

Village Board Meeting
July 27, 2009

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

Also present: Chief Watt, Attorney Donovan, Engineer Tully, 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.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the agenda was accepted with the addition of discussion of PBA negotiations during Executive Session.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor Higgins turned the meeting over to Chief Watt and Police Commissioner Char for recognition of Sgt. Daniel Henderson and Ptl. Anthony Pitt for 20 years of service in law enforcement.

Chief Watt read biographies of Sgt. Henderson and Ptl. Pitt, and Trustee Char presented them with certificates of achievement. Both men introduced their family members who were present for the ceremony.

Mayor Higgins opened the continuation of the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #2 of 2009, Places of Worship, at 7:45 p.m.

Public comment was received from Neil Hickok and Joel Markowitz.

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Char, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:52 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the Minutes of the July 6, 2009 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Roddey, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the July 13, 2009 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Communications

The Board reviewed an alcoholic beverage renewal application form from Betro and Pray, Inc.

Mayor Higgins reviewed a letter from Assemblywoman Annie Rabbitt announcing a grant award of \$5,476 for the Village of Goshen, to be used toward the repairs to the earthen dam at Prospect Reservoir.

The Board reviewed a temporary sign request from the Bicentennial Committee. On a motion by Trustee Roddey, seconded by Trustee Char, the sign request was approved, providing compliance with appropriate signage laws in the Village Code.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Lanc & Tully Engineering and Surveying, P.C., for engineering and surveying services necessary for the design of the drainage improvements project approved by Orange County Community Development, and known as Village of Goshen Drainage Improvements to Greenwich Avenue, Green Street, and Bruen Place. The proposal states an estimated overall project cost of \$40,000.00.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Roddey commended Superintendent Nuzzolese and the DPW employees for the great job on the stockpile, and noted that the leachate collection system had been installed satisfactorily.

Mayor Higgins reiterated that the DPW had saved the Village great expense by their work on the project.

Trustee Char reported the following statistics from the Police Department: since July 13th there have been 14 arrests, 109 uniform traffic tickets, 21 parking summonses issued, and 10 motor vehicle accidents investigated.

Trustee Stewart noted recent activities of the DPW: parking meters have been emptied; the road mower has been out cutting grass along village streets; crews are out painting with white street paint; and catch basins have been repaired.

Trustee Mattheus reported on a recent meeting regarding water issues at which projects were put in order of importance. The reservoir is currently down 1”.

Speaking for the Forestry Commission, Trustee Mattheus said that a first round of trees have been planted throughout the village with more to follow.

Citizens' Comments

Comments were received from Ken Obremski, Neil Hickok, and Joel Markowitz.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. for discussion of litigation and discussion of PBA negotiations.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Executive Session was ended at 8:50 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Roddey, seconded by Trustee Char, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye