

Village Board Meeting
September 14, 2009

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

Also present: Superintendent Nuzzolese, Engineer Tully, Chief Watt, and Deputy Village Clerk Goldberg.

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 Mattheus, the agenda was accepted as presented.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Recognition of DPW Superintendent Nuzzolese

Michael Nuzzolese was recognized by the Board for 30 years of service to the Village of Goshen. Mayor Higgins read a proclamation declaring September 14th Michael Nuzzolese day. The Board presented Michael with a plaque, a NYCOM certificate, and gift certificates for a "Day in Goshen". Trustees personally commended Michael for his service. O.C. Legislator Frank Fornerio presented a certificate from the Legislature. The Goshen and Dikeman Fire Departments, Goshen VFW and American Legion, Village DPW employees, and the Chamber of Commerce offered their appreciation for Michael's hard work and dedication.

Superintendent Nuzzolese left the meeting.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the Minutes of the August 24, 2009 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor Higgins read a letter from Patrick Lahiff from the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, requesting permission to hold the 2010 parade in the Village. The Board discussed the parade. Trustee Mattheus made a motion to host the parade in the Village of Goshen, seconded by Trustee Char. The customary assistance and cooperation will be requested from the Town and County.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor Higgins read a letter from the Goshen Fire Department thanking the Board for their cooperation in making the recent Fire Parade a success. It was noted that the Village float won a trophy for "Best Application of Theme".

Trustee Mattheus read a certificate of appreciation to Nino Novellino for loaning the "cake" to the Village for use as centerpiece on the float.

Mayor Higgins read a letter from Goshen In Bloom requesting permission to place their fall plantings in the Harriman Fountain, as well as placement of a "Mutt Mitt" dispenser at the St. James Place entrance to the Heritage Trail.

Trustee Roddey made a motion to grant permission for the fall plantings, seconded by Trustee Char.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Roddey aye
Stewart aye

Trustee Roddey made a motion to grant permission for the placement of the "Mutt Mitt" dispenser, seconded by Trustee Mattheus.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Roddey aye
Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 09/10, 10 and 11, numbers 35017 through 35071 in the amount of \$391,767.28; and numbers 35072 through 35083 in the amount of \$25,676.98, for a grand total of \$417,444.26.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Roddey aye
Stewart aye

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

Based on the review and recommendation of Robert G. Torgensen, LA, CPESC, the Village Board hereby authorizes the return of the Restoration Bond, in the form of a Letter of Credit, (#082708-2), in the amount of \$3800.00, to the attorney for Heritage Estates, (112-5-4.2).

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Roddey aye
Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Char the following resolution was approved:

WHEREAS, the Village Board for the Village of Goshen has heretofore adopted a Local Law enacting a moratorium on development in the OBH Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, said Local Law provides that said moratorium shall be effective for a period of one year following the date of adoption of said Local Law; and

WHEREAS, the Local Law further provides that the moratorium may be extended by two additional periods of up to three months each by resolution of the Village Board upon a finding of the necessity of such extension; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has engaged the services of Turner Miller Group for purposes of assisting the Village in updating and modifying the Village's Zoning Regulations regarding the OBH Zoning District ; and

WHEREAS, significant and substantial work has been accomplished in connection with modifying and updating the Village's Zoning Regulations in the OBH Zoning District by the Village Board and the Village consultant; and

WHEREAS, additional time is required to adequately prepare the modifications and updates to the Village's Zoning Regulations in order to effectuate the purpose of the adoption of Local Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the moratorium enacted by said Local Law is hereby extended for three months.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Roddey stated recent activities of the sewer department: the Winston Drive pump station has been rebuilt with two new pumps and a new control panel.

Trustee Roddey also noted that the JRC Halloween party will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009 from 1 PM to 4 PM at Craigville Park.

Trustee Char gave the Police Report: On August 14th Harold J. Hillard was found to be residing in a barn at the Historic track, and was charged with failing to register as a sex offender, a felony. Hillard was arraigned before Judge Cione and committed to the O.C. Jail in lieu of \$5,000.00 bail.

Trustee Char reminded all residents that permits are required for all garage/yard sales. Chief Watt added that the permits may be obtained from the Village Clerk's Office free of charge.

Since August 24th there have been 28 arrests, 144 uniform traffic tickets, 148 parking summonses issued and 10 motor vehicle accidents investigated.

Trustee Stewart reported the following recent activities of the DPW: crews have been blacktop patching; catch basins are being rebuilt; the crews were busy with preparations for the Fire and Float Parade; and 80 feet of 24 inch culvert pipe was installed on the West Main Street extension.

Trustee Mattheus announced that there is a "Tree Planting Request" form available at Village Hall, and that the grant for tree planting has been obtained in the amount of \$9,840.00 from the DEC Forestry Council.

Trustee Mattheus reported that the DPW has been performing leak detection surveys, resulting in repairs through out the Village. She also noted that the DEC applications for the CRV well are being worked on.

Mayor Higgins called for a moment of silence in memoriam of Village resident John Matta.

Mayor Higgins stated that the Village has received correspondence from the Town that they have determined they will not pay any additional money towards the sewer bill.

Engineer Tully left the meeting.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, the Board entered into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss litigation.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor Higgins announced that in order to avoid litigation the Village Board intends to reach out to the Town Board requesting a meeting with attorneys and two representatives of each Board to discuss the sewer bill.

Public comment was received from Dan Matteo, Robert Lawrence, Neil Hickok, and Joel Markowitz.

On a motion by Trustee Roddey, seconded by Trustee Char, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye