

TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
APRIL 09, 2007

Present:

Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor	Louis Cappella	Councilman
Kenneth Newbold	Councilman	George Lyons	Councilman

Absent: Philip Canterino

Also Present: Dennis Caplicki, Town Attorney

Items Discussed:

1. Arden Consulting Engineers: Supervisor Bloomfield reported he had received a letter from Arden Consulting Engineers stating the letter was being sent at the request of Thomas Feely to be placed on the April 23rd. Town Board Agenda. The applicant is now before the Planning Board requesting a community septic system for an 8-lot Open Space Development Subdivision on Hampton Road.

Attorney Caplicki stated it is before the Planning Board and has been there a number of times. He stated Community Septic Systems are allowed in the Town Code, however the Town usually is asked to assume ownership along the way. The Board will look at this in the near future.

2. Salesian Insurance Inspection Report: Supervisor Bloomfield reported a representative of the Selective Insurance inspected the Salesian property along with Councilman Canterino, Trustees Lynn Cione, Susan Fast, Mike Nuzzolese, head of the Village DPW, Patricia Sherlock and Pam Lorenzo from Joint Recreation. The Board discussed the liabilities pointed out by the inspector.

Recommendations: The fencing around the park should have impalement hazards removed. Attractive nuisance hazards such as abandoned buildings, broken windows, bare foundation walls, dangerous stairways, the pond area, the watch tower and old church foundation structure, and the various site structures in the park need to be addressed. Various ways of correcting these sites were discussed. Supervisor Bloomfield read a letter he will send to Village Mayor Robert Weinberger. The letter congratulated the new Mayor and requested a joint meeting of the Town Board and the Village Board as soon as possible to discuss where, as a joint venture, are we going in reference to the Saleian property. The Supervisor also sent a copy of the Salesian inspection report and the traffic study to the Mayor.

Councilman Cappella said outside of the items such as the school building, etc. we cannot do, in addressing the small problems we should utilize our own employees from our

DPW and the Village DPW. . He said when we are talking about spending another \$40,000, \$50,000, \$60,000, “to me it is unacceptable and I think it will be unacceptable to the taxpayers too”. Councilman Cappella stated our Highway Department went into the park some time ago and saved us \$17,000.00. Councilman Newbold stated he could not understand the problem with the historic fence since they are all over the State. However, he and the Board agreed the spikes could be dangerous and will have to be addressed. The Board will wait to hear from the Mayor and hopefully the upcoming Village/Town meeting.

3. Contemporary Church Service at the Christian Reform Church June 3rd. The request has come in from the Christian Reform Church to hold a contemporary Church Service outside, on June 3rd, between the hours of 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It would be held in front of the Church located on Route 17A. They would be singing two songs at the beginning and three songs at the end. The Church is asking if a permit would be needed. Upon consulting the code book on noise, the Supervisor reported it does require a permit from the Town Board. The Board was in agreement to issue the permit and could see no problem and asked for a formal request from the Church.

4. Tour De Goshen 8/19/07: The request has been submitted for the bicycle tour that has been held here for many, many years. The Board discussed the number of policeman who would be needed for the day. Since this has become a community event the Board would not request the payment for the police time as long as the insurance is produced. Councilman Lyons will consult with the Village to see how many additional police will be needed from each department. Councilman Newbold made a Motion to approve the Tour De Goshen to be held on August 19, 2007. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Continuation of Public Hearing Local Law #1 of 2007: Will be placed on Thursday’s agenda.

6. Public Hearing on Water/Sewer Rates 4/12/07: This Public Hearing has been set for Thursday’s agenda. The Board discussed the increases and will explain the rates and the reason for the increases at the Public Hearing.

