lyons asked why an earlier letter said the appraisal would not be able to be used in court. He asked why we would pay for this when it cannot be used if this goes to court. Supervisor Bloomfield will look into why this is so.
9. Resolution to Settle Town of Goshen Adv. Henry Cerullo: Supervisor Bloomfield felt this should not be addressed without further investigation and clarification, the Board agreed.
10. Supervisor Bloomfield passed the Final Traffic Study to the other Board Members. Supervisor Bloomfield said there are some things in the study that can be done very quickly and the Board felt these should be addressed prior to the Work Session on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February.
11. Town Parking Lot: Supervisor Bloomfield asked the Town Clerk how the enforcement of the Town parking lot was going. The Clerk replied it was greatly improved, however there are still people parking illegally in the lot and perhaps the police will have to come back later on in the day, various methods were discussed.
12. Holly O'Hern's request to write the Town of Wallkill in reference to the Tetz project. The Supervisor said he felt, after talking to the attorney, a letter would really not be advisable as the Town is already in litigation with Wallkill. He felt the Town could best protect our residents by putting weight limits on our road coming into Goshen.

13. Any Other Matter of Interest to the Board, no Action:

1. Stress on roads by contractors and developers and should they be made to pay for damages. Zoning on Wood Road. Both will be discussed at the next work session.
2. Healy Easement: The Board is waiting for the attorney to come back to the Board with more information before making a decision.
3. Truck for Joint Recreation: Truck is being evaluated by BOCES to see if it can be repaired and used.
4. PDR: Who will be selected for the next round to be submitted to the County.
5. Police locker room expansion.

With no further business, Councilman Lyons made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Time: 9:25 p.m.

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