

Village Board Meeting
February 12, 2024

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

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Village Clerk Maria Darby, and Chief Ryan Rich

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 Hand, the February 12, 2024 Village Board Meeting Agenda was accepted with the modification of moving item of business number two to number one.

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

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Hand, the Minutes of the January 22, 2024, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

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

Mayor O'Donnell advised that Trustees Rouis and Wohl were excused for the evening.

Items of Business

1. Police Department Promotion to Sergeant

RESOLUTION 8 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE ROBERT A. KOZLOWSKI TO SERGEANT

WHEREAS, there is a vacant Sergeant position within the Village of Goshen Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Kozlowski is immediately hireable from the current Orange County Sergeant's promotional list; and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Kozlowski has been recommended for promotion to Sergeant by Police Chief Rich; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that Robert A. Kozlowski be promoted to the position of Sergeant, effective February 12, 2024, at an annual salary of \$110,737 with a probationary period of 26 weeks.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 12, 2024.

2. Police Department Appointment of Detective

RESOLUTION 9 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PTL. MICHAEL C. FEO TO BE ASSIGNED AS DETECTIVE WITH THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 12, 2024

WHEREAS, with recent personnel changes within the Village of Goshen, there is a vacancy for the position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that as of February 12, 2024, Ptl. Michael C. Feo is hereby appointed as Detective of the Village of Goshen at a rate of \$106,579.00 per year with the minimum probationary period as determined by Orange County Human Resources.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 12, 2024.

3. Memorial Day Ceremonies Request

RESOLUTION 10 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE GOSHEN VFW AND AMERICAN LEGION REQUEST FOR MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS ON MAY 27, 2024

WHEREAS, correspondence was received from Ray Quattrini related to Memorial Day events in the Village of Goshen; and

WHEREAS, the events include memorial services at the Goshen cemeteries, a parade, and a ceremony at the Everett Monument;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees approved the events on May 27, 2024 with the following conditions:

- Memorial services at the Goshen cemeteries, a parade, and a ceremony at the Everett Monument; and
- Organizers will coordinate with Village Police and Village DPW.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Hand and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 12, 2024.

4. Great American Weekend Request

RESOLUTION 11 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE GOSHEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE USE OF VILLAGE SQUARE FOR GREAT AMERICAN WEEKEND 2024

WHEREAS, a written request was received from the Goshen Chamber of Commerce requesting use of the Village Square for Great American Weekend; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the request for the Goshen Chamber of Commerce to use Village Square for Great American Weekend

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the following are specific to the request:

1. Setup will begin on 7/3/24;
2. Great American Weekend is scheduled for July 6th and 7th, 2024;
3. Vendors, musical acts and crafts for children are planned; and
4. Vendors have been instructed to submit a Certificate of Liability indemnifying the Village of Goshen, First Presbyterian Church, the Goshen Central School District, and the Goshen Chamber of Commerce once approved.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 12, 2024.

5. 5k/10k Great American Weekend Race Request

RESOLUTION 12 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE ROTARY CLUB OF GOSHEN TO HOLD THEIR 2024 GREAT AMERICAN WEEKEND 5K/10K GOSHEN ROTARY RUN ON SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2024

WHEREAS, a letter was received from The Rotary Club of Goshen requesting approval from the Village of Goshen to schedule the 2024 Great American Weekend 5k/10k Goshen Rotary Run on Saturday, July 6, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby approves The Rotary Club of Goshen to hold their 2024 Great American Weekend 5k/10k Goshen Rotary Run

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the following are specific to the request:

1. Race registration will begin at 6:30AM; and
2. The race will commence at 8 am and should be concluded by 10:30 AM; and
3. The race will follow the same course as previous years, with both the 5k and 10k race starting on Erie Street at the Orange County Government Center and finishing on Park Place;
4. An Insurance Certificate naming the Village of Goshen as Certificate Holder, will be presented to Village about 2 weeks prior to the event;
5. As in previous years, upon the Village Board's approval The Rotary Club of Goshen will connect with Village Police Chief Rich to coordinate the required traffic control assistance during the race; and
6. The expenses related to this assistance will be covered by the Goshen Rotary Club per an earlier agreement.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 12, 2024.

6. St. Patrick's Day Parade Request

RESOLUTION 13 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE MID-HUDSON ST. PATRICK'S PARADE COMMITTEE TO HOLD THE 2024 PARADE IN THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN ON MARCH 10, 2024

WHEREAS, a written request and application was received from the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade Committee to hold their parade in the Village of Goshen on March 10, 2024 with line up beginning at 1pm and step off beginning at 2pm, to start and end near the Orange County Government Center; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the request for the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade Committee to hold their annual parade in the Village of Goshen on March 10, 2024

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the following are specific to the request:

1. Line up will begin at 1:00pm and step off will be at 2:00pm;
2. The parade will start and end at the Orange County Government Center;
3. A Certificate of Insurance has been received naming the Village of Goshen as an additional insured; and
4. Organizers will coordinate with Village Police and Village DPW.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 12, 2024.

7. Approval of Peddlers Permit

RESOLUTION 14 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE VILLAGE CLERK TO ISSUE A PEDDLERS' LICENSE TO MR. DRAGUNOFF AS HE FULFILLED ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH A PERMIT FOR THE MID-HUDSON ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ON MARCH 10, 2024

WHEREAS, Howard Dragunoff, of Action Enterprises, Woodbridge CT, has applied for a permit for the peddling of balloons and novelties on March 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dragunoff has fulfilled the requirements for obtaining such a permit, and has paid the applicable fees and posted the required bond, as required by Chapter 14, Article II of the Code of the Village of Goshen;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board of the Village of Goshen directs the Village Clerk to issue the requested Peddlers' License to Mr. Dragunoff.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 12, 2024.

