

Village Board Meeting
September 11, 2023

Members present: Mayor O'Donnell, Trustees Gurda, Hand, Rouis, and Wohl

Also present: DPW Superintendent Birney, Village Clerk Darby, Attorney Donovan, and Chief Watt

Mayor O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor O'Donnell asked for a moment of silence in memory of the lives lost on September 11, 2001.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the September 11, 2023 Village Board Meeting Agenda was accepted as modified, which added item of business #4, the hiring of a full-time police officer.

Gurda	aye
Hand	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Rouis	aye
Wohl	aye

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Hand, the Minutes of the June 28, 2023, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

Gurda	aye
Hand	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Rouis	abstain
Wohl	abstain

On a motion by Trustee Wohl, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Minutes of the August 14, 2023, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

Gurda	aye
Hand	abstain
O'Donnell	aye
Rouis	aye
Wohl	aye

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Hand, the Minutes of the August 28, 2023, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

Gurda	abstain
Hand	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Rouis	aye
Wohl	abstain

Items of Business

1. Local Law #5: Lot Line Change – authorize referral to Planning Board and County Planning

RESOLUTION 107 of 2023

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE VILLAGE BOARD TO REFER LOCAL LAW #5 OF 2023 WHICH WILL AMEND CHAPTER 46 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN [SUBDIVISION] TO THE EXTENT OF ADDING A NEW ARTICLE

ENTITLED “LOT LINE CHANGES” TO THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN PLANNING BOARD AND ORANGE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, a local law related to Amending Chapter 46 of the Code of the Village of Goshen [Subdivision] to the extent of adding a new Article entitled “Lot Line Changes” has been prepared; and

WHEREAS, the local law must be referred to the Village of Goshen Planning Board and Orange County Planning; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees approves referring Village of Goshen Local Law #5 of 2023 to the Village of Goshen Planning Board and Orange County Planning.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Wohl and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on September 11, 2023.

2. Schedule Public Hearing to Authorize Agreement with Charter Communications

RESOLUTION 108 of 2023

A RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE APPROVAL OF A CABLE TELEVISION AGREEMENT BETWEEN SPECTRUM NORTHEAST, LLC / CHARTER AND THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN TO BE HEARD ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 AT 7:00PM

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title VI of the Telecommunications Act of 1934, *as amended*, the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “FCC”) and the rules and regulations of the New York State Public Service Commission, the Village is authorized to grant and renew franchises to construct, operate and maintain a Cable System utilizing Public Rights-of-Way and properties within the Village’s jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Charter currently holds a cable franchise from the Village by virtue of a cable franchise agreement granted to Time Warner NY Cable, LLC, Charter’s predecessor-in-interest, and such franchise agreement is now expired; and

WHEREAS, Charter has requested that the Village renew Charter’s franchise to maintain, construct, operate, and maintain its Cable System over, under and along the aforesaid Public Rights-of-Way for use by the Village’s residents; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Public Rights-of-Way used by Charter are public properties acquired and maintained by the Village on behalf of the citizens of the Village, and the right to use said Public Rights-of-Way is a valuable property right; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to protect and manage the aforesaid Public Rights-of-Way, establish standards of Subscriber service, maintain a technologically advanced Cable System, receive Franchise Fees for Charter’s use of the Village’s Public Rights-of-Way as provided by federal law, provide legal protections for the Village and Charter, and meet the current and future cable-related needs and interests of its residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the public hearing for the proposed agreement between Village of Goshen and Spectrum Northeast LLC / Charter will be held on September 25, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on September 11, 2023.

3. Abstract of Vouchers #3 of FY 2023-2024

RESOLUTION 109 of 2023

A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 3 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/23 – 5/31/24 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 22397 THROUGH 22569 TOTALING \$749,609.38

WHEREAS, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 3 for fiscal year 2023/2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 22397 through 22569; and
2. Abstract number 3 in the amount of \$749,609.38.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on September 11, 2023.

