

Village Board Meeting  
November 23, 2009

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

Absent: Trustee Mattheus

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

Mayor Higgins opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Higgins called for a moment of silence to honor the memory of former Village Trustee Bill Finan.

On a motion by Trustee Roddey, seconded by Trustee Char, the agenda was accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the November 2, 2009 Village Board Work Session and November 9, 2009 Village Board Meeting, were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

#### Communications

Mayor Higgins read a letter from Ken Obremski, co-chair of the Bicentennial Committee. The letter requested a meeting to discuss uses for the approximately \$13,000 surplus, to be a permanent reminder of the event.

Trustee Roddey volunteered to be the liaison with the committee.

#### Items of Business

Trustee Char moved the following, which was seconded by Trustee Roddey:

The Mayor is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Village Board, to sign and fund the Agreement between the Village of Goshen and the Village of Goshen Police Benevolent Association, Inc., dated June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2012.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Trustee Char gave a brief summary of changes made in the new contract, and commended those involved on the professionalism shown during the process. Trustee Char thanked Chief Watt, Officers Vuksanovich, Smoulcey, and Rich, and Detective Conklin for their work on the contract.

Trustee Stewart and Trustee Roddey expressed gratitude to Trustee Char for bringing the negotiations to a successful conclusion.

Trustee Stewart offered the following Resolution, and moved its adoption:

Resolved: To schedule a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of proposed Local Law #2 of 2009. This proposed Local Law is to designate a free 15-minute parking space in front of 183 West Main Street. The Public Hearing will be held December 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon after as may be heard, at Village Hall, 276 Main Street, Goshen, New York.

The foregoing Resolution was seconded by Trustee Char, and a vote resulted as follows:

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Roddey, Joshua Bell, Manuel Orellana, and Brian Ritchings are hereby authorized to attend the NY Rural Water Association Laboratory Seminar in Newburgh NY on February 3, 2010. It is understood that the total cost for the training is \$105.00, and that attendees will receive the mandated five hours of laboratory training required by the NYS Dept. of Health for operation recertification.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Roddey, seconded by Trustee Char, authorization is hereby given for the creation of a Part-time Code Enforcement Officer position with the County of Orange Department of Personnel, at a salary of \$16.30 per hour.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Roddey reported that the Joint Recreation Commission's recent second annual "Turkey Trot" had been very successful, with an excellent turnout. He thanked the JRC, and the Village of Goshen Police for their assistance.

Trustee Roddey informed those present that the Goshen Chamber of Commerce will be holding the annual Holiday Lighting on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m., with a short program at the square.

Trustee Char reported that on November 19<sup>th</sup> the Command Staff for the joint Village and Town Disaster Plan held its Annual Meeting at Village Hall to review and update the plan.

Trustee Char offered the following statistics from the Police Report: since November 9<sup>th</sup> there have been 10 arrests, 61 uniform traffic tickets and 71 parking summonses issued, and 14 motor vehicle accidents investigated.

Trustee Stewart reported the following major activities of the Department of Public Works: yard waste collection is over for the year and will resume in the spring; the sweeper is out, weather permitting; crews have been collecting leaves with the leaf vacuum on a daily basis; parking meters have been emptied and there will be free parking in the downtown area from November 30, 2009 through January 4, 2010.

In Trustee Mattheus' absence, Mayor Higgins reported that the most recent sequestering agent tested on the Crystal Run Well water had proven to be the most effective.

Citizens' comments were received from Reynell Andrews.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye