

Village Board Meeting
November 13, 2023

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

Also present: 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.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Rouis, the November 13, 2023 Village Board Meeting Agenda was accepted as presented.

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

On a motion by Trustee Wohl, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Minutes of the October 23, 2023, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

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

Items of Business

1. Ptl. B. Raab – 20 years in law enforcement

Mayor O'Donnell presented a certificate and read a memo from Chief Watt recognizing Patrolman Brandon Raab for his 20 years in law enforcement, with 17 of those years being with the Village of Goshen Police Department, and thanked him for his commitment to the Village of Goshen Police Department.

Sgt. Ryan also shared his appreciation to Ptl. Raab and asked his family to place his 20-year pin on his uniform. PBA President Winski presented Ptl. Raab with a plaque for his service.

2. 2024 Elections

RESOLUTION 131 of 2023

OFFICES TO BE FILLED IN THE 2024 VILLAGE ELECTION: Two (2) Trustees for two (2) years

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees must designate by Resolution and publish the offices which are to be filled in the Village election, and the terms thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen designates the following offices vacant at the end of the current official year, to be filled at the Village election to be held on March 19, 2024, for the following terms:

Two (2) Trustees for two (2) years

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Resolution in full in the Goshen Independent.

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 November 13, 2023.

3. Application for Use of Village Property – Menorah Lighting

RESOLUTION 132 of 2023

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LUBAVITCH OF ORANGE COUNTY'S
MENORAH LIGHTING EVENT ON THE VILLAGE GREEN ON DECEMBER 7, 2023
FROM 5PM – 8PM**

WHEREAS, a complete application for use of Village Property was received by Rabbi Meir Borenstein of the Lubavitch of Orange County of Goshen, New York; and

WHEREAS, the request is for a Menorah Lighting event; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees approved the following:

- Application for use of Village property for the Menorah Lighting event on December 7, 2023 from 5pm – 8pm and
- The application is subject to review by DPW and Police Department, including the placement of the menorah.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Wohl. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on November 13, 2023.

4. Modify Fee Schedule

RESOLUTION 133 of 2023

**A RESOLUTION SETTING FEES FOR OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMITS TO \$100.00
FOR EACH APPLICATION SUBMITTED WITH A \$50.00 REPLACEMENT FEE**

WHEREAS, prior resolutions have been approved to allow the Village Board to set and adjust fees to the Village Fee Schedule; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, the Village Board of the Village of Goshen approves the following fees:

- **Overnight Parking Application and Fees:** \$100.00 per application, and a \$50.00 replacement fee.

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 November 13, 2023.

5. Abstract of Vouchers #4

RESOLUTION 134 of 2023

**A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 4 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/23 –
5/31/24 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 22571 THROUGH 22627 TOTALING \$507,016.58**

WHEREAS, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 4 for fiscal year 2023/2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 22571 through 22627; and
2. Abstract number 4 in the amount of \$507,016.58.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Wohl and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on November 13, 2023.

6. Abstract of Vouchers #5

RESOLUTION 135 of 2023

A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 5 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/23 – 5/31/24 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 22628 THROUGH 22788 TOTALING \$767,229.02

WHEREAS, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 4 for fiscal year 2023/2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 22628 through 22788; and
2. Abstract number 5 in the amount of \$767,229.02.

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 November 13, 2023.

7. CivicPlus Supplementation Agreement

RESOLUTION 136 of 2023

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH CIVIC PLUS FOR AN ANNUAL SUPPLEMENTAL SUBSCRIPTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,519.10

WHEREAS, Civic Plus provides the Village of Goshen with updating the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, Civic Plus updates the code periodically with adopted local laws; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the agreement with Civic Plus for an annual subscription of \$1,519.10.

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 November 13, 2023.

8. Unpaid Village Taxes

RESOLUTION 137 of 2023

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT UNPAID 2023 VILLAGE TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$206,898.91

WHEREAS, there is an unpaid balance on Village of Goshen 2023 taxes in the amount of \$206,898.01; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Orange County Tax Collector hereby has approval to accept and receive unpaid 2023 Village taxes, which payment for same will then be submitted to the Village of Goshen tax collector;

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board can sign the Unpaid Village Tax Return form.

