

Village Board Meeting
September 22, 2008

Members present: Trustee Bloom, Deputy Mayor Fast, and Trustee Mattheus.

Absent: Mayor Weinberger and Trustee Higgins.

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

Deputy Mayor Fast called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Mayor Fast moved to adjust the agenda by the removal of Items of Business #1 – Resolution to Accept Harness Estates Water Storage Tank, and #2 – Comfort Inn Request for Release of Landscape Bond as those members present wished to have the full Board present for these decisions. Trustee Bloom seconded the motion, and Deputy Mayor Fast called the question.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	absent
Mattheus	aye

Deputy Mayor Fast offered Privilege of the Floor to Speak to the Agenda. Daniel McMann, representing Comfort Inn, expressed his displeasure at the removal of Item of Business #2 from the agenda.

Due to lack of a quorum of those present at the Village Board Meeting of September 8, 2008, the Minutes were tabled until the next regular meeting.

Correspondence

The Board reviewed a letter from 170 West Main informing of the renewal of the restaurant's beer and wine license.

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Bloom, the Board approved a request from residents of Harness Estates for a block party to be held September 27, 2008. The approval is subject to comments provided by Chief Watt.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	absent
Mattheus	aye

On a motion by Trustee Bloom, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 08/09, number 11 in the amount of \$217,133.50.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	absent
Mattheus	aye

Deputy Mayor Fast read a letter from the Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc., requesting permission for a Candlelight Vigil.

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Bloom, permission was granted for the Mental Health Association's one hour Candlelight Vigil, to be held Monday, October 6, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. This permission is contingent upon execution of the Village's Indemnification Agreement, and proper insurance coverage.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	absent
Mattheus	aye

Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Bloom, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, permission is granted for the Village Clerk to attend the New York State Archives' sponsored workshop on "Providing Access to Your Records" on October 8, 2008, in New Windsor, New York. There is no charge for this training.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	absent
Mattheus	aye

Trustee Mattheus offered the following Resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Bloom:

The Village of Goshen will institute a 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Halloween Curfew for Thursday, October 30, 2008 – Sunday, November 2, 2008.

Bloom	no
Fast	aye
Higgins	absent
Mattheus	aye

On a motion by Trustee Bloom, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, Patrick A. Russnak is hereby appointed Part-time Police Officer for the Village of Goshen Police Department at a salary of \$18.38 per hour. This appointment is effective upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical exam, and pre-employment paperwork.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	absent
Mattheus	aye

Trustees' Reports

Trustee Mattheus reported on water issues including repair of recent leaks on Spring Street and Main Street. The reservoir is currently down 27", and work on the CRV wells proposals is going well. Trustee Mattheus noted that new replacement trees will be planted at Maplewood, and that residents can obtain take-down tree request forms at Village Hall.

Trustee Bloom offered the following major activities report for the Department of Public Works: the Montgomery Street drainage project is complete; fire hydrants have been

flushed; crews worked with the county painting double yellow lines; and parking meters have been emptied.

Trustee Fast noted that the sewer plant had operated properly during the recent extremely heavy rainfall.

Deputy Mayor Fast asked Chief Watt to give the Police report in Trustee Higgins' absence. On September 10th the second and final suspect in the recent Duane Bruen Park knife assault was arrested and charged with felony assault and related charges. Ismael Velez, 29, of 29 Smith St., Middletown, was arraigned before Judge Cione and committed to O. C. Jail on \$50,000 bail pending grand jury action.

In addition, since September 8th there have been 10 arrests, 43 uniform traffic tickets, 60 parking summonses issued, and 6 motor vehicle accidents investigated.

Citizens' Comments were received from Heidi Spindler Cello and Ed Degan,

Ella Mae Hedgepeth, of 77 Witte Drive, Middletown, New York read the following letter into the record:

To The Board of the Village of Goshen,

On behalf of our members here present and on behalf of the citizens of the USA, I respectfully request that you review Village of Goshen Code 41-161 to 42-164.

In July 2008 we were told by the Village of Goshen Police Department that we were not allowed to picket in any residential area of the Village of Goshen and that we would be arrested if we did so.

We know that this code is in violation of the First Amendment of the Constitution of the USA which insures our freedom of speech, assembly and petition. Therefore, we request that you review the code and reply to us in writing as soon as possible.

We have enclosed a copy of a report from the Liberty Counsel which enumerates the protections of the First Amendment in this particular situation.

We are prepared to take any necessary steps to insure that the Village of Goshen no longer violates the First Amendment rights of any citizens.

We will await your reply. Thank you for your consideration and action upon this matter.

Respectfully, Ella Mae Hedgepeth, President of Orange County Right to Life

Citizens' Comments were received from County Legislator Frank Fornario, Neil Hickok, Joel Markowitz, and Lynn Cione.

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Bloom, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	absent
Mattheus	aye