

Village Board Meeting
November 27, 2023

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

Also present: Village Clerk Darby and Attorney Donovan

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 Rouis, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the November 27, 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 Rouis, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Minutes of the November 13, 2023, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

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

Items of Business

1. Resolution for Tax Refund on Assessment Reduction – 46-52 Harriman Drive

RESOLUTION 138 of 2023

A RESOLUTION RESPONDING TO THE CONSENT ORDER & JUDGMENT FOR 46-52 HARRIMAN DRIVE FOR THE 2023 TAX YEAR, WHERE THE TAX ASSESSMENT WAS REDUCED AND NOT REDUCED WHEN TAX BILLS WERE DISTRIBUTED FOR THE 2023 TAX YEAR, AND THEREFORE RESULTING IN A REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,391.02

WHEREAS, 46 Harriman Drive Real Estate LLC has heretofore filed a proceeding in the Supreme Court of Orange County pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law seeking to contest the assessment imposed on the real property located in the Village of Goshen, which property is designated on the tax map as Section 128, Block 1, Lot 3.1 or 46-52 Harriman Drive; and;

WHEREAS, the duties of assessing real property in the Village for purposes of real property taxation are vested with the Assessor's office for the Town of Goshen; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Goshen and their Assessor have heretofore determined that it is in the best interests of all parties that the proceeding commenced by 46 Harriman Drive Real Estate LLC, be settled and compromised; and

WHEREAS, the Village is in receipt of a Consent Order & Judgment duly signed and approved by the attorneys representing the Town of Goshen, the attorneys representing the Petitioner and the Office of the Orange County Attorney which Consent Order & Judgment has been approved by the Honorable Timothy McElduff, Jr., Supreme Court Justice; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms and provisions of said Consent Order & Judgment the Village is obligated to refund certain tax amounts heretofore paid by 46 Harriman Drive Real Estate LLC;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that pursuant to said Consent Order & Judgment the Village Board hereby directs the Village Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$13,391.02 and to deliver the same to Herman, Katz, Cangemi, Wilkes & Clyne, as attorneys for Petitioners, as provided for in said Consent Judgment.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on November 27, 2023.

2. Resolution for Tax Refund on Assessment Reduction – 65 Spring Street

RESOLUTION 139 of 2023

A RESOLUTION RESPONDING TO THE CONSENT JUDGMENT FOR 65 SPRING STREET FOR THE 2020, 2021, AND 2022 TAX ROLL, WHERE THE TAX ASSESSMENT WAS REDUCED AND NOT REDUCED WHEN TAX BILLS WERE DISTRIBUTED FOR THE 2020, 2021, AND 2022 TAX YEARS, AND THEREFORE RESULTING IN A REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,835.35

WHEREAS, Goshen Foundry Ltd. has heretofore filed a proceeding in the Supreme Court of Orange County pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law seeking to contest the assessment imposed on the real property located in the Village of Goshen, which property is designated on the tax map as Section 111, Block 9, Lot 18 or 65 Spring Street; and;

WHEREAS, the duties of assessing real property in the Village for purposes of real property taxation are vested with the Assessor's office for the Town of Goshen; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Goshen and their Assessor have heretofore determined that it is in the best interests of all parties that the proceeding commenced by Goshen Foundry Ltd., be settled and compromised; and

WHEREAS, the Village is in receipt of a Consent Judgment duly signed and approved by the attorneys representing the Town of Goshen, the attorneys representing the Petitioner and the Office of the Orange County Attorney which Consent Judgment has been approved by the Honorable E. Loren Williams, JSC, Supreme Court Justice; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms and provisions of said Consent Judgment the Village is obligated to refund certain tax amounts heretofore paid by Goshen Foundry Ltd.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that pursuant to said Consent Judgment the Village Board hereby directs the Village Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$2,835.35 and to deliver the same to Savad Churgin, as attorney for Petitioners, as provided for in said Consent Judgment.

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 27, 2023.

3. Nelco Contract

RESOLUTION 140 of 2023

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN TO UTILIZE NELCO FOR W-2 FEDERAL E-FILING AND 1099 E-FILING SERVICES

WHEREAS, for the 2023 taxes, the Village of Goshen is required to electronically file W-2's and 1099s; and; and

WHEREAS, a quote had been received from Nelco with a cost of approximately \$105.00 for these services;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen is allowed to utilize Nelco's services for e-filing.

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 27, 2023.

4. Exemption Properties in Orange County

RESOLUTION 141 of 2023

A RESOLUTION FOR EXEMPTION FROM COUNTY TAXATION FOR THE YEAR 2025 ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF GOSHEN AND TOWN OF WALLKILL FOR THE VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM

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 Wallkill

AND, WHEREAS, the above-described properties are 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;

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen is requesting the Legislature of Orange County to exempt the described properties from County taxation, for the year 2024, in view of its use for municipal purposes.

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 27, 2023.

5. Police Department Appointment

RESOLUTION 142 of 2023

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR APPOINTMENT OF JAMES WATT FOR A TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT AS TEMPORARY PART-TIME TYPIST TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

WHEREAS, there is a part-time typist position available in the Village of Goshen Police Department; and

WHEREAS, James Watt has resigned as Police Chief in the Village of Goshen Police Department effective December 31, 2023 for the purpose of retiring;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that as of January 1, 2024, James Watt is hereby appointed as a temporary part-time typist in the Village of Goshen Police Department at a rate of \$22.50 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours per week.

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 27, 2023.

6. Waive Parking Meter Fees

RESOLUTION 143 of 2023

A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE PARKING METER FEES FROM DECEMBER 1, 2023 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2024

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen DPW and Board of Trustees like to waive parking meter fees for the holidays in the downtown area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby approves the waiving of parking meter fees in the downtown area from December 1, 2023, through January 1, 2024.

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 November 27, 2023.

Trustee Comments

Trustee Rouis wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Mayor O'Donnell reminded everyone that the Tree Lighting will take place on Saturday, December 2, 2023 with festivities from 2pm – 5pm and the tree lighting taking place promptly at 4:30pm.

Citizen Comments

There were not any citizen comments.

On a motion by Trustee Wohl, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

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