

Village Board Meeting
October 26, 2020

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

Member absent: Trustee Henderson

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Village Clerk Strobl, Clerk Darby

Present via Zoom: Chief Watt

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

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Agenda was accepted as presented.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	absent
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Minutes of the October 5, 2020 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	absent
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye

Communications

Mayor Nuzzolese read a letter from the Brescia family, thanking those involved in taking down the No Parking signs on Nelson Street.

A letter from the Orange County Sheriff's Office to Chief Watt was reviewed, which expressed gratitude for support provided with the recent funeral procession of an Officer.

Items of Business

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

WHEREAS, The Village of Goshen owns property designated as:

13-1-32.61	Town of Goshen
15-1-8	Town of Goshen
15-1-48	Town of Goshen
15-1-50	Town of Goshen
61-1-43	Town of Walkkill

AND, WHEREAS, the above described property is used by the Village of Goshen for water supply purposes for its residents and others who use State and County facilities within the Village, and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature has exempted the described properties from County Taxation in years past,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen is requesting the Legislature of Orange County to exempt the described property from County taxation, for the year 2022, in view of its use for municipal purposes.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	absent
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen has heretofore solicited proposals pursuant to a “Request for Proposals” (hereinafter “RFP”) duly issued September 23, 2020, wherein and whereby the Village invited the submission of proposals and statements of qualification from qualified tow companies for the purpose of providing 24-hours a day, 7 days a week service for the removal, towing and storage impoundment of certain motor vehicles as is more particularly described in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, towing services are services that require special skills and/or training and constitute an exception to competitive bidding requirements as provided by law and are therefore not subject to competitive bidding requirements and may be awarded in accordance with the procedures promulgated pursuant to Section 104-b of the *General Municipal Law*; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen has publicly advertised a notice in the official newspaper of the Village seeking responses to the RFP from qualified towing companies and has also directly solicited certain towing companies so as to attempt to obtain multiple proposals so that the most qualified tow company could be selected to provide the required services to the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village has further developed a process that provides for public solicitation of proposals, has established and disclosed the criteria for selection in writing prior to the solicitation of proposals and has publicly opened such proposals and now desires to award this professional service contract as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, two firms have submitted proposals which firms include Chet’s Garage, Inc.; and Adamis Towing, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the proposals were examined pursuant to the criteria set forth in the RFP, with the following items being carefully considered:

- Experience, credentials and ability to provide a high level of service;
- Responsiveness to the requested proposals, including demonstrated commitment to customer service;
- Quality and performance of services offered based on previous experience and/or reference checks for the same or similar services;
- Completeness of proposal, including following direction and providing all requested information.
- Location, safety and security of storage yard; and

WHEREAS, Adamis Towing, Inc., possesses the experience, credentials and ability required by the Village and has provided a high level of service in connection with the towing services it has heretofore provided to the Village; and

WHEREAS, Adamis Towing, Inc., has demonstrated responsiveness to the requested proposal and has further demonstrated commitment to customer service; and

WHEREAS, Adamis Towing, Inc. has heretofore provided high quality services to the Village of Goshen; and

WHEREAS, the safety and security of the Adamis Towing, Inc. storage yard meets all pertinent Village requirements; and

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by Adamis Towing, Inc. is complete and has provided all pertinent requested information; and

WHEREAS, on balance, and after carefully evaluating the proposals that have been submitted, and upon due deliberation and for the reasons set forth herein, the Village Board finds that a contract award to Adamis Towing, Inc. is in the best interests of the Village;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the three (3) year contract is awarded to Adamis Towing, Inc. upon the terms, provisions and conditions that are set forth in the RFP; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Mayor is duly authorized to affix his signature to said contract.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	absent
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 2020/2021 number 04, check numbers 18110 through 18229 in the amount of \$449,587.98.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	absent
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Scotto, Joseph Gersbeck, Erin Harrison, and Vincent Rizzo are hereby authorized to attend the Hudson Valley Water Works Grade A Compliant Lab Course to be held on December 8, 2020 at the Town of Wallkill Town Hall. The total cost is \$225.00 and participants will receive renewal credits for Grade A operators and 5 contact hours for those who take a correspondence course of any grade.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	absent
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye

Discussion of Short-Term Rental Properties

The Meeting was turned over to Village Planner Kristen O'Donnell, Lanc & Tully, P.C., for a discussion of Bed and Breakfast accommodations and other short-term rental properties.

Ms. O'Donnell noted that Attorney Donovan had previously distributed copies of Short-term Rental Property Local Laws adopted by the Town of Warwick, the Village of Montgomery, and the City of Saratoga Springs.

Board Members were in agreement that they want to protect the quality of life in the village, and they have no desire to change its character.

It was determined that there should be two separate regulations, one for Bed and Breakfasts and one for non-owner-occupied short-term rentals.

The proposed Local Law will be revised and placed on the next Village Board agenda for further discussion.

Budget Status – End of 1st Quarter Fiscal Year

Mayor Nuzzolese noted that most lines in the comparative budget look good at this point.

Trustee Smith stated that there was nothing alarming but that we need to be aware that due to the pandemic, revenues will be down.

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Scotto, Emmanuel Vasquez is hereby appointed part time Police Officer for the Village of Goshen Police Department at a salary of \$25.50 per hour. This appointment takes effect upon satisfactory completion of pre-employment paper work, physical and psychological testing; and includes a maximum probationary period of 18 months.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	absent
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Scotto reported that he has been working with the Building Inspector, and following up on outstanding issues such as the proposed sidewalk on Horseshoe Court, and the stop sign in Harness Estates at the entrance to Route 207.

Trustee Gurda stated that the Department of Public Works is currently very busy with various Fall clean-up activities.

Trustee Smith noted that Halloween is coming up and that the Police Department will be out.

Mayor Nuzzolese urged people to be careful if they go out on Halloween, and that parents need to watch what their children do.

Citizens' Comments

Comments were received from Ernst Valery.

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Scotto, the Board entered into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. for a discussion of the proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	absent
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Scotto, the Executive Session concluded, and the Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	absent
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye