

Village Board Meeting
April 13, 2009

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

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Superintendent Nuzzolese, 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. A moment of silence was observed to honor the memories of John McCourtney, a long-time resident and 70 year member of the Dikeman Engine and Hose Co., and Charles "Bud" Wallace, who passed away in January. Mr. Wallace rarely missed a Village Board meeting.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the agenda was modified by the addition of Executive Session for discussion of potential litigation, prior to adjournment.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Stewart	aye
Roddey	aye

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the April 6, 2009 Village Board Annual Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Stewart	aye
Roddey	aye

Communications

Mayor Higgins read a letter from Robert Dickover, Race Director of the 2009 Great American Weekend 5K and 10K races, which are sponsored by the Goshen Rotary Club.

On a motion by Trustee Roddey, seconded by Trustee Char, approval was granted for the races as outlined in the request.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Stewart	aye
Roddey	aye

Mayor Higgins read a letter from Elmer Budd, Parade Chairman of the Goshen Fire Department's Fire Parade and Float Parade. The letter requested a donation of \$1,500.00 to help defray expenses. This amount had been given in the past for these events, which occur every three years. It was noted that this amount has been allocated in the budget.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the Board agreed to honor the Goshen Fire Department's request for a donation of \$1,500.00

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Stewart	aye
Roddey	aye

A request for use of Village Hall on May 9th for the bicentennial celebration lecture series was reviewed. The 10:00 a.m. talk will be entitled: "Photographic techniques, equipment, and pictures of 1860" and will be presented by Robert Jaffe, M.D.

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Roddey, approval of the request for use of Village Hall was granted.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Stewart aye
Roddey aye

Mayor Higgins read fees to the Village for bulk clean-up as listed in a letter from Interstate Waste Services. Superintendent Nuzzolese explained that the costs are the same as last year, and that the same rules apply as in the past.

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the Board approved the proposal from Interstate Waste Services for bulk clean-up to be conducted the week of April 27, 2009.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Stewart aye
Roddey 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 08/09, 33 and 34, numbers 34283 through 34339 in the amount of \$105,655.25, and numbers 34340 through 34362 in the amount of \$119,253.38, for a grand total of \$224,908.63.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Roddey aye
Stewart aye

The Board was provided with the Budget Status Report for March, 2009, which showed 83% of the fiscal year completed.

Items of Business

DPW Truck Lease

A motion was offered by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 to approve entering into a Master Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement with Koch Financial Corporation for the purpose of purchasing, via a financing agreement, one (1) 2009 GMC C5500. The cost shall not exceed the figure specified, (\$49, 322.59).

Schedule Public Hearing 2009/2010 Budget

Trustee Mattheus moved the following, which was seconded by Trustee Char:

The Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby schedules the Public Hearing on the proposed 2009/2010 budget for April 27, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Child Passenger Safety Technician Training

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, approval is hereby granted for Village of Goshen Ptl. Ryan Rich to attend the Orange County Emergency Services Center's 4 day Child Passenger Safety Technician Training Course on June 9th – 12th, 2009. The cost for this training is \$100.00, and will certify the Officer to inspect and teach proper installation of child safety seats.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Mattheus reported that hydrant flushing is scheduled for the week of April 27th between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. She cautioned that any discolored water be run for a short period of time as it is only temporary.

Trustee Mattheus noted that Arbor Day will be observed on Saturday, April 25th at 11:00 a.m. with a tree planting in Church Park.

Trustee Stewart reported the following recent activities of the Department of Public Works: yard waste collection has started and will continue on the first and third Fridays of the month, through November; crews have started straightening and replacing signs, repairing plow damage, cleaning parks, and parking meters have been emptied and repaired.

Trustee Char explained that the Police Department was recently awarded a \$1000 grant from Wal-Mart to upgrade crime scene photography equipment, and an equipment grant, valued at \$1000 from the NY State Division of Criminal Justice Services for field sobriety testing. Trustee Char gave the following statistics: since March 23rd there have been 24 arrests, 99 uniform traffic tickets, 105 parking summonses issued, and 13 motor vehicle accidents investigated.

Trustee Roddey noted that the Sewer Department has been sewer jetting and performing pump station tune-ups, and that the SCADA system at the treatment plant is now working efficiently.

Trustee Roddey offered congratulations to Adam Christian Boese II, and Russell Tourangeau, Jr., of Boy Scout Troop 66, who recently attained the rank of Eagle.

Mayor Higgins urged members of the public to consider entering a float in the Goshen Fire Department's parade to be held September 5, 2009. The theme this year is "The Village of Goshen's 200th Anniversary". Mayor Higgins also noted that all three fire departments need volunteers.

Citizens' Comments

Comments were received from Joel Markowitz, Neil Hickok, and Reynell Andrews.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Board entered into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the Board closed the Executive Session at 8:35 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 8:37 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye