

Village Board Meeting  
December 22, 2014

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

Also present: Attorney Donovan 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 Gurda, seconded by Trustee Nuzzolese, the Agenda was accepted with the removal of Communications #2: DPW Resignation; and Item of Business #3: Authorize Advertisement for Laborer Hire.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

#### Minutes

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Nuzzolese, the Minutes of the December 8, 2014 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char	abstain (absent on December 8, 2014)
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

#### Communications

Mayor Roddey read the following:

Dear Mayor Roddey and Chief Watt,

Preparations for the 2015 St. Patrick's parade are in full swing. The proposed date for the parade is SUNDAY MARCH 15th 2015 with lineup at 1PM and step off at 2PM.

I anticipate that the parade route and lineup area will remain the same as in previous years. Although I will be tweaking the parade lineup process I do not plan any major changes. All input and suggestions from village officials is welcomed. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

I am looking forward to working with you both once again and on behalf of the Mid Hudson St Patrick's. Parade Committee I thank you for your support us helping to make the parade possible.

Wishing you a very healthy and safe holiday season!

Kate Moloney  
Line of March Chair  
Mid Hudson St Patrick's Parade Committee

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the date and time for the 2015 St. Patrick's Day Parade were approved.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

Mayor Roddey noted that changes in location may have to be made depending upon what construction plans are in place at the County Government Center.

Mayor Roddey read a letter from Augustine De Rosa, announcing his resignation from the Planning Board, due to his pending relocation. Mayor Roddey expressed the Board's gratitude for his years of service, and wished him well in the future.

RESOLUTION  
OPPOSITION OF O&R RATE INCREASE

Trustee Char moved the following, which was seconded by Trustee Gurda:

WHEREAS, Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc., (hereinafter O&R), as a subsidiary of an investor-owned company, must demonstrate profitability to its shareholder; and

WHEREAS, O&R must very occasionally request from the Public Service Commission (hereinafter PSC) rate increases in order to sustain said profitability in light of increasing government fees, increasing property taxes, expanding services, inflation, and other variables; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen Village Board believes that a 6% increase to electric delivery and an 18% increase to natural gas delivery is excessive given the financial hardship that many of Goshen's ratepayers presently face; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen Village Board believes that O&R can meet its financial responsibility to its shareholders with a far lower rate increase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen Village Board opposes the O&R rate increase as it presently stands and urges the PSC to limit any increase to a more reasonable and sensitive level; and be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the NYS Public Service Commission, Assemblyman James Skoufis, Senator William Larkin, Senator John Bonacic, and the President of the Orange County Association of Towns/Cities/Villages.

Trustee Char	aye
Trustee Gurda	aye
Trustee Nuzzolese	aye
Trustee Smith	aye

On a motion by Trustee Nuzzolese, seconded by Trustee Gurda, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2014/2015 number 9, check numbers 8012 through 8143, in the amount of \$1,349,577.51, and wire transfers in the amount of \$85,048.13, for a grand total of \$1,434,625.64.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

#### Mayor/Trustee Comments

Reporting for the Sewer Department, Trustee Nuzzolese stated that a failed check valve at the Camelot pump station had been replaced.

Trustee Gurda noted that the CRV Well is now on line.

Trustee Char wished all a Merry Christmas, and Trustee Smith invited all present to the December 27<sup>th</sup> Community Dinner at St. James' Church, to be hosted by the Smith family and Elsie's Luncheonette.

Mayor Roddey urged all to look closely at the most recent Budget Status Report in order to monitor expense lines.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye