

Village Board Work Session
November 3, 2008

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

Also present: Village Clerk Strobl

Mayor Weinberger called the Work Session to order at 7:04 p.m.

Scott Geiger, NYS DOT Presentation

Mayor Weinberger explained that Mr. Geiger had originally confirmed his attendance, but subsequently, in a telephone conversation, advised that he wasn't sure. No further information was received.

Center Street

Mayor Weinberger advised that he had received a letter from Mrs. Brescia, dated October 8th, and had replied on October 14th. Trustee Bloom asked why the Village would not be in favor of selling the Center Street property. Mayor Weinberger concurred and noted that the parcel has no value to the village, and that the Board should pursue getting a survey and an appraisal.

Following discussion, Mayor Weinberger stated that he would have a resolution prepared for the November 10th meeting authorizing a survey and an appraisal in preparation to putting the property on the market.

Bicentennial

Mayor Weinberger noted that he was in receipt of two notes from Ken Obremski regarding insurance coverage for Bicentennial activities, and celebratory banners.

Trustee Fast, Board liaison to the committee, said that 25 banners have been sold thus far. Mayor Weinberger stated that there will be a resolution at the November 10th meeting approving the banners, which will be hung from mid-January until the end of September, 2009.

Mayor Weinberger requested that Trustee Fast inform the Committee of the Village's insurance obligations regarding the activities.

Trustee Fast asked if the Board wished to purchase a banner, and those present agreed. It was determined that the banner should be purchased by the Board (\$40.00 each) rather than through taxpayer money.

Domestic Partner Health Insurance Coverage

The Board reached consensus that the Village of Goshen would not offer the optional New York State Health Insurance "Domestic Partner" coverage at this time.

Trustees' Reports

Trustee Higgins reported on Goshen's receipt of the bronze award in AAA New York's Community Traffic Safety Awards Program, which he attended on October 15th in East Meadow, NY. He also requested that the Board approve the OC Dept. of Emergency Services' Inter-municipal Agreement for a Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Program at the next regular meeting, following the Village Attorney's review.

Trustee Higgins reported on the Joint Recreation Commission's recent Halloween Party, which was very successful, and noted that the goal was to have Joint Rec become self-sustaining.

Trustee Fast, Sewer Commissioner, reported that the replacement of the rotors at the plant would be done November 4th, at no cost to the village. She also requested that the Board enter into Executive Session for discussion of possible litigation.

Trustee Bloom informed the Board of recent activities of the DPW, including the on-going leaf pick-up. She also noted the need for Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

On a motion by Trustee Bloom, seconded by Trustee Higgins, the Board entered Executive Session to discuss possible litigation and a personnel issue at 8:00 p.m.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	absent

On a motion by Trustee Higgins, seconded by Trustee Bloom, the Work Session was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	absent