7. Burke Student Parking on Fletcher Street: Supervisor Bloomfield said the Board has been talking about this problem for some time. The students are parking in front of the Burke School on the Town Road and causing a safety problem. He said the Town has a law on the books that says no one is allowed to park on a Town Road. The Supervisor said he would like to meet with whomever is in charge at the school and explain the Town has been addressing their traffic and safety problems by putting in the stop sign and trying to eliminate the congestion. The Town Building Inspector and the Police Chief have both expressed concerns in reference to the student parking. Supervisor Bloomfield reported he was out there observing the problem on a number of occasions and found it a very unsafe situation. He would propose addressing the administration at the school explaining that as of the beginning of next year the Town Board would like to ask that no one be allowed to

park on this road. If necessary the Town may have to put up signs saying no parking. The Board agreed there is a safety factor here and feel it is time to enforce the law. The attorney will draft a letter to the school administrator.

- 8. Water Meter Status for Scotchtown Park:** The Town Clerk reported there were six companies who picked up the bid proposal and the bids will be opened on Friday May 13th.
- 9. Obsolete Computer and Associate Hardware:** The new computers have been installed and therefore there is some obsolete computers and hardware that need to be disposed of or put out to bid. Will be readdressed at the next work session.
- 10. Easement Agreement for Library:** The Board discussed the easement that is needed since the Library has purchased the property adjacent to the Salesian property and the existing road for ingress and egress runs through the Library's property. Attorney Caplicki has drawn up a temporary Easement Agreement which the Village has already adopted. Councilman Newbold made a Motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the temporary Easement Agreement a between the Town/Village of Goshen and Goshen Public Library and Historical Society. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- 11. New Copy Machines:** The Supervisor presented the Board with the various bids for the new copy machines that are needed throughout the building. The machines will be leased as opposed to purchased. The Xerox, Weatherhead/Dworkin firm will lease for 7-60 months for \$799.73 which includes maintenance and training, some supplies, and paying off and removing the old machines. Also the Toshiba leased from Mark Raisch will be replaced at \$116.00 per month. This will amount to a savings of \$49.00 a month.
- 12. Meeting with DEC – Request Reimbursement for Expenses From New York State Comptroller's Office:** Supervisor Bloomfield explained he called David Traver, from the DEC as he was concerned about the MTBEs and the properties near by. The Supervisor stated Mr. Traver said he really did not know if the MTBEs could spread to those nearby properties, but there is a considerable spill here. Mr. Traver said if it goes into the aquifer it will travel as fast as the water can. Mr. Traver met with Susan Cleaver and invited her to come up and have access to all records of spills. Mr. Traver also suggested the Supervisor go on line to the State Attorney General's web site and go under oil spills. There he said the Supervisor should put in all the expenses the Town has incurred in connection with the MTBEs so that the Town can be reimbursed. Mr. Traver also said he will place carbon filters at the Police and Highway well.
- 13. Split Dog Warden Position: Laurene Sandstrom/ Howie Elijam:** This position has been shared previously, however the former assistant to Ms. Sandstrom has vacated the position. Councilman Lyons made a Motion to hire Howie Elijam to fill

the vacant position of split Dog Warden position subject to background check. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried 4 to 0.

14. Supervisor Bloomfield reported he had received a letter from Senator Larkin informing the Town the \$40,000.00 for the truck will be forth coming and he had checked with Representative Annie Rabbit and the \$10,000.00 is still available.
15. Supervisor Bloomfield also reported he had received a letter from Jane Ann Colman, Associate Grants Officer, in regard to the \$250,000 Environmental Protection Fund Grant. She is inquiring as to the status of our plans for Salesian Acquisition. The Supervisor said when he met with them last November, that the Town had ten years to accept this. What exactly can be done with the Salesian property was discussed. The Supervisor will contact Ms. Colman and ask for additional time.
16. The Board reviewed various tax certs and how they will be handled in the future. They will be handled in the future by David Hagstrom, Esq. and our own Assessor JoAnn Soules.

Supervisor Bloomfield made a Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Orange Ulster BOCES SRO officers with no intent to return. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion Carried unanimously.

Time: 9:35 p.m.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk

