

Village Board Work Session
July 6, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Higgins, Trustees Char, Mattheus, Roddey, and Stewart, and Village Clerk Strobl.

Center Street

Mayor Higgins reviewed a letter from Attorney Donovan which provided the Board with a certified appraisal and certified survey of the premises known as "Center Street". The letter explained that, "the property is owned by the Village and is shown on certain maps as a "paper street", it has, in fact, never been opened as a Village street and, in prior proceedings relative to this property, the Village entered into an agreement which provided that: "The Village shall have no obligation to make Center Street a Village street".

A discussion regarding the matter included comments from Mr. and Mrs. Brescia, who live on one side of the property. Trustee Char suggested that the area be posted with signs stating 'No Parking; Village Property'. The Board reached consensus that the signs would be preferable to offering the property for sale. The Mayor will refer the issue to the Village Attorney.

Steve Esposito, of Esposito & Associates, and Albert Fini, applicant, reviewed their plans for Lone Oak, a traditional neighborhood development in the Town of Goshen. Mr. Esposito explained the project's approval status, and the fact that the most efficient method of sewer treatment would be to hook up to the Village's sewer. One of the two lots, 11-1-49.2, is in the existing Arcadia Hills sewer district.

Tricia Sherlock, Chairperson of the Joint Recreation Commission, appeared before the Board to discuss the possible use of part of the Salesian Park for 2-3 soccer fields for the youngest players. Ms. Sherlock was asked to present a written plan to the JRC and let the Village Board know how it was received.

Proposed Local Law #2, 2009

The Board discussed proposed Local Law #2 of 2009, Places of Worship, and whether or not changes should be made to it prior to the continuation of the Public Hearing on July 27, 2009. It was decided that Planner Stuart Turner and Planning Board Attorney Michael Donnelly should be asked to the next Work Session for further discussion of the Local Law.

Goshen Fire District – Planning Fees

Mayor Higgins reviewed a request from the Board of Fire Commissioners for a waiver of any Planning and Building Department fees, and a refund of a fee already paid, in regard to the expansion and update of the Minisink Fire Station. It was the consensus of the Board that fees not be waived.

Montgomery Street Block Party

The Board reviewed a letter requesting the closure of part of Montgomery Street for a second annual block party. A Resolution approving the request will be on the next regular meeting agenda, with support for the Chief's recommendations for the safety of all residents.

Salesian Artifacts

Mayor Higgins relayed the information that Councilman Lou Cappella had contacted him regarding the artifacts from the Salesian property, which are currently stored at the Town garage. The Town wishes to have the items auctioned. It was agreed that the first step would be to have a professional appraisal done.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. for discussion of personnel.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Roddey the Board ended the Executive Session, and the Work Session, at 8:50 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye