

Village Board Meeting
June 24, 2024

Members present: Deputy Mayor Wohl, Trustees Gurda, Hand, and Rouis

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Sergeant Keleman, DPW Superintendent Birney, and Village Clerk Darby

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

Public Hearing

1. Local Law #6 of 2024: No parking on portion of Oakcrest Drive

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Rouis, the Public Hearing for Local Law #6 was opened at 7:00 pm.

Legal Notice: Please take notice that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen will hold a Public Hearing on June 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, at the Village Hall, 276 Main Street, Goshen, NY 10924 to consider the adoption of Introductory Local Law No. 6 of 2024 to designate no parking on a section of Oakcrest Drive.

DPW Superintendent Birney discussed that DPW vehicles, along with other large vehicles have a difficult time turning around at the end of Oakcrest Drive. The no parking law would help to alleviate some of the issues encountered. DPW Superintendent Birney confirmed that signs would be posted if the local law were to be passed.

Deputy Mayor Wohl asked if there were any comments from the public, and there were not any comments from the public.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Public Hearing for Local Law #6 was closed at 7:01 pm.

The June 24, 2024 Village Board Meeting Agenda was accepted as presented.

The June 10, 2024 meeting minutes will be tabled for the next meeting as there wasn't a quorum to vote on them.

Correspondence

Deputy Mayor Wohl read a letter of resignation for Court Officer Walker, and wished her the best.

Deputy Mayor Wohl read a Facebook post from a resident positively recognizing Cathy Loram on her exceptional customer service skills. Deputy Mayor Wohl asked DPW Superintendent Birney to let Ms. Loram know we're grateful for her customer service skills.

Items of Business

1. Approve Local Law #6

State Environmental Quality Review

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice of Determination of Non-Significance
Village of Goshen, Orange County, New York

Name of Action: Village of Goshen Local Law #6 of 2024

Date: June 24, 2024

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The Village of Goshen Village Board of Trustees, as Lead Agency, has determined that the Proposed Action described in the project narrative and Environmental Assessment Form consistent with the procedures and criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR 617.7, analyzed the relevant areas of environmental concern using the SEQR standards and determined that the proposed Action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

SEQR Status: Type 1

Conditioned Negative Declaration: No

Description of Action: 1.1 FINDINGS

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen finds that the potential and/or actual damages from flooding and erosion may be a problem to the residents of the Village of Goshen and that such damages may include: destruction or loss of private and public housing, damage to public facilities, both publicly and privately owned, and injury to and loss of human life. In order to minimize the threat of such damages and to achieve the purposes and objectives hereinafter set forth, this local law is adopted.

1.2 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this local law to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare, and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas by provisions designed to:

- (1) regulate uses which are dangerous to health, safety and property due to water or erosion hazards, or which result in damaging increases in erosion or in flood heights or velocities;
- (2) require that uses vulnerable to floods, including facilities which serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction;
- (3) control the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers which are involved in the accommodation of flood waters;
- (4) control filling, grading, dredging and other development which may increase erosion or flood damages;
- (5) regulate the construction of flood barriers which will unnaturally divert flood waters or which may increase flood hazards to other lands, and;
- (6) qualify and maintain for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

1.3 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this local law are:

- (1) to protect human life and health;
- (2) to minimize expenditure of public money for costly flood control projects;
- (3) to minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public;
- (4) to minimize prolonged business interruptions;
- (5) to minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric, telephone, sewer lines, streets and bridges located in areas of special flood hazard;
- (6) to help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of areas of special flood hazard so as to minimize future flood blight areas;

- (7) to provide that developers are notified that property is in an area of special flood hazard; and,
- (8) to ensure that those who occupy the areas of special flood hazard assume responsibility for their actions.

Location: The entire Village of Goshen

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

The proposed action is not anticipated to result in any adverse environmental impacts.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Deputy Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on June 24, 2024.

RESOLUTION 66 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2024: AMENDING CHAPTER 54 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” TO THE EXTENT OF AMENDING SECTION 54-205 ENTITLED “NO PARKING AT ANY TIME” ESTABLISHING A NO PARKING AREA ON OAKCREST DRIVE

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen Attorney has created a local law; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was scheduled and took place on June 24, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, of the following:

Section 1. Title

Amending Chapter 54 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Goshen entitled “Traffic” to the extent of amending Section 54-205 entitled “No parking at any time” establishing a no parking area on Oakcrest Drive.

