

Village Board Meeting  
August 11, 2008  
Goshen Senior Citizens Center, 100 Trotters Circle

Members present: Mayor Weinberger, Trustees Bloom, Fast, Higgins, and Mattheus.

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

Mayor Weinberger called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then read the following Legal Notice:

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen, New York, will hold a Public Hearing at Village Hall, 276 Main Street, Goshen, New York, on August 11, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon after as may be heard, to consider the adoption of proposed Local Law #1 of 2008. This proposed Local Law is to impose a moratorium on new land use approvals in the OBH Zoning District for a period of one year.

A copy of the proposed local law will be available for inspection at the office of the Village Clerk ten (10) days prior to the hearing.

The Village of Goshen will make every effort to assure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or accommodations should contact the Village Clerk.

By Order of the Village Board of Trustees  
Village of Goshen  
Margaret G. Strobl, Village Clerk

Mayor Weinberger explained that due to the anticipated crowd size the meeting had been moved to the Senior Center, and that notice of the move had been published in the Times Herald Record on August 10, 2008. The Mayor opened the Public Hearing.

Phil Canterino, Town Councilman, 7 Hilltop Drive, spoke in support of the moratorium.

Steve Bogart, 156 South Street, read from a prepared statement and was in favor of a moratorium.

Ed Degan, PO Box 674, requested the Board members' opinions of the moratorium. He was advised that the Board would speak to the issue after the public.

Joel Markowitz, PO Box 363, expressed concerns about stifling economic activity in the Village, and about whether the Board wished to control what is done in the OBH zone, or by whom it is done.

Irv Zuckerman, 24 Gilbert Street, Monroe, spoke as the developer of the Eastgate property. He expressed his hope that Elant be given a fair opportunity to purchase the Arden Hill Hospital facility.

Donna McAleer, CEO of Elant, informed those present that Elant will be putting in another purchase proposal for Arden Hill within seven to ten days.

Mayor Weinberger requested that Attorney Donovan give an explanation of proposed Local Law #1.

Dan Matteo, President of the Hambletonian Park Homeowners Association stated that his group supports the moratorium.

Mayor Weinberger gave the Trustees an opportunity to speak. All four Trustees spoke in favor of the adoption of Local Law #1 of 2008.

Mayor Weinberger read the following letter into the Minutes:

*The Goshen Chamber of Commerce supports the Villages' consideration to adopt a one year moratorium on new land use approvals in the Villages' OBH district.*

*As one of the last remaining large parcels with potential for significant redevelopment, the timing is appropriate for a study to assess the economic and cultural impacts on the community.*

*Sincerely, Mike Rundle, President, Goshen Chamber of Commerce*

On a motion by Trustee Higgins, seconded by Trustee Fast, the Public Hearing was closed at 8:16 p.m.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	aye

Mayor Weinberger called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

On a motion by Trustee Bloom, seconded by Trustee Fast, the agenda was accepted with the modification of holding the Public Hearing first.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	aye

Mayor Weinberger offered privilege of the floor to speak to the agenda. There were no comments.

On a motion by Trustee Higgins, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, the Minutes of the July 21, 2008 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Bloom	aye
Fast	abstain (left early)
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	aye

On a motion by Trustee Higgins, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, the Minutes of the July 28, 2008 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	aye

On a motion by Trustee Higgins, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, the Minutes of the August 4, 2008 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	aye

#### Communications

The Board reviewed a letter from Goshen Christian School requesting permission to display a sign on the Village Square. Provisional permission was granted based on review by the Building Inspector, and adherence to the Village's laws regarding signs.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Goshen Rotary Club announcing the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Tour de Goshen bicycle ride.

On a motion by Trustee Fast, seconded by Trustee Higgins, permission was granted for the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Tour de Goshen.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	aye

Bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Numbers 08/09, number 7 in the amount of \$73,167.12; and number 8 in the amount of \$30,554.55; for a grand total of \$103,721.67.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	aye

#### Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Higgins, seconded by Trustee Fast, Matthew D. Dicembri is hereby appointed full time Police Officer for the Village of Goshen Police Department at a salary of \$46,017, pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment paper work, physical and psychological testing. This appointment includes a maximum probationary period of 18 months.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	aye

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Fast, Cynthia Ceconello and Manuel Orellana Sr. are hereby authorized to attend the Hudson Valley Water Works Conference Summer Seminar on August 14, 2008 in Harriman, NY. It is understood that the total cost of this training is \$40.00, and that 3 contact hours will be awarded each participant.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	aye

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Fast, Cynthia Ceconello and Manuel Orellana Sr. are hereby authorized to attend the NY Rural Water Association Laboratory Seminar on November 19, 2008, to be held at the Orange County Fire Training Center. It is understood that the total cost of the training is \$120.00, and that 6.0 contact hours will be awarded each participant toward recertification.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	aye

On a motion by Trustee Higgins, seconded by Trustee Fast, Ptl. Kenneth Ellefsen is granted permission to attend the Basic Police Motorcycle School from August 18<sup>th</sup> through August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008, at the Town of Warwick Police Department. The cost for this training is \$175.00.

