

Village Board Meeting
July 13, 2020

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

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Chief Watt (via Zoom), Village Clerk Strobl, and Clerk Darby.

Mayor Nuzzolese called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Trustee Henderson, seconded by Trustee Scotto, the Agenda was accepted as submitted.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Minutes of the June 22, 2020 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye

Communications

Mayor Nuzzolese read a letter from the Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Council of Orange County, requesting use of the Village Square on Monday, August 31st at 7:00 p.m. to host a candlelight remembrance, honoring those who have lost their lives in our community due to overdose.

A discussion was held regarding use of the area, as no events have been permitted there since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. At this point, gatherings in our Region are limited to 50 participants.

The Board will ask for input from the Police Department and the Department of Public Works regarding issues and/or concerns.

A communication from the Director of the Tour de Goshen indicated that the 33rd annual event will not be happening this year.

Mayor Nuzzolese announced that the rescheduled Spring Cleanup will be held the week of September 28, 2020.

The Mayor read a petition from residents of ten (10) addresses on Nelson Street, requesting the removal of the “No Parking Signs” on the street.

Following discussion, Board members agreed that they would take a look at the street to assess the issue. Chief Watt will report back to the Mayor with his assessment.

Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Henderson, the Village Board of the Village Goshen, during the COVID-19 state of emergency, hereby extends the expiration date for all active building permits, as well as planning and zoning approvals for a period of up to 120 days beyond the expiration date stated in the permit or approval.

The bill authorizing this extension was enacted into law effective June 17, 2020.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye

Trustee Henderson moved the following, which was seconded by Trustee Scotto:

WHEREAS, the County of Orange, by and through its Department of Emergency Services, administers a STOP-DWI Enforcement Campaign for the municipalities in the County of Orange in an effort to reduce alcohol related traffic injuries and fatalities by increasing policing efforts during peak holiday periods; and

WHEREAS, as a recipient of STOP-DWI Enforcement Campaign funds, the County is responsible for dispersing such funds to those municipalities located within the bounds of the County of Orange who wish to conduct police patrol enforcement campaigns during enforcement campaign periods; now therefore, be it resolved;

That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Village of Goshen and the County of Orange for participation in the 2020/2021 STOP-DWI Enforcement Campaign.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Smith, Sherman A. Schaller is hereby appointed Laborer – Temporary/Seasonal for the Village of Goshen Department of Public Works at a salary of \$13.35 per hour, for the period ending October 2, 2020.

This appointment is effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical, background check, and all necessary paperwork.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye

On a motion by Trustee Henderson, seconded by Trustee Scotto, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2019/2020 number 01, check numbers 17675 through 17864 in the amount of \$972,213.21.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Scotto reported that water main breaks had been repaired on Dikeman Drive on June 30th and July 10th.

Trustee Gurda noted that the Joint Recreation camp has begun and is going well. The park is closed to the public while camp is in session.

Trustee Henderson commended the DPW on the water main break repairs, and noted that sewer mains are now being jetted.

Trustee Smith initiated a discussion on part-time Police hourly rates, to determine whether or not a 2% increase should be applied to each step.

Following discussion, it was decided that a spread sheet should be prepared so that all Board members will know what the cost will be.

Mayor Nuzzolese commended the Police Department and Department of Public Works saying that a good job continues to be done by both.

The Mayor noted that the watermain replacement project on St. James Place and Bruen Place has been completed and that a nice job was done on the paving.

Citizens' Comments

Comments were received (via Zoom) from Carol Brescia and Anthony Brescia.

On a motion by Trustee Henderson, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye