

Village Board Meeting  
May 13, 2024

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

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Chief Ryan Rich, and Village Clerk 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 May 13, 2024 Village Board Meeting Agenda was accepted with the modification of adding item #8 to Items of Business.

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 April 15, 2024, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

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

## **Items of Business**

### 1. Goshen Hospitality Presentation

John W. Furst, Esq., Catania, Mahon & Rider, PLLC  
Jane Samuelson, Engineering and Surveying Properties, PC  
*Both are representing Goshen Hospitality*

Mr. Furst and Ms. Samuelson addressed the Board explaining their client's, Goshen Hospitality, LLC, plans for the property off of Cheechunk Road located in the Town of Goshen. The proposed project will have three hotels and two restaurants onsite. They shared that the Town of Goshen Planning Board has accepted their SEQR application, and will be going back to their Planning Board for special use site plan approval. The Villages wastewater treatment plant is only 3,000 feet away, and the Goshen Hospitality project is asking if the Village of Goshen would consider an outside user agreement for services. SEQR looked at both on-site and an agreement with the Village of Goshen, and the applicant has approval to do either. They explained that their client would post a bond to protect the Village of Goshen, and is more than willing to financially contribute to the upgrade and expansion of the plant. The project will be using approximately 59,000 gallons of water per day. Ms. Samuelson, explained that construction could start in Spring of 2025, as outside approvals are still required from DOH and DOT. Mayor O'Donnell shared that are two other outside users in cue who have approached the Village for use of their water. The Village is working with our water/sewer engineers for where we are in terms of total usage and capacity. Mayor O'Donnell advised that we would be in touch once additional information is received.

Trustee Hand recused herself from any dealings related to the project.

### 2. Cycling Race Proposal

Billy Hluchan, Shake N' Brake Racing

Mr. Hluchan discussed his proposed bike race to hold in the Village of Goshen on September 14, 2024. The race is a 1.1-mile race route within the Village, and the hope is that there will be a positive impact on commerce, tourism and village spirit, within the Village of Goshen. Mr. Hluchan described that the event would be approved by USA Cycling, which is the sanctioning body. The event would bring approximately 150 cyclists and their families. There would be a race village setup with vendors, including food and merchandise.

A fruitful discussion took place among board members where questions were asked about setup, description of the different races, insurance coverage, spectators, safety, fees, residential impact, and for references of other similar municipalities that have completed a similar race.

Mr. Hluchan discussed that the event would take place from 9am – 3pm, with additional time for setup and breakdown. When asked about how people would get out of the area where the race would be set up, Mr. Hluchan discussed that his group would educate the community by going door to door, and create flyers/letters explaining what will be happening with the event.

Insurance coverage was discussed, and Mr. Hluchan explained that part of the registration fee for the cyclists also provides insurance coverage for each registrant through USA Cycling. Village Clerk Darby would research further with our insurance agent to ask if the proposed race would be covered under our current policy.

Discussions have taken place with the Orange County Sherriff's office as well as Atlas Security, as Chief Rich reported that this large of an event would need additional support. Chief Rich asked Mr. Hluchan to send the board members the YouTube video of a race so the board has an understanding of the event.

Mayor O'Donnell wrapped up the conversation by asking Mr. Hluchan to do some further research and bring information back to the Village Board at the next meeting.

### 3. PT Annual Salary Increase

#### **RESOLUTION 48 of 2024**

#### **A RESOLUTION TO SET THE HOURLY RATES FOR PART-TIME POSITIONS ARE TO BE INCREASED BY 3% EFFECTIVE, JUNE 1, 2024, FOR THE FOLLOWING: POLICE OFFICERS, POLICE DISPATCHERS, CLERICAL, COURT ATTENDANTS, DPW SEASONAL LABORERS**

**WHEREAS**, at the May 13, 2024 Village Board Meeting, the hourly rates for part-time positions are determined, and are to be increased effective, June 1, 2024;

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

**RESOLVED**, the Village Board approves the hourly rates for part-time positions to be increased by 3% effective, June 1, 2024, as follows:

- Police Officers
- Police Dispatchers
- Clerical
- Court Attendants
- DPW Seasonal Laborers

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 May 13, 2024.

### 4. Authorize Village Attorney to Prepare Local Law

#### **RESOLUTION 49 of 2024**

**A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO PREPARE A LOCAL LAW REGARDING A NO PARKING ZONE AT THE END OF OAKCREST DRIVE**

**WHEREAS**, currently, there is a need to address vehicles that park at the end of Oakcrest Drive in the Village of Goshen as it creates difficulty for Village Municipal Trucks and other vehicles to safely turn around; and

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby allows the Village Attorney to prepare a local law for a no parking zone at the end of Oakcrest Drive.

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 May 13, 2024.

5. Abstract of Vouchers #10

**RESOLUTION 50 OF 2024**

**A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 10 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/23 – 5/31/24 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 23227 THROUGH 23370 TOTALING \$1,937,977.00**

**WHEREAS**, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 10 for fiscal year 2023/2024; and

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

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

1. Check numbers 23227 through 23370; and
2. Abstract number 10 in the amount of \$1,937,977.00.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on May 13, 2024.

