

Village Board Meeting
February 27, 2023

Members present: Mayor Wohl, Trustees Gurda, O'Donnell, Rouis and Scotto

Also present: Village Clerk Darby, Attorney Donovan, and Chief Watt

Mayor Wohl called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wohl added three items of business to the agenda:

1. Authorization to sign grant contract with Pitingaro & Doetsch
2. Sign IMA with County Planning
3. Sign IMA for STOP DWI program

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Rouis, the Agenda of the February 27, 2023 Village Board Meeting was accepted as modified.

Gurda	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Rouis	aye
Scotto	aye
Wohl	aye

On a motion by Trustee O'Donnell, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Minutes of the January 23, 2023 Village Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

Gurda	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Rouis	absent
Scotto	absent
Wohl	aye

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Minutes of the February 13, 2023 Village Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

Gurda	aye
O'Donnell	absent
Rouis	aye
Scotto	absent
Wohl	aye

Correspondence

1. M. Bogart thank you note

Mayor Wohl read an email from Ms. Bogart thanking DPW Superintendent Scott Birney and the DPW for resolving the bad odor issue that was under the South Street Bridge.

Items of Business

1. Set Public Hearing for Local Law 3 regarding the six-month moratorium

Attorney Donovan advised that any application in the I or IP zone will be on hold, while anything that has already been approved can proceed with their project.

RESOLUTION 19 of 2023

**A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #3 OF 2023 ON
MARCH 13, 2023 AT 7:00PM: ESTABLISHING A SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM
PROHIBITING THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR LAND USE**

APPROVALS IN THE I (INDUSTRIAL) AND IP (INDUSTRIAL PARK) ZONING DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen Attorney has created a local law; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing must be scheduled; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that local law #3 will be heard at a Public Hearing on March 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Scotto. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 27, 2023.

2. Set Public Hearing for Local Law 4 regarding abandoned properties

Attorney Donovan advised that this local law will require that bank owned properties will be required to submit a fee and provide contact information in the event the Building Department, Police Department or Department of Public Works needed to reach the property owner. The purpose of the law is to be sure vacant properties are well kept and maintained appearance wise.

RESOLUTION 20 of 2023

A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #4 OF 2023 ON MARCH 13, 2023 AT 7:00PM ADDRESSING ABANDONED PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen Attorney has created a local law; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing must be scheduled; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that local law #4 will be heard at a Public Hearing on March 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee O'Donnell. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 27, 2023.

3. Domestic Partnerships

RESOLUTION 21 of 2023

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZES AND ACCEPTS DOMESTIC PARTNERS AS BENEFIT ELIGIBLE AT THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN

WHEREAS, Village employees in relationships that would be considered domestic partners by Orange County, New York through an affidavit of domestic partnership; and

WHEREAS, a Village employee obtains a certified affidavit of domestic partnership and provides same to the Village of Goshen Human Resources Department; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen also requires proof of a domestic partnership in accordance with NYS Department of Civil Service insurance provider; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that employees with a domestic partner and adhering to all requirements, shall add their domestic partners to their benefits.

Motion to adopt by Trustee O'Donnell and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 27, 2023.

4. Abstract #8

RESOLUTION 22 of 2023

A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 8 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/22 – 5/31/23 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 21532 THROUGH 21684 TOTALING \$377,828.46

WHEREAS, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2022/2023 number 8; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 21532 through 21684; and
2. Abstract number 8 in the amount of \$377,828.46.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 27, 2023.

5. Grant writing services from Pitingaro & Doetsch

RESOLUTION 23 of 2023

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE GRANT WRITING SERVICES OF PITINGARO & DOETSCH FOR THE COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE CRV WELL 3 PROJECT, WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED \$4,400.00

WHEREAS, there are upcoming grant opportunities that Pitingaro & Doetsch will provide grant writing services for the preparation of a Community Project Funding Application to the Village's congressional representatives for the connection of the CRV Well 3 Project; and

WHEREAS, Pitingaro & Doetsch have experience with similar applications; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen accepts the Proposal for Grant Writing Services for the Community Project Funding Applications for the CRV Well 3 Project (two applications submitted), which shall not exceed \$4,400.00

Motion to adopt by Trustee Scotto and seconded by Trustee O'Donnell. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 27, 2023.

6. Execute IMA with the Orange County Planning Department

RESOLUTION 24 of 2023

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND SIGN AN IMA WITH ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING WHICH WOULD ALLOW FOR SPECIFIC SMALL PROJECTS NOT TO BE REFERRED TO ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

WHEREAS, the Orange County Department of Planning Commissioner of Planning sent a letter to Mayor Wohl explaining that they were trying to reduce the number of applications that are likely to not have significant intermunicipal or Countywide impacts; and

WHEREAS, the County would like to reduce the number of referrals to the Planning Department, so that they can focus attention on the projects that are more likely to have impacts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen agrees with the conditions of the IMA received from Commissioner Alan J. Sorensen related to referrals of projects.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 27, 2023.

7. IMA – STOP DWI Program

RESOLUTION 25 of 2023

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STOP DWI PROGRAM SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF OVERTIME POLICE ROAD PATROLS TO DETECT AND DETER IMPAIRED OR INTOXICATED DRIVERS FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 11, 2023 TO JANUARY 1, 2024 AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the County of Orange has appropriated monies for the implementation of a Stop DWI Program to be made available to Cities, Towns and Villages in Orange County to assist in the detection and deterrence of impaired and intoxicated drivers throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has prepared an Agreement covering the period beginning March 11, 2023 and running to January 1, 2024, in which it provides funding to municipalities based upon the number of hours of additional road patrols each municipality dedicates to the Program; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid period is further divided into three (3) campaign periods with the first being from March 11, 2023 to June 1, 2023, with the second and third periods to be subsequently identified; and

WHEREAS, the funding proposed to be provided to the Village of Walden under the STOP DWI Program Services Agreement for reimbursement of eligible expenses for the first period of March 11, 2023 to June 1, 2023 shall not exceed the sum of \$2,260.40; and

WHEREAS, the Village shall be notified in writing by the County as to the amounts for the subsequent periods; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen wishes to approve the Stop DWI Program Services Agreement with the County of Orange to partially reimburse the Village for overtime police road patrols to detect and deter impaired and/or intoxicated drivers in the Village of Goshen and to authorize the Village Mayor to execute the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen hereby approves the Stop DWI Program Services Agreement with the County of Orange for the partial reimbursement of the costs of performing overtime police road

patrols to detect and deter impaired and/or intoxicated drivers in the Village of Walden for the period of March 11, 2023 to January 1, 2024 and authorizes the Village Mayor to execute said Agreement.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the County of Orange.

Upon a motion made by Trustee O'Donnell seconded by Trustee Rouis, the resolution was adopted by 4 ayes and 0 nays with 0 abstentions and 0 absences. The Mayor declared the resolution adopted on February 27, 2023.

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Rouis reported that all was well with Sewer.

Trustee O'Donnell reminded everyone to come out for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 12, 2023.

Trustees Gurda and Scotto did not have any additional comments.

Chief Watt wanted to reiterate again that parking will not be allowed on Montgomery Street during the parade.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Scotto, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Gurda	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Rouis	aye
Scotto	aye
Wohl	aye