

Village Board Meeting
April 15, 2024

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

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Chief Ryan Rich, and Clerk Donna Tularam

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 March 25, 2024 Village Board Meeting Agenda was accepted as presented.

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

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

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

Public Hearing

1. Water/Sewer Assessment

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Public Hearing for the assessments was opened at 7:01 pm.

Legal Notice: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen, New York, will conduct a Public Hearing at Village Hall, Maplewood, 276 Main Street, Goshen, New York, on April 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon after as the matter may be heard to consider adoption of a resolution adjusting the quarterly water and sewer special assessments presently in effect. There will be no increase in the total assessment. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider decreasing the quarterly sewer assessment by \$20.00 and increasing the quarterly water assessment by the exact same amount.

Mayor O'Donnell asked if there were any comments from the public; there were not any comments received from the public.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Public Hearing for the assessments was closed at 7:02 pm.

Items of Business

1. Approval of Water/Sewer Assessment

RESOLUTION 43 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO ADJUST THE QUARTERLY WATER AND SEWER SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS PRESENTLY IN EFFECT PER UNIT BY DECREASING THE QUARTERLY SEWER ASSESSMENT BY \$20.00 PER UNIT AND INCREASING THE QUARTERLY WATER ASSESSMENT BY \$20.00 PER UNIT

WHEREAS, In order to more equitably allocate the costs and debt service incurred by and allocated between the Village water fund and sewer fund, it is necessary to adjust the current water and sewer assessments so as to decrease the quarterly sewer assessment by \$20.00 per unit, and increase the quarterly water assessment by the equal amount of \$20.00 per unit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the quarterly water and sewer special assessments presently in effect will be adjusted per unit; and it is further

RESOLVED, that there will be no increase in the total assessment for both water and sewer; and it is further

RESOLVED, sewer assessment will be decreased by \$20.00 per unit and the quarterly water assessment will be increased by \$20.00 per unit.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on April 15, 2024.

2. Approval of 2024-2025 Budget

RESOLUTION 44 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2024/2025 VILLAGE BUDGET

WHEREAS, the preliminary budget for the fiscal year 2024/2025 has been duly presented to the Village Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, a duly advertised public hearing has been held on April 8, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 5-508(4) of the Village Law, that the said preliminary budget, as changed, altered, and revised, be and hereby is adopted as the budget of the Village of Goshen for the year 2024/2025.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on April 15, 2024.

3. Hiring of FT Police Officer

RESOLUTION 45 of 2024

A RESOLUTION HIRING FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER STEPHAN SOOKDEO

WHEREAS, there is a full-time vacancy for a police officer available at the Village of Goshen Police Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the hiring of Stephan Sookdeo,

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the hiring of the above individual is specifically subject to the following:

1. An annual salary of \$97,073.00;

2. Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment paper work, and physical and psychological testing;
3. This appointment includes a maximum probationary period of 26 weeks.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Wohl and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on April 15, 2024.

4. Arbor Day

RESOLUTION 46 of 2024

A RESOLUTION THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES APRIL 26, 2024, AS ARBOR DAY

WHEREAS, according to the NYS DEC, Arbor Day is a national observance that celebrates the role of trees in our lives and promotes tree planting and care; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first celebrated in 1872, it was established as a way to encourage farmers and homesteaders to plant trees that would provide shade, shelter, food, fuel and beauty to open areas; and

WHEREAS, in New York, Arbor Day is traditionally celebrated the last Friday in April; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day promotes a better future and this day reminds us to share our knowledge with today's youth of the importance of trees and how to care for them; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby acknowledges April 26, 2024, as Arbor Day.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Wohl and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on April 15, 2024.

5. Authorize Mayor to Sign Bond Counsel Agreement

RESOLUTION 47 of 2024

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH HAWKINS DELAFIELD & WOOD LLP TO SERVE AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE EFC FINANCING OF THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP provide bond counsel services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP will serve as bond counsel for the Village of Goshen for the EFC financing of the water treatment facility improvements project in the Village of Goshen, for a maximum fee not to exceed \$17,500.00; and it is further

RESOLVED, in the event the Village should require our services in connection with a short-term bond anticipation note and/or EFC "grid note" financing prior to the issuance of long-term bonds, we would propose a fee of not to exceed \$2,000 in connection with each such bond anticipation note or grid note issue.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on April 15, 2024.

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Deputy Mayor thanked the Mayor for the Arbor Day resolution.

Mayor O'Donnell reminded everyone that there is a Village wide cleanup day on April 20th at Erie Street Park. For those unable to attend, or if they'd like to help more, there will be a joint cleanup day with the Town and Village on June 1st.

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 7:09 pm.

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