4. Hire Full-time Police Officer

RESOLUTION 110 of 2023

A RESOLUTION HIRING FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER CODY HUNT

WHEREAS, there is a full-time vacancy for a police officer available at the Village of Goshen Police Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the hiring of Cody Hunt,

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the hiring of the above individual is specifically subject to the following:

1. An annual salary of \$85,196.00;
2. This appointment includes a probationary period of 8 weeks;
3. Effective September 25, 2023.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Wohl and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on September 11, 2023.

Department Head Comments

Mayor O'Donnell welcomed Chief Watt back after being out for a few weeks. Chief Watt reported that on September 5th, the Village of Goshen PD along with other law enforcement agencies participated in an active assailant training for the entire Goshen Central School District staff. Chief Watt expressed his gratitude to Superintendent Kotes and all of the staff at the school district.

In addition, Chief Watt reported that Captain Peter Cirigliano retired from the New York State Police, and has been appointed as the Orange County Emergency Services Commissioner. He added that the County is fortunate to have Captain Cirigliano in this role. On September 7th, the Clydesdale Horses were at the track for a community event, which had a great turnout. Chief Watt thanked Pat English and Dana Distributors for helping to make that event happen.

As a result of the thunderstorms on September 7th, someone was stuck in an elevator, and was rescued, there were not any injuries or major damage, and a radio tower fell down, that was in the process of being repaired.

The Chief advised that the County has been updating radio frequencies for agencies throughout the County, and the Village of Goshen has already had theirs changed.

The Tour de Force, a 9/11 Memorial ride, came through the Village of Goshen and ended at Delancey's, and Chief Watt gave a shout out to Ptl. Brandon Raab for his participation in the cycling event.

Mayor O'Donnell also mentioned the upcoming car seat safety check coming up on September 23rd.

DPW Superintendent Birney reported on the following:

The following represents the major activities of the Department of Public Works from August 29, 2023 through September 11, 2023.

STREETS

1. Mowed lawns and trimmed at parks, Village owned properties and firehouses
2. Collected yard waste throughout Village
3. Swept various Village streets
4. Collected and maintained parking meters
5. Mowed right-of-ways throughout Village
6. Pavement markings- completed double yellow lines throughout Village
7. Pavement markings- stop bars and crosswalks throughout Village
8. Responded to and continue cleanup of tree and limb damage from 9/7 storm.

WATER

1. Normal Operations

SEWER

1. Continued 400' Section of Oxford Sewer Main Replacement

Village Clerk Darby reported on the following:

1. Record Retention Work
 - a. Planning to work with O/U Boces regarding digital record storage
2. GoGOV App
 - a. Had initial meeting to start planning; 5-week turnaround time
3. Recycling Initiative – attended a meeting with the Mayor, County, Town and residents
4. Overnight Parking Project
 - a. Application, decals, rules, map
5. Working with Edmunds to accept additional online payments
 - a. Parking permits
 - b. Building Department fees
6. Downtown revitalization grant – preparing for purchases in budget proposal; working w/ SB on measurements/locations
7. NY Forward Grant – coordinated calls for feedback
8. Hotel/Motel Tax – will be moving forward with

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Rouis did not have any comments to share.

Trustee Wohl, along with Chief Watt reminded everyone that school is back in session and that motorists must obey stopped school busses and pedestrian traffic. Chief Watt added that extra patrols are at bus stops.

Trustee Gurda did not have any comments.

Trustee Hand did not have any comments.

Mayor O'Donnell read a letter from the Hughes Family thanking Officer Winski and the Police Department for all of their efforts in regards to a motorcycle accident their son was, and recognized all the great work they do.

DPW Superintendent Birney added that the picking up of recycling for the Goshen Central School District has also started. Mayor O'Donnell added that she and Village Clerk Darby had a productive meeting with the County about recycling and will be engaging the schools with contests.

Citizen Comments

There were not any comments received from the public.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Hand	aye
Gurda	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Rouis	aye
Wohl	aye