

Village Board Work Session
August 4, 2008

Present: Mayor Weinberger, Trustees Bloom, Fast, Mattheus, and Higgins, Chief Watt, and Stuart Waxman, labor attorney for the Village of Goshen.

Mayor Weinberger called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. and informed the Board that, in the absence of the Village Clerk, he would serve as Secretary Pro-tem.

Trustee Mattheus moved, and Trustee Higgins seconded that the Board meet in Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations between the Village and Union (PBA). Motion carried.

Mr. Waxman reviewed background of negotiations to date. The “off the record offer of settlement” by the union was discussed with comments and questions by the Trustees. Discussion focused on salary and benefits in the settlement offer with comparison to police officers in other municipalities.

Following lengthy discussion, Trustee Mattheus moved and Trustee Higgins seconded, to close the Executive Session and open the Work Session, at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Trustee reports during Work Session

Water - Trustee Mattheus

1. reported that a leak study (DSL) of water lines will be done under the supervision of DPW Superintendent Nuzzolese
2. sequestering of CRV well #1 is continuing to find a proper/acceptable agent
3. well #2 results reported acceptable

Police – Trustee Higgins

1. recommended sending Ptl. Ryan Rich to Breath Analysis Operator course (9/2 through 9/5) at Rockland County Police Academy (cost - \$400.00)

Sewer/Bicentennial – Trustee Fast

1. announced that Lakeside Equipment will re-supply 6 new motors at the WWTP - cost to village will be paying day laborers – Board members requested more information re. cost
2. informed the Board about problems with NYSEG cost of gas line to WWTP – NYSEG now wants \$120,000 – contract was for \$80,000 – Trustee Fast to discuss problem with Village Attorney and report back
3. informed Board about water problem for efficient centrifuge operations (drying the sludge) – options needed, investigation continues
4. met with Epsilon to discuss sewer rates
5. commented about her public Riverkeeper statement (7/28/08) and Trustee Mattheus' letter to Village Attorney (7/31/08)

6. Bicentennial Committee will, hereafter, meet in Village Hall – co-sponsor resolution needed for next regular Board meeting.

DPW – Trustee Bloom

1. reported on Community Development
2. tree trimming completed

Trustee Higgins moved, and Trustee Bloom seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Weinberger
Secretary Pro-tem