

Village Board Meeting
January 27, 2020

Members present: Mayor Nuzzolese, Trustees Gurda, Henderson, Scotto, and Smith

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Village Clerk Strobl, Chief Watt, Building Inspector Lewis, and Superintendent Birney

Mayor Nuzzolese turned the floor to Aiden Gregorio, who led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition – Retirement of
Inv. Michael R. Gregorio

Chief Watt called Mayor Nuzzolese and Police Commissioner Smith forward to present Inv. Gregorio with a Certificate recognizing his retirement.

Chief Watt read the following biography of Inv. Gregorio:

Inv. Michael R. Gregorio has retired after 21 years of Law Enforcement service, 15 with the Village of Goshen Police Department. Inv. Gregorio is a proud graduate of Goshen High School, and started his law enforcement career as a Corrections Officer with the NYS Dept. of Corrections in 1999. He joined the City of Middletown Police Department in 2000 and started with the Village of Goshen Police Department in 2005. In 2014 he was assigned as an Investigator to the Orange County Child Abuse Task Force, where he remained until retirement.

He is a certified EMT, BLS/CPR/Defibrillator instructor and firearms instructor.

He was the 2017 Officer of the Year for coordinating a 16 month long international child abuse investigation that resulted in the suspect being convicted of multiple felonies and sentenced to 22 years in prison in the UK. Also, in 2017, he was awarded the O.C. Dept. of Mental Health “Champions of Trauma” award for his support and compassion for vulnerable and traumatized victims.

In 2019, he received a letter of commendation from the NYSP Troop F Commander for his work on an investigation of a subject that was portraying himself as a retired FBI agent and psychiatrist who was conducting counseling sessions with minors.

Chief Watt presented Inv. Gregorio with his retirement shield.

Inv. Gregorio introduced members of his family and spoke, with gratitude, about his career with the Village of Goshen Police Department.

It was noted that he will return, in a week, to begin a career as part-time School Resource Officer.

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Agenda was accepted with the following addition: Communications #2: Resignation P/T P.O. Joseph DeAngelis.

Gurda aye
Henderson aye
Scotto aye
Smith aye

On a motion by Trustee Henderson, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Minutes of the January 13, 2020 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Gurda aye
Henderson aye
Scotto abstain (absent on 1/13/20)
Smith aye

Communications

The Board reviewed a letter of resignation from part-time Police Officer, (SRO), Martin Torres, effective January 23, 2020.

The Board reviewed a letter of resignation from part-time Police Officer Joseph M. DeAngelis, effective immediately.

Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Henderson, seconded by Trustee Smith, Michael R. Gregorio is hereby appointed part time Police Officer for the Village of Goshen Police Department at a salary of \$30.00 per hour. This appointment takes effect February 3, 2020.

Gurda aye
Henderson aye
Scotto aye
Smith aye

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Scotto, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2019/2020 number 06, check numbers 16902 through 17108 in the amount of \$1,461,848.10.

Gurda aye
Henderson aye
Scotto aye
Smith aye

The following was moved by Trustee Smith, and seconded by Trustee Scotto:

WHEREAS, the County of Orange has established a County-wide Public Safety Radio Network for the purpose of improving interoperable communications among first responders; and

WHEREAS, as an incentive for municipalities to participate in the communications network, the County has agreed to purchase certain equipment for each municipality which is identified in that certain Agreement entitled "Public Safety Emergency Radio Communications System Interoperability Agreement," (the "Agreement") attached hereto and made part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen hereby finds that it is in the overall public interest to accept the said equipment being purchased by the County of Orange for the Village of Goshen subject to the terms and conditions of the attached Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Mayor is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Village of Goshen the attached Public Safety Emergency Radio Communication System Interoperability Agreement with the County of Orange.

Gurda
Henderson
Scotto
Smith

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Scotto reported that contract negotiations he and Trustee Gurda have been involved in with the CSEA are drawing to a close, with the memorandum of agreement now in review.

Trustee Gurda noted the following recent activities of the DPW: clean-up of snow from the December 18th storm; completed removal and chipping of Christmas trees; and the start of street tree trimming.

Trustee Smith and Chief Watt announced the annual St. Patrick's Day parade to be held Sunday, March 15th.

Trustee Henderson offered congratulations to Mike Gregorio for a very distinguished career. He also noted that the DPW had repaired a water main break on Old Minisink Trail.

Mayor Nuzzolese noted that Mike Gregorio had just completed a great career, and that he had always been a pleasure to work with.

There were no Citizens' Comments.

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Henderson, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Gurda aye
Henderson aye
Scotto aye
Smith aye