8. Historic Track Auxiliary Request

RESOLUTION 15 of 2024

A RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF THE VILLAGE GREEN TO POST SIGNS FOR THE GOSHEN HISTORIC TRACK AUXILIARY EVENTS

WHEREAS, a letter was received from the Goshen Historic Track Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, the events will take place on May 19, 2024, July 5-7, 2024, and on September 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Auxiliary would like to post signs/banners for their events; and

WHEREAS, the application and Certificate of Insurance will be provided; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

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

- Subject to review by DPW and Police Department;
- The use of the Village Green by the Goshen Historic Track Auxiliary for their events:
 - Car Show / Food Truck Festival on May 19, 2024 with a rain date of 6/2/2024 (up 4/29/2024, down May 22 or down June 3 if we use the rain date)
 - Grand Circuit Races July 5-7, 2024 (up June 17, down July 8)
 - Junk in the Trunk plus Crafters Community Yard Sale September 15, 2024 (up August 26, down September 16)

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 12, 2024.

9. 2024 Village Election – Identify Polling Places and Times

RESOLUTION 16 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO IDENTIFY THE POLLING PLACE AND TIME OF THE MARCH 19, 2024 VILLAGE OF GOSHEN ELECTION

WHEREAS, according to the Election Law, the Village must identify polling places and times of the March 19, 2024 Village of Goshen Election; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the only polling place for the March 19, 2024 Village of Goshen Election will be at Village Hall, 276 Main Street, Goshen, NY 10924 from 9:00am to 9:00pm.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 12, 2024.

Department Head Comments

DPW Superintendent Birney reported on the following major activities of the Department of Public Works from January 23, 2024 through February 12, 2024:

STREETS

1. Continue replacing damaged and faded traffic signs throughout Village
2. Demolished rear steps at Village Hall and replaced
3. Collected and maintained parking meters downtown
4. Completed renovation of landscape trailer
5. Started renovation of roller trailer
6. Cold asphalt patching of streets throughout Village

WATER

1. Trimming and clearing of brush and downed trees on lower access road to Prospect Dam
2. Repaired water leak on McBride
3. Cleared and maintained water main ROW parallel to Police Drive in preparation for a water valve cluster replacement
4. Cleared and maintained water transmission main ROW from the Water Plant to South Street ROW

5. Repaired fire hydrant at 17A and Hatfield
6. Repaired valve box at South Church and Walraven
7. Replaced valve box at Arthur/McBride
8. Read and re-read water meters for March Billing

SEWER

1. Annual cleaning and removal of pump station wet well debris
2. Cut and remove brush for manhole access ROW adjoining the South Street bridge abutment

Mayor O'Donnell was contacted by the Health Department to see if flashing lights could be added to the crosswalk on Main Street, and DPW Superintendent Birney confirmed that Main Street is a State road. Mayor O'Donnell will advise the Health Department to write a letter to the DOT, and advised that we will be in support of same.

Village Clerk Darby provided the following report:

1. Water sewer billing for the first quarter was in process, and thanked her staff for helping to close out 2023 so unpaid balances could be levied on 2024-2025 Village taxes
2. Pursuing a records management grant, and will be discussing with the Town of Goshen to possibly submit a shared services grant
3. Hotel motel tax updates – have helped provide clarification to the hotels regarding the tax, and has reached out to Air BNB to enter into an agreement to collect taxes
4. Working to obtain quotes for one of the boilers at Village Hall
5. Preparing for election which will be held on 3/19/24
6. A Goshen High School Intern started at Village Hall today; the program has placed more than 250 students in the community. We're happy to have one of their students who is interested in accounting and business.

Chief Rich thanked the Village Board for their support with the promotions in his department earlier in the evening. In addition, he advised that overnight patrols check street lights and lamp posts for outages, and the information is then forwarded to Orange & Rockland for repair. He stated that there is an option to report outages online, but doesn't see where the Village of Goshen is a listed municipality. Mayor O'Donnell advised that we can reach out to Orange & Rockland to see what we need to do in order to have the Village of Goshen added.

Chief Rich also advised that there have been posts on social media asking why there has been additional police presence on Main Street and Greenwich Avenue, and the Chief shared that the police department had one of the Sergeants study the accident report, the police presence is to hopefully slow people down. The three main factors contributing to accidents are following too closely, distracted driving and speeding. He further reported that there has been an increased presence of patrolmen in Harness Estates as there have been numerous reports of speeding and failing to stop at stop signs, as Murray Avenue has been used as a cut through between Scotchtown Avenue and Route 207.

Chief Rich shared there have been additional calls on coyote sightings and the Chief provided a website to the DEC for what to do if a coyote is seen on your property.

In addition, plans for the St. Patrick's Day Parade are well underway, and Chief Rich advised that the event will take place rain or shine.

Lastly, Chief Ryan shared that the Village of Goshen Police Child Passenger Safety Unity and NYSP will have a car seat check at the Minisink Firehouse on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Along with the car seat check, CarFit, a program designed to help older drivers become more familiar with technology in their vehicles, will also be there. The Chief reported that a couple of his officers have attended the training, and are now certified through AAA and AARP to conduct the program. Mayor O'Donnell advised that the Village is more than happy to post and promote these events.

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Gurda asked everyone to be safe with the winter storm expected during the evening, and thanked the DPW in advance for all they do.

Citizens' Comments

There were not any comments received from the public.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Hand, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

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