

Village Board Meeting  
January 22, 2024

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

Also present: Attorney Donovan and Trish Sherlock for Maria Darby

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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 January 22, 2024 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 December 11, 2023, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

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

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Rouis, the Minutes of the January 8, 2024, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

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

### **Items of Business**

#### *1. Bond Resolution for Construction of Improvements to the Village Water System*

Mr. Donovan explained the purpose of the resolution and started by stating that this project has been going on for some time. A meeting was held with Pitingaro and Doetsch to go over the project and deadlines. There is \$3M in a grant and \$1.8M to be reimbursed, and the Village needs to put \$1.2M. Mr. Donovan has talked to Mrs. Sara Winters, Village Treasurer, about this, which the resolution and the rest of the application will go to EFC by March 1, 2024, and funding should take place sometime in the Fall 2024. With the borrowing taking place in the Fall of 2024, repayment would start in the 2025-2026 budget year. Trustee Wohl asked if the Village could use COVID money to pay for part of the project, and Mr. Donovan advised that it could be, and a conversation with Mrs. Winters would help determine how much is available.

#### **RESOLUTION 1 of 2024**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,120,819 TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$6,120,819 AND APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE, INCLUDING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$3,000,000 IN GRANT**

**FUNDS EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED TO PAY THE BALANCE OF SAID  
COST**

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
of the Village of Goshen,  
in the County of Orange, New York

January 22, 2024

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A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen, in the County of Orange, New York, was held at the Village Hall, 276 Main Street, Goshen, New York on January 22, 2024.

There were present: Hon. Molly O'Donnell, Mayor; and

Trustees: Christopher Gurda, Cynthia Hand, Jonathan Rouis, and Scott Wohl

There were absent: no members were absent

Also present: Trish Sherlock for Maria M. Darby, Village Clerk

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Trustee Scott Wohl offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN, NEW YORK, ADOPTED  
JANUARY 22, 2024, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL  
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,120,819 TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COST OF  
CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM,  
STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$6,120,819 AND  
APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE, INCLUDING THE  
EXPENDITURE OF \$3,000,000 IN GRANT FUNDS EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED TO  
PAY THE BALANCE OF SAID COST

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN, IN THE  
COUNTY OF ORANGE, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not  
less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Trustees) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village of Goshen, in the County of Orange, New York (herein called the "Village"), is hereby authorized to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$3,120,819 pursuant to the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), to finance a portion of the cost of construction of improvements to the Village water system, consisting of filtration plant upgrades, a new pump station, installation of pipes to connect to the Village sewer system and other improvements or ancillary work required in connection therewith, all as described in the report prepared for the Village by Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers, P.C.

Section 2. The estimated maximum cost of the project described herein, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$6,120,819 and said amount is hereby appropriated for such purpose. The plan of financing includes the expenditure of \$3,000,000 in grant funds expected to be received from the State of New York Environmental Facilities Corporation pursuant to the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA), the issuance of bonds of the Village in the principal amount of not to exceed \$3,120,819 to finance the balance of said appropriation, and the collection of water charges from water system users to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable. Any authorized officer of the Village is hereby authorized to submit an application and perform any other acts necessary to arrange for grant funding.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 1 of the Law, is forty (40) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to

reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

(c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and as to the execution of agreements for credit enhancements, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution is subject to a permissive referendum and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, within ten (10) days after the adoption of this resolution, to publish or cause to be published, in full, in the official newspaper of the Village, having a general circulation within said Village, and posted in at least six (6) public places and in each polling place in the Village, a Notice in substantially the form appearing in Exhibit A hereto.

Section 8. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, after said bond resolution shall take effect, to cause said bond resolution to be published, in summary, in the official newspaper of the Village, having a general circulation within said Village, together with a Notice in substantially the form as provided by Section 81.00 of the Law.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: Mayor Molly O'Donnell, Trustees Christopher Gurda,  
Cynthia Hand, Jonathan Rouis, and Scott Wohl  
NOES: None

The resolution was declared adopted.

2. Release of Bond – 39 Police Drive

**RESOLUTION 2 OF 2024**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE BOND RELEASE FOR THE 39 POLICE DRIVE PROJECT AT 37 POLICE DRIVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00**

**WHEREAS**, a restoration bond in the amount of \$15,000.00 was held by the Village of Goshen until a building permit was issued for said project at the referenced location; and

**WHEREAS**, building permits were issued for the 39 Police Drive Project on 12/12/22 (warehouse with mezzanine) and 11/22/23 (pole barn); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,**

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Goshen authorizes the \$15,000.00 bond release for the 39 Police Drive Project.

