

Village Board Meeting  
July 8, 2013

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

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Chief Watt, 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 Smith, seconded by Trustee Char, the agenda was amended by the removal of Item of Business #6, Beverage Plus Bonding, and the addition of Item of Business #6 – M. Orellana; and the addition of an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Public Hearing – Local Law #3, 2013

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 8, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon after as may be heard, to consider the adoption of a Local Law to amend Article VII of Appendix A of the Code of the Village of Goshen entitled: Sign Regulations.

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.

By Order of the Village Board of Trustees  
Village of Goshen  
Margaret G. Strobl, Village Clerk

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the Public Hearing on Local Law #3 of 2013 was opened at 7:31 p.m.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor Roddey opened the meeting for public comment.

Joel Markowitz said that he wanted to reiterate what he has said at previous Public Hearings on the proposed changes which he was not in favor of. He suggested the Board consider a three year moratorium on the code for signage that would let the people determine themselves what is best for their businesses. He noted that there is no shopping in the downtown area today and that Goshen does not have an economy. He further stated that the Village is not seen as being friendly to business and that that could be improved by removing the signage code for a period of three years.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Public Hearing on Local Law #3 of 2013 was closed at 7:35 p.m.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Trustee Smith noted his agreement with much of what Mr. Markowitz said but stated that the law is pretty liberal and will allow most kinds of signs.

Mayor Roddey spoke of the signage committee, which formulated suggestions that led to the code amendments, and expressed his pride in the Local Law.

#### Minutes

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Minutes of the June 24, 2013 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the July 1, 2013 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

#### Communications

Mayor Roddey read a letter from Chris Ashman which commended the Police Department for actions taken during security checks at his home.

Mayor Roddey read a letter from Jonathan Search which thanked the Mayor for choosing him as the recipient of the 2013 Village of Goshen scholarship.

#### Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Village Board of the Village of Goshen, as lead agency, hereby issues a negative declaration pursuant to the applicable provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, set forth at 6NYCRR Part 617 *et seq.*, in the action: adoption of Local Law #3 of 2013.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen hereby adopts Local Law #3 of 2013, a Local Law to amend Appendix A (Zoning) of the Code of the Village of Goshen at Article VII (Sign Regulations) and Article XV (Architectural Design District).

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2013/2014 number 2, check numbers 5650 through 5722, for a total of \$140,623.36.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Village Board hereby resolves to hold a Public Hearing on July 22, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon after as may be heard, for the consideration of adoption of a Local Law to amend Chapter 10 of the Code of the Village of Goshen by the addition of Article V: Property Maintenance.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

#### Scotchtown Office Park – Zoning Change Petition

Peter Botti, Esq. presented the Board with the Full Environmental Assessment Form in the action: Development Plan for Scotchtown Avenue Office Park, and requested the Board's action in furthering the petition to amend the zoning ordinance.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Village Board declared its intent to be Lead Agency in the matter.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Board voted to refer the petition to the Village of Goshen Planning Board for comment, and to the Orange County Department of Planning as required.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, Manuel A. Orellana is authorized to attend Activated Sludge Wastewater Treatment Process Course July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, Basic Operations of Wastewater Treatment Plants September 9<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, and Basic Laboratory Procedures October 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, at Morrisville State College, Morrisville New York. The total cost for these courses is \$2,025, plus lodging, meals, and mileage.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

#### Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Gurda reported that the reservoir is currently -1", and that the Green Hill pump is on.

Trustee Stewart reported on recent activities of the DPW: a new brick sidewalk has been installed leading to the rear parking lot at Village Hall; signs have been replaced at the intersection of Golden Hill Avenue and Fletcher Street because of a motor vehicle accident; and crews were busy preparing for and cleaning up after the Great American Weekend.

Trustee Char noted that the Great American Weekend was very successful and thanked Chief Watt and his Department.

Mayor Roddey expressed thanks to all Village staff for assistance with the Great American Weekend, and commended the Goshen Chamber of Commerce for the event.

#### Citizens' Comments

Comments were received from Joel Markowitz.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. for a discussion of litigation: Dicembri v. Village of Goshen.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Executive Session concluded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye