

Village Board Meeting
March 25, 2024

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

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 Rouis, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the March 25, 2024 Village Board Meeting Agenda was accepted as presented.

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

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Hand, the Minutes of the February 16, 2024, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

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

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Hand, the Minutes of the March 11, 2024, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

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

Items of Business

1. Set Public Hearing for 2024-2025 Budget

RESOLUTION 27 of 2024

A RESOLUTION SCHEDULING THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2024/2025 VILLAGE OF GOSHEN BUDGET FOR MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024 AT 7PM

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen holds a Public Hearing on the proposed annual budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following is approved:

1. The public hearing for the 2024/2025 Village of Goshen tentative budget is scheduled for April 8, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Wohl. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on March 25, 2024.

2. Schedule Annual Meeting

RESOLUTION 28 of 2024

A RESOLUTION SCHEDULING THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING FOR MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024 AT 7PM

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen holds an Annual Reorganization Meeting; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following is approved:

1. The 2024 Reorganization Meeting shall take place on April 8, 2024 at 7:00pm.

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 March 25, 2024.

3. Use of Village Property Application – OU BOCES Graduation

RESOLUTION 29 of 2024

A RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF THE VILLAGE GREEN FOR ORANGE-ULSTER BOCES SPECIAL EDUCATION INCLUDING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRADUATION ON JUNE 18, 2024 WITH SETUP STARTING AT 4PM ON JUNE 17, 2024

WHEREAS, a letter was received from Director of Special Education at Orange-Ulster Boces, James Higgins, Ed.D. with the request to hold a graduation celebration; and

WHEREAS, the event will take place on June 18, 2024 at 8:30am for approximately three hours, with setup taking place on June 17, 2024 after 4:00pm; and

WHEREAS, Orange-Ulster Boces agrees to setup and breakdown for the event; and

WHEREAS, the application and Certificate of Insurance has been 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 Orange-Ulster Boces for their graduation ceremony on June 18, 2024 starting at 8:30am, with setup taking place on June 17, 2024 after 4:00pm.

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 March 25, 2024.

4. Use of Village Property Application – Chabad of Orange County

RESOLUTION 30 of 2024

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LUBAVITCH OF ORANGE COUNTY'S NEW TORAH SCROLL CELEBRATION MARCH ON APRIL 14, 2024 FROM 11:15AM – 12:00PM

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

WHEREAS, the request is for a Torah March; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

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

- Application for use of Village property for the Torah March on April 14, 2024 from 11:15am – 12:00pm from the Village Green to 203 Main Street; and
- The application is subject to review by DPW and Police Department.

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 March 25, 2024.

5. Abstract of Voucher #9 for FY 2023-2024

RESOLUTION 31 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 9 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/23 – 5/31/24 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 23090 THROUGH 23226 TOTALING \$477,932.76

WHEREAS, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 8 for fiscal year 2023/2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 23090 through 23226; and
2. Abstract number 9 in the amount of \$477,932.76.

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 March 25, 2024.

6. Purchase of DPW Lift

RESOLUTION 32 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE A MOHAWK TP16-25A, 16,000LB VEHICLE LIFT INCLUDING INSTALLATION, TRAINING AND TRADE IN OF THE RECENTLY DAMAGED LIFT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,156.65, WHICH IS BASED ON NYS BID PRICING

WHEREAS, the current lift at the DPW anchorage failed, which is used for Police and DPW vehicles when being repaired and maintained;

WHEREAS, the current lift was originally installed in 1995, and the lift is obsolete so repairs are not in the best interest of the Village from a cost perspective, and a newer lift will have greater capacity, and a warranty for the new equipment; and

WHEREAS, the said equipment needed by the Village is available by way of a New York State bid; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village DPW Superintendent is hereby authorized to purchase a Mohawk TP16-25A, 16,000lb vehicle lift including installation, training and trade in of the recently damaged lift in the amount of \$19,156.65, which is based on NYS Bid pricing.

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 March 25, 2024.

7. Great American Weekend Sign Request

RESOLUTION 33 of 2024

A RESOLUTION APPROVING GOSHEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S USE OF THE VILLAGE GREEN FOR GREAT AMERICAN WEEKEND FOR PLACEMENT OF SIGNAGE

WHEREAS, a letter was received from the Goshen Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the event will take place on July 6-7, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Goshen Chamber would like to post signs for the event on the Village Green; 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 Chamber of Commerce to place signs for their event, Great American Weekend, July 6-7, 2024.
 - Signs will be placed June 17, 2024 and taken down July 8, 2024

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 March 25, 2024.

8. Brew Awning

RESOLUTION 34 of 2024

A RESOLUTION APPROVING BREW'S APPLICATION FOR AN AWNING THAT DOES EXTEND OVER VILLAGE PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen Building Department received an application from Brew to put up an awning; and

WHEREAS, according to Village Code Section 15.3.9, approval must be received of the Village Board for awnings or canopies that cover Village right-of-ways and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the awning does comply with ADD requirements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees approves the application submitted by Brew to place an awning that extends on Village Property

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 March 25, 2024.

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Wohl mentioned the 3” of rain event the prior Saturday and thanked Scott Birney for his crew’s efforts with the storm. Trustee Wohl also brought up the recent graffiti from the Chief Rich’s Board Report. Police Chief Rich reported that he is investigating the graffiti recently found on a Greenwich Avenue building. He is working with the School Resource Officer’s as it is believed to have been done by juveniles.

Trustee Hand was glad to have won the election, and still be part of the Village Board.

Mayor O’Donnell congratulated Trustees Gurda and Hand on the recent election, and thanked Village Clerk Darby

Police Chief Rich congratulated both Trustees Gurda and Hand on their win of the election.

Attorney Donovan recognized Election Inspector Jeanne Krish and shared that this would be her last election serving as Election Inspector. The Village of Goshen is grateful for her service to our community.

Citizens’ Comments

A reporter from the Chronicle, Dylan Skriloff, asked questions to clarify the recently passed resolutions related to the lift and parade to welcome the new Torah.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Hand	aye
Gurda	aye
O’Donnell	aye
Rouis	aye
Wohl	aye