

Village Board Meeting
January 12, 2009

Present: Mayor Weinberger, Trustees Bloom, Fast, and Higgins. Absent: Trustee Mattheus.

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Chief Watt, and Village Clerk Strobl.

Mayor Weinberger called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Trustee Higgins, seconded by Trustee Bloom, the agenda was accepted as presented.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	absent

Mayor Weinberger offered privilege of the floor to speak to the agenda. There were no comments.

On a motion by Trustee Higgins, seconded by Trustee Fast, the Minutes of the December 1, 2008 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	absent

On a motion by Trustee Higgins, seconded by Trustee Fast, the Minutes of the December 8, 2008 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Bloom	abstain (absent on 12/8/08)
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	absent
Weinberger	aye

On a motion by Trustee Fast, seconded by Trustee Bloom, the Minutes of the December 15, 2008 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	abstain (absent on 12/15/08)
Mattheus	absent
Weinberger	aye

Communications

Attorney Donovan reviewed a letter from Orange & Rockland Utilities regarding a temporary "decorative vertical banner permit agreement" for display of banners provided by the Bicentennial Committee.

On a motion by Trustee Fast, seconded by Trustee Higgins, the Mayor was authorized to sign the agreement with Orange & Rockland.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	absent

Mayor Weinberger asked Mr. Ken Obremski, Chair of the Bicentennial Committee to speak to the Board. Mr. Obremski estimated there will be approximately 25 temporary signs, and noted problems with expenses. Members of the Committee will be invited to a future Work Session.

On a motion by Trustee Higgins, seconded by Trustee Fast, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 08/09, 22 and 23, numbers 33914 through 33966 in the amount of \$112,217.58, and numbers 33967 through 33974 in the amount of \$37,375.03, for a grand total of \$149,592.61.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	absent

On a motion by Trustee Bloom, seconded by Trustee Fast, the following are appointed for the forthcoming Village election, to be held March 18, 2009.

Lee Krish	Election Inspector, Chairman
Nora Johnson	Election Inspector
Jeanne Krish	Election Inspector
Wanda MacDowell	Election Inspector
Barbara Munhall	Election Inspector
Eugene Tucker	Election Inspector
Neil Hickok	Alternate
Paula Olsen	Alternate
Roberta White	Alternate

The amount of compensation will be Chairman - \$150.00, and Inspectors - \$125.00 per day.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	absent

The following was resolved by Trustee Bloom, and seconded by Trustee Fast:

The Annual Election of the Village of Goshen will be held at Village Hall, 276 Main Street, Goshen, New York, on Wednesday, March 18, 2009.

Polls will open at 9:00 a.m., and close at 9:00 p.m. that same day.

There will be no Village Registration Day.

A vote resulted as follows:

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	nay
Mattheus	absent
Weinberger	aye

On a motion by Trustee Higgins, seconded by Trustee Bloom, permission is hereby granted for the Orange County Youth Football League to meet at Village Hall on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	absent

Trustee Higgins moved the following, which was seconded by Trustee Bloom:

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of Village of Goshen has heretofore issued a Resolution of Approval, with conditions, granting Site Plan, Flood Plain Development and Architectural Design District Approval for the addition to the Minisink Fire Station proposed by the Goshen Fire District; and

WHEREAS, among the conditions imposed by the Village Planning Board was the installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Grand and Canal Streets if the same was deemed necessary and appropriate by the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has carefully reviewed the Site Plan prepared by Habig and Cirillo Architects, P.C., the professional architectural firm representing the Goshen Fire District in connection with the proposed addition to the Minisink Fire Station, which site plan proposes to construct various improvements within the right of way owned by the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has further carefully reviewed the traffic pattern surrounding the fire house, including, specifically, the intersection of Canal Street and Grand Street;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board does not believe that the installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Grand Street and Canal Street is warranted and accordingly declines to introduce a local law requiring the installation of said stop sign; and it is further

RESOLVED, that upon careful consideration of the Site Plan prepared by Habig and Cirillo Architects, P.C., the Village Board approves all of the improvements that are proposed to be constructed within the Village right-of-way on both Canal Street and North Church Street.

Upon a roll call vote, with 3 trustees voting in favor and 0 voting against, the resolution was duly adopted.

On a motion by Trustee Higgins, seconded by Trustee Fast, Patrolman Michael Gregorio is hereby authorized to attend Homeland Security training in Washington D. C. on February 9th, 2009. The awarding of a Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program Grant for a Rapid Deployment Surveillance System covers all costs of the system and training.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	absent

Trustee Higgins reported that an addendum to the Orange County Department of Social Services agreement is being drawn up by the Village's Labor Attorney, and will be available for the Mayor to sign on Thursday, January 15th.

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Bloom noted recent activities of the Department of Public Works. Holiday "Free Parking" cards have been removed from parking meters; most of the holiday decorations have been taken down; a tree crew is currently taking down dead and dangerous trees; and crews have been very busy this winter with several snow and ice storms.

Trustee Fast noted receipt of a proposal from the Village's Engineer for the water supply at the wastewater treatment plant. She has requested an amended proposal.

Reporting on the Senior Center, Trustee Fast explained that they will soon be starting once a month luncheons, at a nominal cost, to be held the last Monday of each month.

Trustee Higgins commended the DPW, Police Department, and the staff at Village Hall for the tremendous work they all do. Trustee Higgins reviewed recent activities of the Police Department. Since December 8th there have been 39 arrests, 178 uniform traffic tickets issued, 120 parking summonses issued, and 31 MVA's investigated.

Citizens' Comments

Citizens' comments were received from Ed Degan, Kyle Roddey, Reynell Andrews, and Neil Hickok.

On a motion by Trustee Higgins, seconded by Trustee Bloom, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	absent