Section 2. Purpose and Intent:

The purpose of this Local Law is to establish a “no parking” area on Oakcrest Drive to ensure public safety for both vehicles and pedestrians.

Section 3. Amendment to Code

Section 54-205 of the Village Code is hereby amended by the addition of the following:

Oakcrest Drive both sides, 50 feet from the end of the cul-de-sac.

Section 4. Severability

Any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgement shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. SEQRA

This local law constitutes an Unlisted Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Section 6. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect upon the filing of certified copies thereof with the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with New York Municipal Home Rule Law.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Deputy Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on June 24, 2024.

2. Hire PT Police Officer

Mayor Wohl took the opportunity to thank Senator Skoufis for the generous grant to allow the hiring of a female police officer.

RESOLUTION 67 of 2024

A RESOLUTION HIRING VALERIE N. COSTANZ AS A PART-TIME VILLAGE OF GOSHEN POLICE OFFICER

WHEREAS, a part-time vacancy for a police officer is available within the Village of Goshen Police Department; and

WHEREAS, a background check has been completed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the hiring of Valerie N. Costanz,

and it is further

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

1. Approval from Orange County Human Resources;
2. An hourly rate of \$28.08 per hour;
3. Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements;
4. This appointment includes a maximum probationary period of 18 months.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Deputy Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on June 24, 2024.

3. Modify Line Item for Budget Downtown Revitalization Grant

RESOLUTION 68 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER TO INCREASE THE GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE FROM \$6,000.00 TO A TOTAL BUDGETED AMOUNT OF \$106,000.00

WHEREAS, there are times when the Treasurer must make adjustments to the adopted budget with valid reason; and

WHEREAS, a thorough reviewed confirmed the information shared with the Treasurer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen authorizes the Treasurer to increase the General Fund Expenditure A.5110.4620 (Street Maint. Decorations) from \$6,000.00 to a total budgeted amount of \$106,000.00,

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the increase will be funded by a DASNY Grant for downtown revitalization.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Deputy Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on June 24, 2024.

4. Modify Line Item for EAP Program

RESOLUTION 69 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER TO CREATE NEW LINE ITEMS FOR THE NEW EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)

WHEREAS, there are times when the Treasurer must make adjustments to the adopted budget with valid reason; and

WHEREAS, a thorough search took place to find a beneficial EAP program for Village Employees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen authorizes the Treasurer to create new line items for the new EAP, and fund those lines from contingency, as follows:

- New line-item A-9089-8001, transfer from A-1990-4001 in the amount of \$3,560.00
- New line-item F-9089-8001, transfer from F-1990-4001 in the amount of \$220.00
- New line-item G-9089-8001, transfer from G-1990-4001 in the amount of \$220.00.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Deputy Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on June 24, 2024.

5. EAP Proposal

RESOLUTION 70 of 2024

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL EAP, A PROVIDER OF EAP SERVICES FOR ALL VILLAGE EMPLOYEES INCLUDING BOARD MEMBERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,764.00

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen would like to start providing an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to its employees and board members; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen conducted research to find the best fit for the Village of Goshen; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen will enter into an agreement with National EAP to provide EAP services at their CORE level in the amount of \$3,764.00 for the first year.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Deputy Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on June 24, 2024.

6. Acceptance of Clarifier Bid

RESOLUTION 71 of 2024

A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CLARIFIER REHABILITATION PROJECT TO TAM ENTERPRISES WITH THE LOWEST BID RECEIVED OF \$218,800.00

WHEREAS, Pitingaro & Doetsch created a bid packet for the Clarifier Rehabilitation Project; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen Board accepted the bid packet at the August 28, 2023 Village Board Meeting; and

WHEREAS, four contractors submitted completed bid packets on May 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Pitingaro & Doetsch reviewed the bid packets for thoroughness; and

WHEREAS, Pitingaro & Doetsch recommend the contract be awarded to TAM Enterprises as the lowest bidder at \$218,800.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, the Village Board of the Village of Goshen approves to award the Clarifier Rehabilitation Project to TAM Enterprises with a bid of \$218,800.00.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Deputy Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on June 24, 2024.

Trustee Comments

Trustee Rouis wished everyone luck with regards to the upcoming Great American Weekend.

Deputy Mayor Wohl congratulated the police department on the recent child seat safety training certification, the new bike patrol, and said he liked the design of the new police vehicle.

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 7:11 pm.

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