

Village Board Meeting
March 9, 2009

Members present: Mayor Weinberger, Trustees Bloom, Fast, Higgins, and Mattheus.

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

7:00 p.m. Bob Farfalla, of Farfalla Clock Co. Inc. addressed the Board regarding his proposal for maintenance of the Village's clock in the Presbyterian Church tower. He noted that he has been maintaining the clock for over 30 years.

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

On a motion by Trustee Higgins, seconded by Trustee Bloom, the agenda was modified by the addition of the following two Items of Business: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Farfalla Clock Co. Inc.; and Resolution accepting HDR Engineering, Inc. to perform one quarterly groundwater monitoring at the wastewater treatment plant.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	aye

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

On a motion by Trustee Bloom, seconded by Trustee Fast, the Minutes of the February 9, 2009 Village Board Meeting were accepted with the following correction by Trustee Mattheus: the sign for Village Hall will be refurbished, not new.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	aye

On a motion by Trustee Bloom, seconded by Trustee Higgins, the Minutes of the February 23, 2009 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	aye

Communications

Mayor Weinberger read the following letter from Assemblywoman Annie Rabbitt:

Dear Hon. Weinberger:

With the start of my third term in the assembly and being in session in Albany I would like to take this opportunity to thank the village board for keeping me abreast of what is happening in the village. I would also like to thank Trustee Susan Fast for her numerous personal visits to my District office and keeping me informed, I commend her for her dedication to the Village of Goshen and her concerns for the constituents.

If ever I can be of any assistance to the Village of Goshen and the Village Board please do not hesitate to contact my district office.

Mayor Weinberger read a letter from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Westchester/Hudson Valley Chapter, requesting permission to hold their 2009 Light The Night Walk at Salesian Park.

On a motion by Trustee Fast, seconded by Trustee Higgins, the event was given conditional approval, subject to meeting all Village requirements.

Mayor Weinberger reviewed a letter from Margo George to Police Chief Watt, which requested a 15 minute free parking space be designated in front of 159 West Main Street. The advice of the Police Chief and the DPW Superintendent was that the spot be located at the last space towards High Street. Attorney Donovan explained that the parking space designation needed to be done by Local Law.

On a motion by Trustee Bloom, seconded by Trustee Higgins, a Public Hearing to consider Local Law #1 of 2009 is hereby scheduled for March 23, 2009.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	aye

On a motion by Trustee Higgins, seconded by Trustee Fast, Building Inspector Theodore L. Lewis, III is hereby authorized to attend the Hudson Valley CEO Educational Conference, to be held April 15th, 16th, and 17th, at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel in Poughkeepsie, New York. The cost for this mandatory in-service training is \$285.00.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	aye

Upon the motion of Trustee Bloom, seconded by Trustee, the following Resolution was moved and adopted:

RESOLVED, to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Farfalla Clock Co. Inc. in the amount of \$2,047.00 to provide for repairs and maintenance of the clock in the Presbyterian Church Tower for the period commencing January 1, 2009 and terminating December 31, 2009.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	aye

A discussion of the groundwater quarterly monitoring at the Wastewater Treatment Plant was led by Trustee Fast. HDR had done two rounds of the testing, and had now, at the request of the Board, submitted a proposal for one quarterly groundwater monitoring. This testing is due by the end of March.

Trustee Fast moved, and Trustee Bloom seconded that the Board accept the proposal from HDR for \$8,200.00. Much discussion followed, and a vote resulted as follows:

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	no
Mattheus	aye

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Mattheus reported the following recent activities of the Water Department: the wet wells under the filters at the water plant were cleaned completely, and the packing hose at the North Church Street pump station has been replaced.

Trustee Mattheus also reported that O & R will be taking down the cottonwood tree in Church Park, which is a sad, but necessary event, and that new trees will be planted in the park.

Trustee Bloom gave the following report for the DPW: parking meters have been emptied; crews are preparing for the St. Patrick's Day Parade; the Bicentennial banners have been put up in the downtown area; and yard waste collection will begin on April 3rd and run through November.

Trustee Fast noted a quiet week at the sewer plant, and congratulated Senior Operator Cindy Ceconello on completing all necessary courses for licensing. Trustee Fast also thanked Village Clerk Strobl and Deputy Clerk Goldberg for all the work involved in submitting recent grant requests, and Trustee Higgins for facilitating the donation of a large-screen TV from the Dikeman Engine & Hose Co. to the Senior Center.

Trustee Higgins reported the following statistics from the Police Department: since February 23rd there have been 18 arrests, 50 uniform traffic tickets, 81 parking summonses, and 12 motor vehicle accidents investigated.

Trustee Higgins provided Board members with a map of Salesian Park, and described the area that he proposes be designated for active use. The Board agreed to discuss the matter further at a Work Session.

Citizens' Comments

Comments were received from Reynell Andrews and Joel Markowitz.

On a motion by Trustee Higgins, seconded by Trustee Bloom, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	aye