

Village Board Meeting
April 8, 2013

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

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

Mayor Roddey welcomed those present and opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Trustee Smith, the agenda was modified by the addition of Communications #8 – Letter from Lanc & Tully regarding Olde Yorke.

Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Public Hearing on the 2013/2014 Budget was opened at 7:32 p.m.

Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor Roddey provided some background leading to the formation of the proposed budget, and noted that the amount to be raised by taxes from the prior year is 1.94%.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Roddey commended the Department Heads, and particularly Treasurer Sara Winters, for the efforts that went into the development of the budget.

Trustee Char expressed his pleasure that the Board had been able to produce a budget that stayed under the 2% tax cap.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Minutes

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the March 11, 2013 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the March 18, 2013 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	abstain (absent on March 18, 2013)
Roddey	aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the April 1, 2013 Annual Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

Communications

Mayor Roddey read the results of the March 19, 2013 Village Election:

2013 VILLAGE ELECTION

Mayor – Two year term

	1A. Kyle Roddey	1B. Rick Freshko
machine	543	231
absentee	46	16
total	589	247

Trustees – Two year term

	2A. Edward Char	3A. Peter Smith	2C. Jason S. Wilson
machine	461	478	415
absentee	39	38	24
total	500	516	439

Justice – Two year term to fill vacancy

	4D. Thomas J. Cione	4E. Rory K. Brady
machine	297	462
absentee	26	34
total	323	496

Mayor Roddey read the following letter from resident Cecile Ayres:

I am against renaming Park Place. Because of the businesses, residences and Church located on Park Place, I feel that it would be an inconvenience to change letterheads and addresses to Martin Luther King Street or Place. The ideal road to honor with his name is the connector road where the new Quick Chek is located. There will be more businesses on this street and more traffic will be using this road. Locals and non-locals will refer to this street as Martin Luther King Street (or whatever the Board chooses to use in place of street) and it will never be confused with another previously named street in the village.

I am also not in favor of naming a street for Rev. King. I don't believe there is any connection between him and Goshen. Offhand, I can't think of any streets named for women. This would be an opportunity to do so. Harriet Tubman, born about 1820, was an abolitionist, humanitarian, Union spy (Civil War) and a suffragette with ties to New York State. She was one of the forerunners for the Underground Railroad, taking people from Maryland to Canada. According to Roger King's book The Silent Rebellion the "railroad" ran through Orange County and he wrote of a location in Goshen. Located on West Main Street adjacent to the Erie Depot was Vail's Store. Vail rented the upstairs office to a dentist, Dr. Graham. The building's cellar exited onto a side street. It is written that Goshen was used as a place to off-load a hot cargo when federal agents were pursuing fugitives with vigor. Fugitives could walk across the tracks of the "weary Erie" and be hidden among all the barrels and crates in Vail's cellar. In 1859, abolitionist U.S. Senator William H. Seward sold Harriet a small piece of land on the outskirts of Auburn, NY. This became her home and it is in Auburn that she died.

I would be pleased if the Ecumenical Council and the Village Board would consider naming the connector street for Harriet Tubman.

Mayor Roddey read a letter from Rory K. Brady, resigning his elected position as Village Trustee in order to fulfill his newly elected position as Village of Goshen Justice, effective April 1, 2013.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, permission was granted for the Girl Scout Camporee at Salesian Park, as outlined in the letter dated March 11, 2013.

Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Attorney Donovan provided an explanation of the Gerace Property Petition for Zoning Amendment.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Board voted to proceed with the Petition by referring it to the Planning Board and the Orange County Department of Planning.

Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor Roddey reviewed, for informational purposes, an Alcoholic Beverage License Application from Betro & Pray, Inc. for the location 40 Park Place.

Mayor Roddey read a letter from Thomas B. Olley, P.E. regarding Harness Estates Phase 1 – Street Lights and Road Cross Section.

The letter requested that the Board approve two modifications to the original Street Construction requirements.

The first request, for a reduction in the number of street lights required for Harness Road and Cahill Court, will be held for further research.

The second request, for a road cross section adjustment for Murray Avenue North to 6" concrete curbs, 12" of granular foundation material, 3 ½" binder asphalt, and 1 ½" top asphalt, was approved on a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart.

Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor Roddey read a letter from Village Engineer Arthur Tully regarding Lanc & Tully's recusal from the Olde Yorke subdivision project, in order to continue to provide engineering services in another municipality for their client, Michael Walker.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the request to recuse Lanc & Tully Engineering and Surveying, P.C. from providing any further engineering review services and construction observations in regard to the Olde Yorke Subdivision was approved.

Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Char, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2012/2013 number 12, check numbers 5098 through 5217, for a total of \$428,400.03.

Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Stewart reported the recent major activities of the Department of Public Works: on March 29th Superintendent Nuzzolese attended a meeting with O & R regarding restoring power and clearing of roads after a storm; catch basins are being repaired; the sweeper has been out cleaning the streets; Spring bulk clean up is this week; and yard waste collection began on Friday, April 5th – residents are reminded to abide by the rules in order for this important service to be successful.

Trustee Smith reminded residents that there will be a drop off of old electronics at the DPW on April 9th, courtesy of the Goshen Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Roddey reported for the Sewer Department that crews installed a spare pump at the Minisink pump station.

Citizens' Comments

Comments were received from Ray Rooney, Reynell Andrews, and Joel Markowitz.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye