

Village Board Meeting  
January 25, 2010

Members present: Mayor Higgins, Trustees Char, Mattheus, Roddey, and Stewart.

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Engineer Tully, and Village Clerk Strobl.

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

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the agenda was amended by the addition of Items of Business #2: Resolution to hire Laborer Timothy Cox.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Roddey, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the January 11, 2010 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Communications

Mayor Higgins reviewed a notice of intent to expand received from High Withers Wine & Spirits LLC, as required by the New York State Liquor Authority.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2009/2010, 29, numbers 35651 through 35689 in the amount of \$47,011.36.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Items of Business

Mayor Higgins read the following notice of outstanding water and sewer accounts for 2009:

January 21, 2010

As of this date, the total amount outstanding for water and sewer for the year 2009 is \$367,172.19. A total of 304 accounts are delinquent. A full list is available for review.

The breakdown is as follows:

Water:	\$129,354.01
Sewer:	125,501.32
Water Assessment:	14,039.60
Sewer Assessment:	98,277.36

Total: \$367,172.19

It was noted that the amounts will be re-levied on the June 1, 2010 Village tax bills.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, Timothy Cox is hereby appointed Laborer Step 1 for the Village of Goshen Department of Public Works at a salary of \$30,042.

As a Seasonal Intern hired by the Village to work from November 4, 2009 through February 1, 2010, Mr. Cox passed the pre-employment physical and drug screen, which were administered on October 26, 2009. This appointment is effective upon successful completion of pre-employment paperwork; and shall include a probationary period of six months.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

#### Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Mattheus requested, and was given, the Board's approval to sign the Water Conservation Program Form for the Department of Environmental Conservation, which is the next step in the Crystal Run well application. Trustee Mattheus also informed those present that the Village will no longer do estimated water meter readings for commercial buildings.

Trustee Stewart reported the following recent activities of the Department of Public Works: tree crews are taking down dead and dangerous trees; Christmas trees left at the curb are still being picked up; crews continue working on signs; and parking meters have been emptied.

Trustee Char noted that Census Workers will be going door to door to deliver census questionnaires, beginning February 22<sup>nd</sup>, and will be carrying identification cards.

Trustee Char read the following Police report: since January 11<sup>th</sup> there have been 11 arrests, 55 uniform traffic tickets, 80 parking summonses issued, and 22 motor vehicle accidents investigated.

Trustee Roddey commended the DPW for their assistance in the installation of a new utility pole and electric service at the Burke pump station, located on the corner of Fletcher Street and Minisink Trail.

#### Citizens' Comments

Comments were received from two residents.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the Board entered into Executive Session for a discussion of pending litigation and threatened litigation, at 7:50 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the Executive Session was concluded at 8:55 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Roddey, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye