

Village Board Meeting
July 8, 2024

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

Also present: DPW Superintendent Birney, Village Clerk Darby, Chief Rich

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 the minutes from the 6/10/24 meeting will be tabled until the July 22, 2024 meeting as there was not a quorum to vote on them, and that item 7 under Items of Business would be discussion only and no action would be taken. On a motion by Trustee Hand, and seconded by Trustee Wohl, the agenda was accepted as modified.

As there was not a quorum for the 6/24/24 meeting minutes, Mayor O'Donnell asked for an adjusted motion for the doubly modified agenda to move the 6/24/24 meeting minutes to the next meeting. On a motion by Trustee Hand, and seconded by Trustee Wohl, the agenda was accepted as doubly modified.

Items of Business

1. Approval of Assistant to Building Inspector Position

RESOLUTION 72 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE PATRICIA SHERLOCK TO ASSISTANT TO THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sherlock has completed the civil service test and scored in the top three; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the promotion of Mrs. Patricia Sherlock for the position of Assistant to the Building Inspector

and it is further

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

1. Patricia Sherlock will have an annual salary of \$66,233.00, effective July 8, 2024; and
2. A 26-week probationary period.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Wohl and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on July 8, 2024.

Mayor O'Donnell congratulated Mrs. Sherlock on her new position, and advised she's done great work in the Building Department, and wished her luck in her new role.

2. Appointment of Planning Board Member

RESOLUTION 73 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBER SEAMUS WEIR

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Planning Board of the Village of Goshen; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-312 of the New York State Village Law, the Mayor is empowered to fill vacancies in elected office;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that Molly O'Donnell, as the Mayor of the Village of Goshen does hereby appoint Seamus Weir as a Planning Board member of the Village of Goshen subject to the terms and provisions of Village Law Section 3-312.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Hand and seconded by Trustee Wohl. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on July 8, 2024.

Mayor O'Donnell wished Mr. Weir the best of luck in his new position.

3. Cleaning Company

RESOLUTION 74 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE VILLAGE HALL AND THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRING ADVANCED DRI FOR CLEANING SERVICES

WHEREAS, there has come a need to change cleaning services as the current company is not meeting the expectations of the cleaning standards; and

WHEREAS, quotes were obtained from a local company;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Board of the Village of Goshen approves to utilize Advanced DRI for their cleaning services, and using their employees that have been pre-approved through background checks.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Wohl and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on July 8, 2024.

4. NYClass

RESOLUTION 75 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH NY CLASS TO INVEST PORTIONS OF ITS AVAILABLE FUNDS

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o ("Section 119-o") empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, town and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers and duties on a cooperative or contract basis; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of August 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen wishes to assure the safety and liquidity needs of their funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that Mayor Molly O'Donnell of the Village of Goshen is hereby authorized to participate in the NYCLASS program under the terms of the NYCLASS Municipal Agreement Amended and Restated as of August 1, 2023.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Hand and seconded by Trustee Wohl. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on July 8, 2024.

Mayor O'Donnell explained that the plan is to invest a portion of Parkland Fees as there is over a 5% interest rate with NYClass.

5. Upcoming Training to Award Credits to Planning and Zoning Board Members

RESOLUTION 76 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE UPCOMING TRAINING PROGRAM ON WETLANDS POLICY CHANGES AND AWARD CREDIT TO PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD MEMBERS

WHEREAS, Planning Board and Zoning Board members are required to participate in training to remain current with changing laws and regulations that may affect their respective reviews; and

WHEREAS, it is often the case that project reviews include rules and regulations pertaining to wetlands for both federal and state jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York will be updating their rules and regulations regarding wetlands in the State of New York by the end of 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Partnership, through the Alliance for Balanced Growth, selects topics of an informative nature where these topics are analyzed and discussed with the purpose of educating the leaders of the region on topics affecting planning, development, and growth in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance for Balanced Growth has assembled a panel of leading industry professionals in environmental science, law, and planning, and representatives of the NY Department of Environmental Conservation to present a discussion on the proposed wetlands rules and regulation changes to be held in July at a meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance for Balanced Growth is willing to reduce the cost of the meeting to any municipal leader that sends Planning Board or Zoning Board members for the purpose of learning more about the impacts related to the changes in wetlands policy in the State of New York, and that the municipality will consider the value of this program as at least one hour, no more than two, of training credit for their members;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the municipality of the Village of Goshen hereby acknowledges the program to be offered and will recognize the program as at least one hour of training credit to the members of their Zoning Board or Planning Board who attend. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Orange County Partnership and the Orange County Planning Federation for record of acknowledgment. The fee for each member who attends shall be reduced from \$75 to \$50 for their members in attendance.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Wohl and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on July 8, 2024.

6. Abstract of Vouchers #1 of 2024-2025 Budget

RESOLUTION 77 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/24 – 5/31/25 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 24163 THROUGH 24275 TOTALING \$833,705.39

WHEREAS, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 1 for fiscal year 2024/2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 24163 through 24275; and
2. Abstract number 1 in the amount of \$833,705.39.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Hand and seconded by Trustee Wohl. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on July 8, 2024.