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 November 13, 2023.

9. Goshen Restoration Presentation

Tom Loftus presented to the Village Board on behalf of Goshen Restoration. Mr. Loftus expressed Goshen Restoration’s concern for the integrity of the Architectural Design District (ADD) and discussed the development of an Architectural Review Board (ARB) as a solution to maintain and enhance the historic character of the Village’s ADD. Mr. Loftus shared slides with the Village Board on the proposed mission and suggested membership of the potential ARB. Mr. Loftus referred to the Village of Warwick for doing something similar in their Village to protect the ADD.

Mayor O’Donnell thanked Mr. Loftus for his time and presentation.

Department Head Comments

Village Clerk Darby reported the following:

- 1. GoGOV App
 - a. Launched app – approximately 60 users
- 2. Overnight Parking Project
 - a. Successfully launched – 30 permits issued
- 3. Recycling Initiative
 - a. Completed NYSDEC grant application
 - i. Breakdown of ask below

Total Personal and non-Personal Expenses (Add lines 5, 13 and 25)	\$28,348.00
State Assistance Requested (Add lines 6, 14 and 26)	\$14,174.00

- 4. Working with Edmunds to accept additional online payments – training scheduled for Friday, November 17th
 - a. Parking permits
 - b. Building Department fees
- 5. Downtown revitalization grant – met w/ SB and MOD to look at area ordering items for to clarify items
- 6. 4th Quarter W/S Billing
 - a. Recycle inserts
- 7. Sexual Harassment Training – will be completed at the end of the week
- 8. Hotel/Motel Tax – next big project

Sgt. Rich reported that Halloween was a success this year, as was the Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th. The PD also assisted with the SAS and JRC Trunk or Treat events. He also reminded everyone that there is no trespassing at the reservoirs, and advised that the Police Department has recently had issues with motorized bikes.

Mayor O’Donnell thanked the Police Department for their recent efforts with a local business owner. Sgt. Rich shared that it is an ongoing investigation and he’ll share more information as it becomes available.

DPW Superintendent Birney reported on the following, which represents the major activities of the Department of Public Works from October 24, 2023 through November 13, 2023:

STREETS

1. Collected Yard waste throughout Village- last day is November 17th
2. Swept various Village streets
3. Hot asphalt patching throughout Village
4. Assist Town of Goshen with fall cleanup with garbage truck
5. Bulk vacuum leaf collection
6. Mowing Village right-of-way's
7. Preparation for plantings at Sara Wells Triangle
8. Completed line striping and stop bars throughout Village
9. Prepped and placed light towers for Halloween event
10. Collected and maintained parking meters
11. Ground stumps and restored lawns throughout Village

WATER

1. Repaired/ Serviced various fire hydrants throughout Village
2. Performed water meter reads and re-reads for December billing
3. Replaced 12" control valve at Water Plant
4. Repaired water main break on South Church

SEWER

Worked on electrical upgrades at Camelot Pump Station

Trustee Comments

Trustee Gurda recognized JRC for their great efforts with the Halloween Trunk or Treat event.

Trustee Wohl thanked Superintendent Birney and his staff for their work on the water main break over the weekend.

Mayor O'Donnell thanked all who attended for the Goshen Restoration presentation, including representatives from the Village of Goshen Planning Board.

Citizen Comments

Ms. Susan Armistead thanked the police department for the music they played Halloween night while patrolling the area. She said it added to the element of Halloween.

Mr. Sal LaBruna shared that he appreciated the appointment of DeGraw & DeHaan as the ADD consultants, however, he expressed his concern of sustainability with them. He further described his concern and need for an ARB especially if DeGraw & DeHaan no longer provide consulting services.

Mr. Loftus added that he has seen ARB's in many areas he has worked in, and feels how beneficial one would be to the Village of Goshen. Mr. Loftus also made himself available for further discussion on the topic as well at a future date.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Wohl, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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