

Village Board Meeting
May 23, 2011

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

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

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

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the Agenda was accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Minutes of the May 9, 2011 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Minutes of the May 16, 2011 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Char	abstain (absent on May 16, 2011)
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Communications

Mayor Roddey read a letter from David Hering, which explained his need to resign from the Environmental Review Board. Mayor Roddey expressed the Village's gratitude to Mr. Hering for his service to his community.

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Smith, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2010/2011 number 28; check numbers 1604 through 1629 in the amount of \$31,453.63.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Items of Business

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

Resolved: Christine Attanasio and Ceira Dawson are chosen to be the recipients of the Village of Goshen Scholarship for 2011, total amount \$3000.00 to be divided equally.

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

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Board hereby accepts the proposal from Munistat Services, Inc., dated May 9, 2011, for preparation and printing of the Statement of Annual Financial and Operating Information and the filing of such document, together with the Annual Bond Market Compliance Service. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the proposal, which will be \$1,500 for the 2012 fiscal year.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Char, the Board hereby accepts the proposal from Munistat Services, Inc., dated May 9, 2011, for Financial Advisory Services. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the proposal, which includes fees for formal public sales of serial bonds, not to exceed \$7,500; fees for formal public sales of short-term obligations, not to exceed \$3,500, and services for informal, private sales or other short-term obligations, not to exceed \$1,500.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor Roddey gave an explanation of the need to increase the sewer special assessment, and Board Members commented on the fact that the Accountant had done extensive work to find the most equitable way. It was noted that the assessment amount would be continually reevaluated.

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen has heretofore held a public hearing for the purpose of considering an increase to the current sewer special assessment to \$170.00 per unit per quarter for the purpose of paying the debt incurred regarding the construction of the new Waste Water Treatment Facility inclusive of the remediation of the material stockpiled on site during construction of the new facility; and

WHEREAS, the increase of the sewer special assessment is an unlisted action pursuant to the implementing regulations of the Environmental Conservation Law set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, there are no other involved agencies, coordinated review is not required and the Village Board shall act as lead agency in connection with the adoption of this special assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board determines that the adoption of this special sewer assessment increase will have no significant adverse environmental impact;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen issues a Negative Declaration in connection with the adoption of this sewer special assessment increase.

Upon a roll call vote with 4 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 Stewart:

WHEREAS, the Village Board for the Village of Goshen has heretofore duly convened a public hearing on April 25, 2011, notice of which was published in the Goshen Independent and The Chronicle, the official newspapers of the Village, on April 13, 2011 and April 14, 2011, respectively, and notice of which was additionally mailed to all affected property owners for the purpose of considering an increase in the existing sewer special assessment; and

WHEREAS, the increase in the sewer special assessment is required for the purpose of paying debt incurred to construct the new Village Waste Water Treatment Plant, inclusive of the remediation of the material stockpiled on site during construction of the new facility; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board hereby determines that an increase in the sewer special assessment to \$170.00 per unit, per quarter is sufficient and adequate to pay the debt service incurred;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the sewer special assessment be increased to \$170.00 per unit, per quarter, effective with the next appropriate billing cycle, said special assessment to continue until the obligations identified hereinabove are paid in full.

Upon a roll call vote with 4 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 Smith:

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen is in receipt of a proposal from TBE-Montgomery, LLC, hereinafter referred to as "TBE" pursuant to which TBE offers to accept, for a fee, the municipal solid waste generated by the Village and TBE and to thereafter sort and separate said waste and gasify biomass to generate renewable electrical energy; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen believes that this new technology presents an environmentally sensitive method of disposing waste; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board further believes that renewable electric energy will be a benefit to the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Goshen and to the citizenry at large;

WHEREAS, TBE has submitted a contract wherein and whereby it agrees to accept the waste generated by the Village of Goshen for the fee specified in said contract and

further agrees to sort and separate said waste and gasify biomass so as to generate renewable electric energy;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Village of Goshen is hereby authorized to affix his signature to said contract subject to review of the Village Attorney as to the form and content of said agreement.

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

Trustee Stewart report the following activities of the Department of Public Works: crews will start painting designated yellow street areas, weather permitting, and heavy rains have kept crews busy with drainage issues.

Trustee Mattheus noted that the Village has planted many trees recently, and that property owners are asked to water the new trees. She also noted that there have been recent meeting regarding the CRV wells, including one earlier this day.

Trustee Char informed those present that the Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Monday, May 30th, with an 11:00 a.m. step off at the County Government Center. He also noted that on May 9th a girls bicycle was found on Fletcher Street, and can be claimed at the Police Station upon proper identification.

Mayor Roddey reported that an 80-foot sewer main was replaced on Erie Street, and that crews continue to assist Engineers with manhole inspections.

Mayor Roddey expressed thanks to the Goshen Chamber of Commerce for the recent opening of the Farmers' Market, and offered congratulations to Trustee Char and his family on the recent birth of his son.

Citizens' Comments

Reynell Andrews asked about the status of the arbitration with the Town, and the status of the Heritage Development.

Joel Markowitz asked when outflows occurred last week, and for an innumeration of on-going litigations. He also said that he was surprised to see Taylor here tonight, and that he would suggest that this Board form a cartel with other Boards prior to signing an agreement.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye