

Village Board Meeting
April 12, 2010

6:30 p.m. Executive Session to discuss current litigation.

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

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

Trustee Roddey arrived at 7:00 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded at 7:25 p.m.

Also present: Engineer Tully and Treasurer Perez.

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and in a moment of silence to honor the memory of Mrs. Helen Donovan.

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the agenda was accepted as presented.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Roddey, seconded by Trustee Char, the Public Hearing on the proposed 2010/2011 Village Budget was opened at 7:35 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Resident Ray Rooney asked if the figure of \$60,000 for Joint Recreation was a mistake. It was explained that the Town and Village are contractual partners in the funding and that the Village had lowered the funding to match that previously approved by the Town.

Susan Cleaver asked if funds were available to work on infrastructure. Trustee Roddey explained the Village's commitment to working on existing problems, despite the fact that there is no extra money right now. Trustee Roddey listed current and future measures planned to address problems with the infrastructure.

Ray Rooney asked about the increase in BAN Salesian Improvements Principal to \$150,000. Treasurer Perez explained it as a measure to save on interest payments.

Resident Kevin Frey asked the Board to consider not reducing the Joint Recreation contribution, particularly in light of the cut made by the Town Board.

Resident Mark Lingerman stated his view that it didn't make sense to cut Joint Recreation funding, while increasing payments on a BAN to save \$3,000.

Resident Reynell Andrews asked several questions, including what Interfund Revenues and Interfund Transfers are, the amount listed for contingency, what water and sewer administration are, and what increase employees are getting. His questions were answered by the Treasurer and Board Members.

Resident Charles Dematteo spoke against cutting dollars from Joint Recreation at the same time as the school is cutting sports.

The Trustees all spoke in favor of returning the Joint Recreation budget line to the \$85,000 amount as given last year.

Resident Joel Markowitz read a letter from resident Susan Bloom, which listed statements about employee raises and urged the Village to lower the amount given to Joint Recreation. Questions about infrastructure, consolidation, and health plan incentives were answered by the Board.

Joel Markowitz questioned why Village Hall did not have phones with voice mail. Mayor Higgins explained the importance of having the phones answered live.

Resident Kate Schmidt urged the Board to increase In Lieu of Parkland fees.

Resident Neil Hickok noted that he could not find a line in the budget listing money for reintroducing alligators into Church Park.

Mayor Higgins noted that the Board would review comments from the Public Hearing, and that the final budget would be adopted at the April 26, 2010 meeting.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Public Hearing was closed at 8:35 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the Minutes of the March 15, 2010 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the Minutes of the March 22, 2010 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the Minutes of the April 5, 2010 Village Board Annual Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Roddey, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2009/2010, numbers 37, 38, 39, and 40, numbers 35947 through 36085 in the amount of \$833,522.62.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Roddey, Andrew J. Lenane is hereby appointed Part-time Police Officer for the Village of Goshen Police Department at a salary of \$19.12 per hour. This appointment is effective upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical exam, and pre-employment paperwork.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Roddey aye
Stewart aye

On the nomination of Mayor Higgins, Robert McLean is hereby appointed to the Environmental Review Board for a term of 3 years. This term will expire in 2013. Motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Roddey.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Roddey aye
Stewart aye

On the nomination of Mayor Higgins, Jason Wilson is hereby appointed to the Environmental Review Board for a term of 3 years. This term will expire in 2013. Motion by Trustee Roddey, seconded by Trustee Stewart.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Roddey aye
Stewart aye

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Roddey reported that crews are currently out sewer jetting, and that Joint Recreation recently held a very successful Easter egg hunt.

Trustee Char offered congratulations to Ptl. Anthony J. Pitt and Ptl. Christopher S. Smoulcey who are being honored as the Police Chiefs' Association of Orange County Officers of the Year 2009 for the category of Lifesaving Award.

Trustee Char read the following Police Department statistics: since March 22nd there have been 24 arrests, 102 uniform traffic tickets, 118 parking summonses issued, and 9 motor vehicle accidents investigated.

Trustee Stewart reported the following activities of the Department of Public Works: crews are out repairing plow damage from this past winter; yard waste collection started on the first Friday of April and will continue through November on the first and third Friday of each month; and Spring Clean Up Week for village residents will take place the week of April 26, 2010.

Trustee Mattheus noted that written approval has been received from the NYS DOH for the directional bore under the Walkkill River that is necessary for the completion of the CRV well project.

Trustee Mattheus reported that the Forestry Committee has met, and that members are doing an assessment of viable locations for new plantings.

Citizens' Comments

Comments were received from Neil Hickok, Walt Jensen, Ed Garling, Joel Markowitz, and Reynell Andrews.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye