

Village Board Meeting
May 10, 2010

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

Also present: Village Attorney Donovan, Village Engineer Tully, 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 Roddey, seconded by Trustee Char, the agenda was accepted with the following additions: Communications #4 – Sign Request from St. John School; Items of Business #5 – Joint Recreation Commission Parks Grant Extension; and Executive Session to discuss current litigation.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Minutes

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the Minutes of the April 19, 2010 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the Minutes of the April 26, 2010 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Roddey, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Minutes of the May 3, 2010 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Communications

Mayor Higgins read a letter from Commander Bill Walling and the members of American Legion Goshen Post 377, which invited the Village Board to participate in the Goshen Memorial Day Parade and services, which will be held on Monday, May 31st.

Mayor Higgins read a letter from the Great American Weekend Committee, which requested permission for the placement of temporary signs regarding the event.

On a motion by Trustee Roddey, seconded by Trustee Char, permission for the signs, as identified in the request of April 23, 2010, was granted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2009/2010, numbers 43 and 44, numbers 36151 through 36210 in the amount of \$121,510.99.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor Higgins reviewed a letter from the Carnival Committee of St. John School, Goshen, which requested permission to temporarily erect a sign in the Village Green.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Roddey, permission for the sign was granted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Items of Business

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

RESOLVED: To re-levy on the 2010-2011 Village of Goshen Property Taxes, the amount of \$177,378.66, reflecting the total amount of unpaid water/sewer bills for 2009.

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

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Roddey, permission is granted for the Spirited Spokes Charity Bike Ride for Catholic Schools to use Village streets, as listed in the attached route maps. The event is scheduled for May 22, 2010, from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. This permission is predicated upon receipt of the remaining permits, as delineated by Chief Watt.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	absent

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, Manuel A. Orellana is hereby authorized to attend the Hudson Valley Water Works Conference Spring Seminar on May 13, 2010, in Harriman, New York. It is understood that the cost for the training will be \$30.00, and that 4 contact hours will be awarded by the Department of Health, and 2 contact hours by the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

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

WHEREAS, Goshen Shopping Associates, has heretofore filed a proceeding in the Supreme Court of Orange County pursuant to Section 726 of the Real Property Tax Law seeking to contest the assessment imposed on its real property located at 30 & 40 Matthews Street in the Village of Goshen which property is designated on the tax map as Section 114, Block 5, Lot 9.22; and

WHEREAS, the duties of assessing real property in the Village for purposes of real property taxation are vested with the Assessor's office for the Town of Goshen; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Goshen and their Assessor have heretofore determined that it is in the best interests of all parties that the proceeding commenced by Goshen Shopping Associates, be settled and compromised; and

WHEREAS, the Village is in receipt of a Consent Judgment duly signed and approved by the attorneys representing the Town of Goshen, and the attorneys representing the Petitioner, which Consent Judgment has been approved by the Honorable David S. Ritter, Supreme Court Justice; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms and provisions of said Consent Judgment the Village is obligated to refund certain tax amounts heretofore paid by Goshen Shopping Associates;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that pursuant to said Consent Judgment the Village Board hereby directs the Village Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$125,933.00 and to deliver the same to Goshen Shopping Associates as provided for in said Consent Judgment.

Upon a roll call vote with 3 Trustees voting in favor and 0 Trustees voting against the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

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

WHEREAS, the County of Orange, under the Orange County Municipal Parks Grant Program, has awarded the Village of Goshen and Town of Goshen a 2008 Grant of up to \$15,000 for a pavilion and free standing restroom at Salesian Park, and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby approves the request of the Joint Recreation Commission to seek an extension of the project completion date.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Roddey reported that the Joint Recreation Commission would like to thank Goshen Little League and Goshen Girl Scouts for recent clean-up efforts at Craigville Park.

Reporting for sewer, Trustee Roddey informed that sewer jetting is complete, and that all sewer pump stations will be serviced this week.

Trustee Char noted that things are running smoothly at the Police Department and that, since April 26th there have been 22 arrests, 91 uniform traffic tickets, 75 parking tickets issued, and 11 motor vehicle accidents investigated.

Trustee Stewart reported the following major activities of the Department of Public Works: Spring bulk clean up is complete; crews are out blacktop patching; and arrangements are being made to repave the upper end of North Church Street.

Mayor Higgins gave the following water report in Trustee Mattheus' absence: A pump was replaced on one of the filters at the water plant; and hydrant flushing is complete.

Mayor Higgins reported that he and Trustee Roddey had attended an Eagle Scout Award ceremony on the 8th, at which 9 Scouts attained the rank of Eagle. Mayor Higgins also attended a celebration at Elant earlier in the day, in honor of "Older Americans Month".

Citizens' Comments

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

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the Board entered into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. for a discussion of current litigation.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the Board concluded the Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Roddey, seconded by Trustee Char, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye