

Village Board Meeting
September 13, 2010

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

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Art Tully, P.E., 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. A moment of silence was held to honor the memory of retired Sgt. John R. Conklin.

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Roddey, the agenda was accepted with the following addition: Item of Business # 4 – MTA Lawsuit.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Roddey, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the August 23, 2010 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	abstain (absent on August 23, 2010)
Roddey	aye
Stewart	abstain (absent on August 23, 2010)
Higgins	aye

Communications

Mayor Higgins read the following letter, addressed to Police Officer Ryan Rich:

On behalf of Governor David A. Paterson, I am pleased to notify you that the Village of Goshen has been awarded \$4,000 to participate in the statewide "Child Passenger Safety" program. Our goal is to increase the proper use and installation of child safety seats in New York State. Please note all grants will be effective only upon final approval by the New York State Office of the State Comptroller.

Thank you for participating in this very important statewide program. I wish you success in your efforts. If you have any questions, please contact the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. Sincerely, David J. Swarts, Chair and Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

Mayor Higgins read a note from Melissa Doura, thanking the Board for her Village of Goshen scholarship.

Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Roddey, seconded by Trustee Stewart, Court Clerk Leta Jagielski is hereby authorized to attend the New York State Association of Magistrates' Court Clerks Annual Conference, to be held October 10, 2010 through October 13, 2010, in Albany, New York. The total cost for this conference, including mileage and lodging, will be \$574.37.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Roddey, Cynthia Ceconello, Michael Nuzzolese, Manuel Orellana, Sr., and Manuel A. Orellana are hereby authorized to attend the New York Rural Water Association HDPE Pine Seminar on November 2, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in Fishkill NY. It is understood that the total cost of this training is \$116.00, and that six (6) contact hours will be awarded each participant, by the DOH/DEC.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Roddey aye
Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Chester for the provision of Building Inspector services in the absence of the Village of Goshen Building Inspector.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Roddey aye
Stewart aye

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

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen authorizes and directs our Village Attorney to file a Motion to intervene in the matter of the County of Nassau against the MTA, as Petitioners or parties of interest;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen further requests said attorney to attempt to take such steps as are necessary to minimize legal costs and cooperate with the County of Nassau as a party united in interest.

Upon a roll call vote with 4 Trustees voting in favor and 0 Trustees voting against the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Water

Trustee Mattheus reported that water meters have been read for the September billing, that hydrant flushing will be done the week of September 27th, and that one of the finished water pumps has been replaced at the filter plant.

DPW

Trustee Stewart noted that the North Church Street paving project had been completed and that the County will be painting double lines this week. Crews are also currently black top patching.

Police

Trustee Char expressed gratitude to Chief Watt for the incredible ceremony the department organized to honor the memory of retired Sgt. John R. Conklin, who passed away on August 27th. Sgt. Conklin was a great friend to the community and an outstanding member of the Police Department.

Trustee Char reminded motorists that school is now open and that school speed zones are in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily.

Sewer

Trustee Roddey noted that crews are preparing for the sewer main extension located at the intersection of West Street and Grand Street.

Trustee Roddey described the prototype of the "Welcome to Goshen" sign which the Bicentennial Committee plans to give to the Village. Trustee Mattheus requested a picture of the sign.

On a motion by Trustee Roddey, seconded by Trustee Char, the Village Board approved construction of the sign as the Bicentennial Committee's gift to the Village.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

Trustee Roddey commended Mayor Higgins for the recently held Eddie Ryan Golf Tournament.

Mayor Higgins thanked those who supported the golf tournament, which raised \$4,000 to assist injured Marine Sgt. Ryan with medical expenses.

Citizens' Comments

Comments were received from Joel Markowitz and Neil Hickok.

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

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, the Executive Session was concluded at 8:20 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye