

Village Board Meeting
June 10, 2024

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

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Chief Ryan Rich, DPW Superintendent Birney,
and Village Clerk Darby

Mayor O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor O'Donnell advised that Trustees Rouis and Wohl were absent.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Hand, the June 10, 2024 Village Board Meeting Agenda was accepted as presented

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 May 13, 2024, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

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

Mayor O'Donnell referenced a letter from Limoncello where they advised they intended to renew their liquor license.

Items of Business

1. DPW Lawn Mower

RESOLUTION 54 of 2024

A CONFIRMATORY RESOLUTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A LAWN MOWER FOR USE AT ALL WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,849.62 FROM UNITED AG AND TURF WHO HAS BEEN AWARDED THE GROUP 40625 – AWARD PGB-22792, HEAVY EQUIPMENT/NYS CONTRACT: PC69683

WHEREAS, there is a need for a new lawn mower to be used at the water and sewer facilities;

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 has purchased a new lawn mower in the amount of \$15,849.62, from United Ag and Turf, who has been awarded the Group 40625 – Award PGB-22792, Heavy Equipment/NYS Contract: PC69683.

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 June 10, 2024.

2. Promotion of C. Slesinski

RESOLUTION 55 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE CRAIG SLESINSKI TO HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$65,564.00

WHEREAS, Mr. Slesinski has completed required training to be promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Slesinski has been pre-approved by the Orange County Human Resources Department for said promotion; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the promotion of Mr. Craig Slesinski for the position of Heavy Equipment Operator

and it is further

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

1. In accordance with the current contract between the Village of Goshen and the CSEA, Craig Slesinski will have an annual salary of \$65,564.00, effective June 10, 2024; and
2. A 26-week probationary period.

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 June 10, 2024.

Mayor O'Donnell wished Mr. Slesinski the best of luck in his promotion and asked DPW Superintendent Birney to congratulate him.

3. Promotion of B. Quinn

RESOLUTION 56 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE BRIAN QUINN TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT PAY SCALE FOR WATER/SEWER 1, FOR AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$44,799.00

WHEREAS, Brian Quinn is a current VOG DPW employee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Quinn recently passed his certification for Sewer 2A; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the elevated pay scale for Mr. Quinn effective the date of this resolution;

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the elevated pay scale of the above individual is specifically subject to the following:

1. Mr. Quinn will remain in his Orange County Civil Service Class as Laborer; and
2. In accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Goshen and CSEA, Brian Quinn will be

compensated with an annual salary of \$44,799.00, effective June 10, 2024.

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 June 10, 2024.

Mayor O'Donnell wished Mr. Quinn the best of luck \ and asked DPW Superintendent Birney to congratulate him.

4. Customary Year End Budget Transfer

RESOLUTION 57 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CUSTOMARY YEAR END BUDGET TRANSFER

WHEREAS, there is a need to transfer budget line items as designated in the attached schedule; and

WHEREAS, the budget transfers are to balance certain budget lines within the budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Treasurer is authorized to transfer budget line items as designated in the attached schedule to balance budget lines.

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 June 10, 2024.

Mayor O'Donnell asked that Village Clerk Darby thank Treasurer Winters on her preparation for this transfer and all the work she did for the budget.

5. Set Public Hearing for Oakcrest Drive

RESOLUTION 58 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #6 OF 2024 ON JUNE 24, 2024, AT 7:00PM: A LOCAL LAW TO DESIGNATE NO PARKING ON A SECTION OF OAKCREST DRIVE

WHEREAS, Oakcrest Drive is a dead-end street, and it can become difficult for delivery and Village vehicles to safely turn around when there are cars parked within certain areas at the end of the street; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing must be scheduled when introducing a local law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that Local Law #6 of 2024 will be heard at a Public Hearing on June 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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 June 10, 2024.

6. Lanc & Tully to Perform A.D.D. Work

RESOLUTION 59 of 2024

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING LANC AND TULLY ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING,
P.C.'S PROPOSAL TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN
DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Lanc and Tully are the engineering consultants for the Village of Goshen;

WHEREAS, Lanc and Tully has prepared a proposal to conduct a study of the Village’s Architectural Design District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen accepts Lanc and Tully’s proposal to conduct a study of the Village’s Architectural Design District a cost not to exceed \$1,200 without further approval.

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 June 10, 2024.

7. Rides at Great American Weekend

RESOLUTION 60 of 2024

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO
SPONSOR AMUSEMENT RIDES ON THEIR PROPERTY AT THE CORNER OF
PARK PLACE AND SOUTH CHURCH STREET DURING THE 2024 GREAT
AMERICAN WEEKEND**

WHEREAS, a request has been received from The First Presbyterian Church in Goshen to sponsor children’s rides on their property during the 2024 Great American Weekend; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves of The First Presbyterian Church to sponsor the children rides which will be operated on the following dates:

- Friday, July 5 from 4:00pm - 8:00pm;
- Saturday, July 6 from 10am – 8:00pm;
- Sunday, July 7 from 10:00am – 8:00pm;

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Certificate of Liability Insurance from NY Finest Entertainment, who will be operating the rides, will be provided.

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 June 10, 2024.

8. Orange County Tourism Request

RESOLUTION 61 of 2024

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING ORANGE COUNTY TOURISM TO HAVE THE ICE
CAPPS FOOD TRUCK IN FRONT OF THEIR BUILDING ON JUNE 13, 2024 AT 99
MAIN STREET FROM 3:30PM – 5:30PM FOR THEIR REBRAND LAUNCH**

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Orange County Tourism & Film office to have Ice Capps in front of their building at 99 Main Street from 3:30pm – 5:30pm on June 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Certificate of Insurance has been provided; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees approves the Orange County Tourism & Film office to have Ice Capps in front of their building at 99 Main Street from 3:30pm – 5:30pm on June 13, 2024.

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 June 10, 2024.

9. Falun Gong Request

RESOLUTION 62 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A RALLY FOR FALUN GONG ON JULY 13, 2024 ON THE VILLAGE GREEN WITH A RAIN DATE OF JULY 14, 2024

WHEREAS, Zhanglin Lin Cui, PhD on behalf of Falun Gong practitioners in Orange County requested permission from the Village Board to hold a Falun Gong rally on July 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lin Cui provided information on Falun Gong; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lin Cui states that all rules, laws and local regulations have been followed at similar events in the past; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves the rally for Falun Gong on July 13, 2024 with a rain date of July 14, 2024, with the understanding that all Village Codes and Laws will be adhered to;

and it is further

RESOLVED, that Dr. Lin Cui has completed an application for use of Village property, and provided the required paperwork;

and it is further

RESOLVED, that Dr. Lin Cui will adhere to any additional conditions set forth by the Village of Goshen Board of Trustees.

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 June 10, 2024.

10. Lions Club 5K Request

RESOLUTION 63 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW GOSHEN NY LIONS CLUB TO HOLD THEIR 2024 WALK/RUN TO SUPPORT DIABETES AWARENESS ON JUNE 15, 2024

WHEREAS, an application was received from the Lions Club of Goshen requesting approval from the Village of Goshen to schedule their 2024 walk/run to support diabetes awareness on Saturday, June 15, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby approves the Lions Club of Goshen requesting approval from the Village of Goshen to schedule their 2024 walk/run to support diabetes awareness on Saturday, June 15, 2024

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the following are specific to the request:

1. An Insurance Certificate naming the Village of Goshen as Certificate Holder, will be presented to Village prior to the event; and
2. With the Village Board's approval The Goshen New York Lions Club will connect with Village Police Chief Rich to coordinate the required traffic control assistance during the race.

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 June 10, 2024.

11. Abstract of Vouchers #12

RESOLUTION 64 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 12 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/23 – 5/31/24 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 24061 THROUGH 24162 TOTALING \$398,738.22

WHEREAS, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 12 for fiscal year 2023/2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 24061 through 24162; and
2. Abstract number 12 in the amount of \$398,738.22.

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 June 10, 2024.

12. DPW Education Request

RESOLUTION 65 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW JOE GERSBECK TO ATTEND THE BASIC LABORATORY PROCEDURES COURSE FROM JUNE 24, 2024 – JUNE 28, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,480.19

WHEREAS, Chief Operator of the Water/Sewer Department, Erin Harrison, has recommended Mr. Gersbeck to attend the Basic Laboratory Procedures Course so he can sit for the Grade 2A exam and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the request for Mr. Gersbeck to continue his education

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the education associated with the request is a total of \$1,480.19 including the class, travel, food and lodging.

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 June 10, 2024.

Department Head Comments

Village Clerk Darby reported on the following:

1. Worked with Chief Rich to submit expenses for women's locker room grant for reimbursement
2. Village EAP insurance
3. FOIL Requests – commended Heather Dunham for her assistance with FOIL requests, as well as Attorney Donovan
4. Daily operations
5. OC Tourism Grant – received to promote tourism
6. Tree Planting @ SAS on 6/13/24 @ 9:30am

DPW Superintendent Birney reported on the following represents the major activities of the Department of Public Works from May 11 through June 7, 2024:

STREETS

1. Collected and maintained parking meters
2. Continued Murray Avenue sidewalk project
3. Sweeping of streets throughout Village, blow off dirt and debris Downtown
4. Remove dead/damaged street trees with T. Hamptonburgh
5. Mowed and trimmed lawns at Village owned properties and fire departments
6. Traffic paint markings downtown- including electronic vehicle, ADA, parking spaces, curbs, turn arrows
7. Collected yard waste throughout Village
8. Installed flower baskets downtown and started watering
9. Mowed right-of-ways throughout Village
10. Preparation, setup and takedown for Memorial Parade event
11. Repair post light at Goshen Hardware
12. Asphalt patching throughout Village

WATER

1. Repaired water leak on Grand Street

SEWER

1. Continue bi-annual jetting of sewer mains throughout Village
2. Televised sewer conditions with Rural Water Association
3. Cleared sewer main clog on Greenwich Ave @ Green St.

Mayor O'Donnell thanked DPW Superintendent Birney and his crew for painting over graffiti on the trail.

Chief Rich reported that most of the activity in the department were traffic arrests. In addition, he was happy to report that Spring events were a success, including the car show/food truck festival, as well as the Memorial Day Parade. The department is prepping for Great American Weekend and graduation. He also shared that he and DPW Superintendent Birney met to discuss additional signage on St. James Place.

Trustee Comments

Trustee Gurda was sorry to have missed the Memorial Day parade, however, did share that the Village looks great.

Mayor O'Donnell read an unsolicited letter into the record from Chris Ashman where he positively wrote about Chief Rich on his new role and felt he was the right person for the job.

Mayor O'Donnell commented on the appreciation she had for the department heads and culture of Village is great.

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 7:16 pm.

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