7. Walking Tours Application

Mayor O'Donnell explained that the application received to conduct walking tours in the Village of Goshen was for discussion only, as the plan is to enter Salesian Park, and Mayor O'Donnell would like for the Joint Recreation Commission to weigh in on the application once same has been reviewed. Mayor O'Donnell advised that this will be added to the next meeting agenda.

Chief Rich understands that the walking tour took place last year and he doesn't have a problem with the tours at this time.

RESOLUTION 78 of 2024

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW WALK GOSHEN TO HOLD WALKING TOURS ON THURSDAYS THROUGH SUNDAYS FROM JULY 2024 THROUGH OCTOBER 2024 IN THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN

WHEREAS, an application was received from Jonathan Nasser on behalf of Walk Goshen requesting approval from the Village of Goshen to hold tours offered Thursdays through Sundays from July through October, and there may be days where a tour isn't held as a result of no registration; and

WHEREAS, the starting time of the tours vary depending on the month: July and August tours begin at 7:00pm, September tours start at 6:00pm, and October tours begin at 5:00pm; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby approves Walk Goshen's request to hold walking tours from July 2024 through October 2024 contingent upon the approval listed below

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, has been presented to Village prior to the events; and
2. The approval is contingent upon written approval from the Joint Recreation Committee as well as the Village of Goshen Police Department.

NO ACTION TAKEN DURING 7/8/24 MEETING

Department Head Comments

Chief Rich discussed the recent arrest made by the department for check fraud, and explained that this seems to be occurring more frequently. Chief shared that Great American Weekend went really well, despite the heat – he shared that there were a few heat related calls, and the department was prepared for that. A storm came through early Saturday morning, knocking out power to those in the eastern part of the Village, including the traffic light at Craigville Road and Main Street. He was pleased to report that the race still went well. Chief Rich wanted to thank Justin from John Deere who loaned a couple of ATV's for GAW, the Town of Goshen Police Department and the Fire Police for assisting with traffic. He further went on to congratulate the Goshen Chamber, Rotary and Church for a successful event.

Chief Rich saved the best for last when he reported that the first female officer in recent history has been hired at the Village of Goshen Police Department. This is the first female patrol officer he has found on record. He shared that Valerie Costanz was sworn in on July 4, 2024, and started firearms training on July 5, 2024, which would wrap up in a couple of weeks, and then she'll begin her patrol training with the department.

DPW Superintendent Birney reported on the following major activities of the Department of Public Works from 6/9/24 through 7/5/24.

STREETS

1. Sweeping of streets throughout Village
2. Continued Murray Avenue sidewalk project
3. Collected and maintained parking meters
4. Asphalt patching throughout Village
5. Mowed right-of-ways throughout Village
6. Watering of flower baskets and planters
7. Mowed and trimmed lawns at Village owned properties and fire departments
8. Replaced streetlight globes downtown and in Village Square
9. Replaced park benches at Village Square
10. Collected yard waste throughout Village
11. Planted ceremonial tree at Scotchtown Elementary School
12. Trimmed intersection of N. Church and Wickham - site distance complaint
13. Replaced glass face on downtown clock
14. Responded to downed trees from 6/26 Storm Event
15. Collected and chipped branches and limbs and performed general storm cleanup from storms 6/27-7/3.
16. Mutual aide at Town of Goshen- VacCon excavation - sewer line
17. Mutual aide at Town of Hamptonburg - haul asphalt pavement
18. Preparation and setup for the Great American Weekend

WATER

1. Normal operations

SEWER

1. Continue bi-Annual jetting of sewer mains throughout Village
2. Televised sewer main conditions with Rural Water Association

Village Clerk Darby reported on the following:

1. FOIL Requests – streamlining process
2. Website updates – working to have an online training with web designer
3. Comp Alliance Visit
 - a. Fund contributions decrease
 - b. Only 1 claim last year
 - c. Total incurred dollars - \$500
4. Testing cloud-based Edmunds
5. Women's Locker Room Grant
 - a. Expenditures approved, and check should be coming mid-July
 - b. Working with S. Birney on wrapping up a street light grant, which should reimburse the Village for invoices that have already been paid

Trustee Comments

Trustee Wohl commended Officer Swensen on the recent letter received regarding his professionalism and kindness during a recent assist with someone who was locked out of their vehicle.

Mayor O'Donnell thanked everyone for their assistance with a successful Great American Weekend event. She also mentioned the Facebook post about Cathy Looram's excellent customer service skills and thanked Cathy and Officer Swensen for their work. Lastly, Mayor O'Donnell shared that the Summer Concert Series start this week, Wednesdays on the Village Green from 6:30pm – 8:30pm, depending on the weather.

Citizens' Comments

There were not any comments received from the public.

On a motion by Trustee Wohl, seconded by Trustee Hand, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

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