

Village Board Meeting  
September 13, 2021

Members present: Deputy Mayor Wohl, Trustees Gurda, Henderson, and Scotto

Also present: Chief Watt, Village Clerk Strobl, and Attorney Donovan

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

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

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Scotto	aye

Deputy Mayor Wohl read the following:

Please be advised that I am resigning from the position of Mayor effective September 10, 2021.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the citizens of my home Village since 2011.

I wish you all the best in your continued leadership of the Village of Goshen.

Sincerely,  
Peter Smith

Deputy Mayor Wohl read the following:

**WHEREAS**, Peter Smith was designated by the Board of Trustees to be the Mayor of the Village of Goshen, subject to the terms and provisions of Village Law Section 3-312, at the Annual Reorganization Meeting held April 5, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of office for this position was due to commence on April 5, 2021 and expire on March 31, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the resignation of Mayor Smith, there is now a vacancy in the Office of Mayor of the Village of Goshen; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 3-312 of the New York State Village Law, vacancies in the Office of Mayor caused other than by the expiration of the term thereof shall be filled by the Board of Trustees;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Trustees hereby designates Scott Wohl to be the Mayor of the Village of Goshen subject to the terms and provisions of Village Law Section 3-312.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	aye

Mayor Wohl read the following:

**WHEREAS**, there is a vacancy in the Office of Village Trustee; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 3-312 of the New York State Village Law, the Mayor is empowered to fill vacancies in elected office;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Scott Wohl, as the Mayor of the Village of Goshen does hereby appoint Mary O'Donnell as Trustee of the Village of Goshen subject to the terms and provisions of Village Law Section 3-312.

Board Members welcomed Molly to her new Trustee position.

#### Minutes

On a motion by Trustee Scotto, seconded by Trustee Henderson, the Minutes of the August 23, 2021 Meeting were accepted as presented.

Henderson	aye
Scotto	aye
Wohl	aye
Gurda	abstain (absent on August 23, 2021)

#### Communications

Mayor Wohl read a letter from Andrea and Mark Baker thanking their amazing neighbors in the Harness Estates community, and Village Police Officers Mark Mauro and Andrew Scolza, for their efforts in getting their missing puppy home.

Mayor Wohl read a letter of resignation received from Police Officer Brian P. Kelly.

Mayor Wohl read a letter of resignation received from part-time Police Officer Vincenzo Rotundo.

The Board reviewed a request from DPW Superintendent Birney to attend the annual NYCOM Public Works Training School in October, at a cost of \$506.00 plus lodging.

On a motion by Trustee Scotto, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the request was approved.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Scotto	aye

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

**WHEREAS**, The Village of Goshen requires the services of a consulting engineer to provide water and wastewater engineering services; and

**WHEREAS**, The Village is in receipt of a proposal submitted by Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers, which proposal indicates that the firm possesses the requisite professional experience to service the needs of the Village; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the Village hereby engages the services of Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers, for the purpose of providing water and wastewater engineering services on an as needed basis to the Village of Goshen in accordance with the rates set forth in their proposal dated August 20, 2021, a copy of which is incorporated into this Resolution by reference.

Gurda            aye  
Henderson      aye  
O'Donnell      aye  
Scotto           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 2021/2022 number 3, check numbers 19495 through 19643 in the amount of \$775,251.07.

Gurda            aye  
Henderson      aye  
O'Donnell      aye  
Scotto           aye

The Board reviewed an estimate from Advanced Disaster Recovery for mold and lead remediation, roof patching and assessment, and demo, drying, and assessment of the kitchen area in Village Hall. The grand total of the proposal is \$13,957.17.

On a motion by Trustee Henderson, seconded by Trustee Scotto, the proposal was accepted.

Gurda            aye  
Henderson      aye  
O'Donnell      aye  
Scotto           aye

#### Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Scotto reported that the DPW prepped well for the last rain storm and it was handled well. He offered congratulations to Superintendent Birney and his Department.

Trustees Gurda and Henderson both welcomed Trustee O'Donnell, and expressed gratitude to former Mayor Smith for his years of service on the Village Board.

Mayor Wohl wished the best of luck to former Mayor Smith in his retirement, and expressed gratitude for his backing.

#### Citizens' Comments

No comments were received.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Henderson, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Gurda            aye  
Henderson      aye  
O'Donnell      aye  
Scotto           aye