

Village Board Meeting
January 9, 2023

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

Also present: DPW Superintendent Birney, 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.

The agenda was accepted as presented.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Minutes of the December 12, 2022 Village Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

Gurda	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Rouis	aye
Scotto	aye

Communications

1. Email acknowledging paving completed

Mayor Wohl read an email from John Bonaccorsi regarding the paving completed at 147-149 Grand Avenue. Mr. Bonaccorsi expressed his gratitude to the Mayor, Board and DPW for the work done.

2. R. Boss Retirement

Mayor Wohl read a memo from Ruth Anne Boss stating that she would be retiring from the Village of Goshen on January 27, 2023. Mrs. Boss thanked the Village for all the years she had at Village Hall and was grateful for all of the people she met along the way. Mayor Wohl expressed his sincere well wishes to Mrs. Boss as she starts this next chapter in her life.

Items of Business

1. Village Election - Inspectors

RESOLUTION 1 of 2023

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR 2023 VILLAGE ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Village election is scheduled for March 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, four inspectors are needed, one of which will be Chairman of the elections; and

WHEREAS, Village Hall staff reviewed a list of eligible inspectors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the appointment of James Heslop, Election Inspector, Chairman, Jeanne Krish, Election Inspector, Lee Krish, Election Inspector, and Sharon Lunden, Election Inspector

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the appointment of the above Election Inspectors is specifically subject to the following:

1. Compensation for the Chairman of \$250.00; and
2. Compensation for the three Election Inspectors of \$200.00.

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 January 9, 2023.

2. Abolishing a Village Registration Day

RESOLUTION 2 of 2023

A RESOLUTION ABOLISHING A VILLAGE REGISTRATION DAY

WHEREAS, the Village election is scheduled for March 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board does not hold registration day for their elections; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby abolishes a Village Registration Day.

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 January 9, 2023.

3. Schedule Public Hearing for Local Law #1 of 2023

Attorney Donovan advised that the current local law was adopted over 20 years ago. The amended code will set forth initial escrow, and part of the clean up started with the fee schedule in 2022. Going forward, once the law is passed, fees can be changed by Resolution.

RESOLUTION 3 of 2023

A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2023 ON JANUARY 23, 2023 AT 7:00PM: AMENDING VILLAGE CODE SECTIONS 2-163(2) AND (3) TO THE EXTENT OF DELETING THE REFERENCED TO THE PROFESSIONAL ESCROW FEES ESTABLISHED THEREIN AND MAKING THOSE FEES A PART OF THE VILLAGE FEE SCHEDULE

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

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing must be scheduled; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that local law #1 will be heard at a Public Hearing on January 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Scotto. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on January 9, 2023.

4. Abstract of Vouchers #7

RESOLUTION 4 of 2023

A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 7 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/22 – 5/31/23 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 21399 THROUGH 21531 TOTTALLING \$1,552,436.34

WHEREAS, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2022/2023 number 7; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 21399 through 21531; and
2. Abstract number 7 in the amount of \$1,552,436.34.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Scotto. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on January 9, 2023.

5. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law General Supplemental Funding

Mayor Wohl explained that this was part of the \$6 million upgrade to the Water Treatment Plant by the reservoir, where \$3 million has been received through a grant, and this supplement of funds forgives \$1.248 million, and allows the Village to have an interest free loan for \$1.8 million.

RESOLUTION 5 of 2023

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN MAYOR TO SIGN THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE WTP UPGRADE

WHEREAS, a notice was received from the NYS Department of Health that the above referenced project is eligible for a BIL/GS grant/principal forgiveness (PF) award of up to \$1,284,573 and interest free financing of \$1,836,246; and

WHEREAS, this award is a supplement for the New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act grant of up to \$3,000,000 that was awarded for this project on April 25, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the acknowledgement and acceptance and any other materials for the Village of Goshen Water Treatment Plant Upgrade.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Scotto and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on January 9, 2023.

Department Head Reports

Chief Watt reported that the holiday season went well. He attended the swearing in of the new Sheriff, attending a press conference with the Orange County DA to promote a program to decrease underage alcohol sales, and he has a meeting with the parade organizers tomorrow for the St. Patrick's Day Parade that will take place on March 12, 2023.

Superintendent Birney reported on the following:

The following represents the major activities of the Department of Public Works from December 13, 2022 through January 9, 2023.

ROADS

1. Removed holiday parking meter covers
2. Took down and stored holiday snowflake and bulb decorations
3. Completed grinding stumps and restoration throughout Village
4. Cold asphalt patching of various streets throughout Village
5. Ice control/ snow plowing for 12/15,16, 22, 23/2022 storms
6. Event takedown for Wreaths Across America
7. Completed street tree trimming
8. Installed new school zone speed limit signs
9. Restored road edge transition work on Ridgeway
10. Cut and chipped growth on Rio Banks at DPW Shop, Fire Department, behind Sunoco
11. Surveyed and starting removing obstructions lodged in Rio

WATER

1. Completed Annual Leak Detection with Northeast Water Technology
2. Repaired Main leaks on Scotchtown and Grand Street found during leak detection
3. Repaired/ Replaced water main valve boxes throughout Village
4. Water has seen an increase from -48" to -28"

SEWER

1. Raised buried manhole on Ryerson at Golden Hill
2. Pumped grit/debris from pumpstations with DTH throughout Village

Clerk Darby reported on the following:

1. Updated tax table in Edmunds
2. Preparing for W-2 distribution and sick time and buy back
3. Update website and email addresses
 - a. All emails have been setup as new and/or migrated
 - b. Thank all for their cooperation during this process
 - c. Website – plan to be live in 1-week, final tweaking
4. Preparing for March election
5. Personnel
 - a. Restructure Clerk's office – hiring PT clerk
6. 2023-2024 Budget
 - a. Preliminary work on budget
7. Preparing for relevely process – reiterated that there will be a hard deadline and people

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Scotto reported they've been aggressive with identifying leaks, and there are a few more leaks that will be worked on. Looking forward to seeing what P&D is putting together for Well #3. Still looking for potential site for water treatment plant for the wells.

Trustee Gurda wished everyone a Happy New Year and reported that there is a JRC meeting tomorrow evening at 7:30pm.

Trustee O'Donnell wished everyone a Happy New Year as well, and thanked the Chief and entire Police Department for all they do on Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

Trustee Rouis also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Wohl mentioned the video that has gone viral of Patrolman Cody Hunt throwing a football with a child. Mayor Wohl thanked the Chief for the great community policing that they do for our Village.

Citizens' Comments

There were not any comments received from the public.

On a motion by Trustee O'Donnell, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Gurda	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Rouis	aye
Scotto	aye