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 January 22, 2024.

3. Participating Agency for NYSDOT Route 17 Mobility and Access Improvements Project

**RESOLUTION 3 OF 2024**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE MAYOR TO SIGN THE PARTICIPATING AGENCY FORM ON THE NYS ROUTE 17 MOBILITY AND ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, PIN 8065.12, LOCATED IN ORANGE AND SULLIVAN COUNTIES, NY**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), acting as Federal Lead Agency, and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), acting as Joint Lead Agency, intend to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the NYS Route 17 Mobility and Access Improvements Project (the Project) located in Orange and Sullivan Counties, New York. It is anticipated that the Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the Project will be published in the Federal Register in Spring 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the EIS would be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and would also satisfy the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The draft purpose of the Project is to designate NYS Route 17 between US Route 209 and Interstate 87 (transportation corridor) as part of the interstate system. The Project will also address operational mobility deficiencies that exist during peak travel periods within the transportation corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Goshen has an interest in the Project, and therefore, we request will become a Participating Agency in the development of the Project, and Participating Agencies are responsible for identifying, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the Project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impact that could substantially delay or prevent an agency from granting a permit or other approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Goshen's role in the development of the above project will include the following as they relate to our area of expertise:

- Provide comments, responses, studies, or methodologies on those areas within the special expertise or jurisdiction of the agency; and
- Use the process to address any environmental issues of concern to the agency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,**

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Goshen Mayor is authorized to sign the Participating Agency Form for the NYS Route 17 Mobility and Access Improvements Project, PIN 8065.12, located in Orange and Sullivan Counties, New York.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Wohl and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on January 22, 2024.

4. Set Public Hearing for Local Law #1: ZBA notice requirement

**RESOLUTION 4 OF 2024**

**A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2024 ON MARCH 11, 2024, AT 7:00PM: A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE XIII OF APPENDIX A [ZONING] OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN TO THE EXTENT OF AMENDING SECTION 13.3.1 TO REDUCE THE TIME WITHIN WHICH**

**THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE MUST BE PUBLISHED FROM 15 DAYS TO 5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING**

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the local law is Amending Article XIII of Appendix A [Zoning] of the Code of the Village of Goshen to the extent of amending section 13.3.1 to reduce the time within which the zoning board of appeals public hearing notice must be published from 15 days to 5 days prior to the hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing must be scheduled and also referred to Orange County Planning and the Planning Board; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,**

**RESOLVED**, that Local Law #1 of 2024 will be heard at a Public Hearing on March 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on January 22, 2024.

5. Abstract of Voucher #6 for FY 2023-2024

**RESOLUTION 5 OF 2024**

**A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 6 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/23 – 5/31/24 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 22789 THROUGH 22863 TOTALING \$1,052,366.48**

**WHEREAS**, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 6 for fiscal year 2023/2024; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,**

**RESOLVED**, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 22789 through 22863; and
2. Abstract number 6 in the amount of \$1,052,366.48.

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 January 22, 2024.

6. Abstract of Voucher #7 for FY 2023-2024

**RESOLUTION 6 OF 2024**

**A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 7 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/23 – 5/31/24 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 22864 THROUGH 22305 TOTALING \$778,967.15**

**WHEREAS**, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 7 for fiscal year 2023/2024; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,**

**RESOLVED**, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 22864 through 22305; and
2. Abstract number 7 in the amount of \$778,967.15.

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 January 22, 2024.

7. Appoint Election Inspectors for 2024 Village Election

**RESOLUTION 7 OF 2024**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR 2024 VILLAGE ELECTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Village election is scheduled for March 19, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, four inspectors are needed, one of which will be Chairman of the elections; and

**WHEREAS**, Village Hall staff reviewed a list of eligible inspectors; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,**

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the appointment of James Heslop, Election Inspector, Chairman, Jeanne Krish, Election Inspector, Lee Krish, Election Inspector, and Sharon Lunden, Election Inspector

and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the appointment of the above Election Inspectors is specifically subject to the following:

1. Compensation for the Chairman of \$250.00; and
2. Compensation for the three Election Inspectors of \$200.00.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on January 22, 2024.

**Mayor/Trustee Comments**

Trustee Wohl was happy to announce that Starbucks was now open.

**Citizens' 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 7:11 pm.

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