Bloom            aye  
Fast             aye  
Higgins         aye  
Mattheus       aye

On a motion by Trustee Higgins, seconded by Trustee Fast, permission is granted for Ptl. Ryan Rich to attend the Breath Analysis Operator Course from September 2<sup>nd</sup> through September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at the Rockland County Police Academy. The cost for this training is \$400.00.

Bloom            aye  
Fast             aye  
Higgins         aye  
Mattheus       aye

Trustee Higgins moved the following, which was seconded by Trustee Fast:

**WHEREAS**, the County of Orange Department of Emergency Services has developed a plan for a countywide law enforcement records management system for the purpose of permitting all law enforcement agencies in the county to share data; and

**WHEREAS**, Orange County will absorb the initial year cost of providing IMPACT's current level of data sharing, as stated in the Memorandum and outlined in the data sharing statement of work between Admit Computer Services and the County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,**

**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between the Village of Goshen and the County of Orange for the purpose of implementing the program, subject to review and approval of the Village Attorney.

*Upon a roll call vote with 4 Trustees voting in favor and 0 voting against, the resolution was duly adopted.*

Mayor Weinberger stated, for the record, that he would like to remind the Board that he has consistently questioned the language in the contract.

Trustee Higgins noted that a cost of \$4.00/day to possibly save a life was well worth it.

The following was moved by Trustee Fast, and seconded by Trustee Mattheus:

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Goshen will be celebrating the bicentennial of the incorporation of the Village in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, a committee has heretofore been formed for the purpose of planning and coordinating various events to commemorate the bicentennial celebration of the incorporation of the Village of Goshen; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee that has been established to coordinate and celebrate the bicentennial has requested that the Village Board authorize the Village of Goshen to act as co-sponsor of the celebratory events being planned in conjunction with the bicentennial celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, those celebratory events being planned in conjunction with the bicentennial celebration are annexed to and made a part of this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board finds it to be in the overall public interest to act as co-sponsor of this bicentennial celebration subject to the limitations and conditions hereinafter set forth;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Goshen shall act as a co-sponsor of the bicentennial celebration regarding the events contained within the attachment to this Resolution subject to the following conditions:

1. The Village of Goshen shall not act as a co-sponsor and shall not be a co-sponsor of any event at which alcohol is served, for consideration or otherwise, and any such event at which alcohol may be served shall specifically not be subject to the co-sponsorship of the Village of Goshen;
2. All vendors who may be present at the events set forth in the attachment must provide a certificate of insurance naming the Village of Goshen as an additional insured as well as an indemnification agreement in favor of the Village of Goshen agreeing to indemnify the Village for any and all loss that may be incurred as a result of the actions of said vendor.

*Upon a roll call vote with 4 Trustees voting in favor and 0 Trustees voting against the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.*

Trustee Bloom moved the following, which was seconded by Trustee Fast:

Authorization is hereby given for the Village of Goshen Justice Department to apply for a 2008/2009 Justice Court Assistance Program Grant for up to the maximum amount available of \$30,000.

After discussion, a motion to table the resolution was made by Trustee Mattheus, and seconded by Trustee Higgins, pending further information on the grant's requested items. After further discussion, the motion to table was withdrawn.

Trustee Mattheus requested that the Board receive assurances from the Court Clerk that: 1] no changes be made to the exterior of Maplewood; and 2] any proposed changes to the interior of Maplewood be presented to the Maplewood Committee.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	aye

#### Trustee Reports

Trustee Higgins reported the following Police activities: since July 28<sup>th</sup> there have been 9 arrests, 76 uniform traffic tickets, 44 parking summonses issued, and 16 motor vehicle accidents investigated. Trustee Higgins also recommended a joint meeting with the Town Board to discuss several issues regarding Salesian Park.

Trustee Fast noted that the Senior Commission has formed a preliminary budget. Trustee Fast also reported that she has asked the sewer Engineer to look into having sewage (from septic tank collections) brought into the plant.

Trustee Bloom reported that street microsealing was just started, and will continue through the week. She has had tree trimming done on the grounds of Maplewood in an effort to preserve the roof, and was very pleased with the results and the cost.

Trustee Mattheus stated that the tests on CRV well #2 show it providing 300 gallons/min., which is much better than expected. She also advised that the Forestry Commission will replace the tree that was removed at Maplewood, despite the minimal budget for trees.

#### Citizens' Comments

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

On a motion by Trustee Higgins, seconded by Trustee Fast, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	aye