6. Abstract of Vouchers #11

**RESOLUTION 51 OF 2024**

**A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 11 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/23 – 5/31/24 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 23956 THROUGH 24060 TOTALING \$1,057,977.07**

**WHEREAS**, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 11 for fiscal year 2023/2024; and

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

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

1. Check numbers 23956 through 24060; and
2. Abstract number 11 in the amount of \$1,057,977.07.

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 May 13, 2024.

7. Orange/Ulster BOCES Request

**RESOLUTION 52 of 2024**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING ORANGE-ULSTER BOCES TO HAVE AN ICE CREAM TRUCK AT ERIE STREET PARK ON MAY 31, 2024 FROM 10:30AM – 11:30AM FOR THE GOSHEN MAIN STREET PROGRAM OF ORANGE ULSTER BOCES**

**WHEREAS**, a request was received from the special education department to have an ice cream truck at Erie Street Park on 5/31/24 from 10:30am – 11:30 am on May 31, 2024; and

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

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees approves an ice cream truck to be at Erie Street Park on May 31, 2024 from 10:30am – 11:30am for the Goshen Main Street Program of Orange Ulster BOCES.

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 May 13, 2024.

8. Village Insurance for 2024-2025

**RESOLUTION 53 of 2024**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH J. HOFFMAN INSURANCE FOR VILLAGE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Goshen insurance renewal period is approaching and quotes were obtained from two brokers; and

**WHEREAS**, the premium quoted by J. Hoffman insurance was the lowest received bid, and the coverage will be provided by Trident Insurance; and

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with J. Hoffman Insurance for Village insurance coverage for fiscal year 2024/2025, and coverage will be provided by Trident Insurance.

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 May 13, 2024.

**Department Head Comments**

DPW Superintendent Birney reported on the following represents the major activities of the Department of Public Works from April 23 through May 10, 2024:

**STREETS**

1. Collected and maintained parking meters
2. Started Murray Avenue sidewalk project
3. Sweeping of streets throughout Village
4. Remove dead/damaged street trees with Orange and Rockland
5. Planted Trees at Village Welcome Sign for Arbor Day
6. Mowed and trimmed lawns at Village owned properties and fire departments
7. Completed bulk spring cleanup
8. Started preparation and painting of curbs downtown

## **WATER**

1. Repaired Water Main breaks at 375 and 377 Main Street
2. Completed meter reading for June billing

## **SEWER**

1. Continue bi-annual jetting of sewer mains throughout Village

Mayor O'Donnell thanked DPW Superintendent Birney on getting the fountain up and running, and the motors changed on the clock. Mr. Birney thanked Tony Lasaponara for his assistance with the fountain.

Chief Rich referenced his recently submitted report and advised that there were mostly arrests, and a statewide buckle up safety campaign will begin on May 19 and run through June 2, along with a food truck festival and car show at the track on the same date. The police department is ready for the Memorial Day Parade and services scheduled on Memorial Day. In addition, there was a felony arrest made involving a parolee, and further information will be coming out tomorrow with a press release. Chief Rich reported that there have been a couple times since the recent opening of the fountain at five corners, that the fountain has been tampered with using soaps and detergents. He made it a point to explain that these are harmful to the fountain and asked people to report anything they see.

Village Clerk Darby reported on the following:

1. Funding for Water Plant Upgrades – have submitted all paperwork to EFC for review
2. Water/Sewer Clerk
  - a. W/S billing is on schedule, and Mrs. Tourish Coleman continues to work on remedying problems on reports
  - b. Audits
3. Village insurance – the Village should typically obtain quotes every three years, and are pleased that J. Hoffman Insurance came through and fought for the best quote
4. Identifying ways to cut costs through:
  - a. Cleaning company
  - b. Phone/internet
5. Cloud based Edmunds – essentially means that payroll and payment of vouchers could be done remotely
6. Attending NYCOM with Mayor O'Donnell and Deputy Mayor Wohl

## **Trustee Comments**

Trustee Gurda positively commented on the photos the police chief attaches to his reports. Trustee Wohl shared that the trustees are responsible for hot dogs at the Memorial Day parade, and he'll coordinate with Mr. Birney to get the grill to the Village Green. Trustee Rouis said that the newly planted trees look great.

Mayor O'Donnell reminded everyone that the Memorial Day parade will take place on May 27, and there will not be a board meeting that day, and the parade lines up at 10am, with step off at 11am, and there will be a ceremony afterwards, and then the Village Board will serve hot dogs. In addition, Mayor O'Donnell, Trustee Wohl, and Village Clerk Darby will all be attending NYCOM this year. Mayor O'Donnell reminded everyone that the Farmer's Market opens on Friday, May 17, that opens at 9am with a ribbon cutting at 10:30am. In addition, Mayor O'Donnell invited everyone to attend World Bee Day on May 20 from 1p-5p at the Goshen Public Library.

## **Citizens' Comments**

Larry & Diana Zaleski of 46 St. James Place were present to discuss how busy the area near their house is. Their concern is for traffic and safety as there are people on bikes, and people walking with and without strollers. There are vehicles that turn where there's a "Do Not Enter" sign, which can be very dangerous, along with people doing burnouts in the area. They shared that Wednesdays through Sundays get busier, and are looking

for a solution. Discussion took place about possible solutions including additional patrol, signage and bollards of sorts so people don't enter the wrong way.

Mayor O'Donnell thanked Mr. & Mrs. Zaleski for bringing this to the attention of the Board and they'll look into potential solutions.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Rouis, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

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