

Village Board Meeting
July 9, 2012

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

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Engineer Tully, Planner Turner, 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 Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Agenda was accepted as presented.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor Roddey gave a brief explanation of the process leading to the Public Hearings.

On a motion by Trustee Brady, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Public Hearing for the consideration of adoption of a Local law to create a CS-1 Zone with appropriate uses and regulations and to rezone the area of Greenwich Avenue to this new CS-1 designation was opened at 7:35 p.m.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Planner Stuart Turner explained previous discussions regarding the Greenwich Avenue corridor and the attempt to increase permitted uses in the zone.

Mayor Roddey read the following:

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen, New York, will hold a Public Hearing at Village Hall, 276 Main Street, Goshen, New York, on July 9, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon after as may be heard, to consider the adoption of a Local Law to create a CS-1 Zone with appropriate uses and regulations and to rezone the area of Greenwich Avenue to this new CS-1 designation.

The Village of Goshen will make every effort to assure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or accommodations should contact the Village Clerk.

The Hearing was opened for public comment, which was received from Joel Markowitz, who expressed his opposition to the proposed Local Law, and his reasons for his opinion.

Mr. Markowitz noted that he was unable to find the Legal Notice in the Chronicle and although this 'meets the minimum requirements of the law' it may not be a functioning Public Hearing.

Mr. Markowitz stated that adoption of the Local Laws could reduce the value of properties without the owners being compensated, and that it may be inviting litigation

for discrimination. He further noted that allowing religious uses along that main corridor into the Village could put the Village in even more serious economic shape.

Mr. Markowitz advised the Board that they were creating an undue burden, and that it was not necessary to do this. He also urged the Board to read the Village of Highland Falls' response to a recent State audit.

There was no further public comment.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Public Hearing was closed at 8:15 p.m., with the stipulation that written comments be received for one week.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor Roddey read the following:

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The Village of Goshen will make every effort to assure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or accommodations should contact the Village Clerk.

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Char, the Public Hearing for the consideration of adoption of a Local Law to allow, and appropriately limit, religious uses in the various zoning districts of the Village of Goshen was opened at 8:17 p.m.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Neil Hickok asked if existing religious uses would still be allowed, and was answered in the affirmative.

Joel Markowitz again questioned the viability of the Public Hearing.

There was no further public comment.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Public Hearing was closed at 8:20 p.m., with the stipulation that written comments be received for one week.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Minutes of the June 25, 2012 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Brady aye
Char aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the July 2, 2012 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Brady aye
Char aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

Communications

Mayor Roddey read a letter requesting the use of Salesian Park for the Cornerstone Arts Alliance's annual Shakespeare in Salesian Park production. The show is scheduled for July 14, 15, 21, and 22, and all permits, contracts, and insurance forms have been submitted.

On a motion by Trustee Brady, seconded by Trustee Stewart, permission for the event was granted.

Brady aye
Char aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

Items of Business

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

The Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby authorizes the Advertisement for Bids for the Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and CCTV Inspection Project, and sets the bid opening for Monday, August 6, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 276 Main Street, Goshen NY.

Brady aye
Char aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Brady, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2012/2013 number 2, check numbers 3677 through 3771, in the amount of \$315,311.69.

Brady aye
Char aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Brady, reporting for the Water Department, said that the filtration plant has been keeping up with the high demand due to the recent excessive heat, and that the reservoir is at -7”.

Trustee Brady commented on the success of the Great American Weekend, and noted that he has been encouraging participation at Board meetings, both through social media and in public contacts.

Trustee Stewart gave the following DPW report: crews prepared for, worked during, and cleaned up after the Great American Weekend, and utilities have been laid out on West Main Street from North Church Street to High Street in order for NYSEG to begin a gas main improvement project.

Trustee Char noted that the 31st annual Great American Weekend was a success, with no major incidents occurring.

Mayor Roddey reported that a new motor impeller and seal have been installed on the Dikeman Drive pump station.

Mayor Roddey thanked everyone involved with the Great American Weekend on the great job.

Citizens' Comments

Comments were received from Neil Hickok and Joel Markowitz.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye