

Village Board Meeting
November 22, 2010

Members present: Mayor Higgins, Trustees Char, Mattheus (until 7:50 p.m.), Roddey, and Stewart.

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

7:00 p.m.

Mayor Higgins led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to honor the memories of recently departed residents Fahim Mabry and Amelia Kearns.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the Board entered into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Board ended the Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Roddey, seconded by Trustee Char, the Agenda was accepted as presented.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the Board opened the Public Hearing to consider the adoption of proposed Local Law #1 of 2010 at 7:52 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor Higgins read the following:

This proposed Local Law is to amend Section 54-93 of the Code of the Village of Goshen entitled *Stop Intersections* by the addition of the following stop intersections:

- Maiden Lane from the South at its intersection with Murray Avenue;
- Cahill Drive from the North at its intersection with Murray Avenue;
- Murray Avenue from the East at its intersection with Maiden Lane and Cahill Drive;
- Murray Avenue from the West at its intersection with Maiden Lane and Cahill Drive;
- Colt Court from the West at its intersection with Maiden Lane;
- Maiden Lane from the North at its intersection with Colt Court;
- Maiden Lane from the South at its intersection with Colt Court.

Trustee Char described the involved intersections, all of which are in Harness Estates.

Mayor Higgins invited public comment.

Reynell Andrews asked if excessive speed was the sole reason for these stop signs, and whether there had been many speeding tickets issued.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Roddey, seconded by Trustee Char, the Village Board of the Village of Goshen, as lead agency, hereby issues a negative declaration pursuant to the applicable provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, set forth at 6 NYCRR 617 et seq., in the implementation of: Amending Section 54-93 of the Code of the Village of Goshen entitled *Stop Intersections*.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Roddey, Local Law #1 of 2010 is hereby adopted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Minutes

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the Minutes of the November 1, 2010 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Roddey, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the November 8, 2010 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Communications

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Roddey, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2010/2011 number 15, check numbers 608 through 671 in the amount of \$163,362.50.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the Village of Goshen will allow free parking in the downtown area from December 6, 2010 through January 3, 2011.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

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

In order to more accurately reflect duties and responsibilities, Sara M. Goldberg's title is hereby changed from Deputy Treasurer to Deputy Village Clerk / Treasurer.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor / Trustee Comments

Joint Recreation Commission

Trustee Roddey described last Saturday's "Turkey Trot" as a great success. Money raised is being donated to the Goshen Food Pantry.

Police

Trustee Char reported that the PBA is sponsoring a "cell phones for soldiers" collection to provide cell service to troops serving overseas. Residents can donate old cell phones at the Police Department headquarters from November 15th through January 5th.

DPW

Trustee Stewart reported the following major activities of the Department of Public Works: crews continue picking up leaves with the leaf vacuum; yard waste collection ended for the season November 19th; parking meters have been emptied; and a high wind storm on November 17th caused tree damage, which has been cleared up.

Water

In Trustee Mattheus' absence Mayor Higgins read the following: the CRV well has been shut off as of last Friday but levels at the reservoir are still low for this time of year, (-35"), so residents are urged to conserve water.

Mayor Higgins noted that he had attended the Town Board's Budget Public Hearing and learned that Town residents' taxes will be increasing approximately 2%, while Village residents' taxes will increase approximately 11%.

Citizens' comments were received from Neil Hickok and Joel Markowitz.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye