

Village Board Meeting  
September 9, 2024

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

Also present: Village Clerk Darby, Attorney Donovan, Water Plant Operator, Harrison, Interim DPW Superintendent B. Morgiewicz, and Police Chief Rich

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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 Rouis, seconded by Trustee Wohl, the September 9, 2024 Village Board Meeting Agenda was accepted as presented.

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

On a motion by Trustee Wohl, seconded by Trustee Rouis, the Minutes of the August 26, 2024, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

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

### Items of Business

#### 1. Energy Service Provider Proposals

##### RESOLUTION 93 of 2024

**A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN MAYOR TO SIGN AN ENERGY AGREEMENT WITH DIRECT ENERGY THROUGH M&R ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION FOR A RATE THAT SHALL NOT EXCEED \$0.08299 PER kWh**

**WHEREAS**, M&R Energy Resources Corporation has collected usage data, capacity tags, and other necessary information in order to provide the Village of Goshen with various quotes for energy; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Goshen Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the energy agreement with Direct Energy for a rate that shall not exceed \$0.08299 per kWh for 25 months.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Wohl and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on September 9, 2024.

#### 2. Hiring of Court Officer

##### RESOLUTION 94 of 2024

**A RESOLUTION TO HIRE BERNIE ARCE, JR. FOR THE POSITION OF COURT OFFICER AT A RATE OF \$19.73 AN HOUR**

**WHEREAS**, there is a vacancy of Court Officer in the Village Court; and

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the hiring of Bernie Arce, Jr. for the position of Court Officer

and it is further

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

1. An hourly rate of \$19.73 an hour;
2. Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment physical exam and pre-employment paperwork, and will have a probationary period of 52 weeks.

3. Village of Goshen Court Audit

**RESOLUTION 95 of 2024**

**A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THAT AN EVALUATION OF THE FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 2024 WAS CONDUCTED IN THE VILLAGE JUSTICE COURT DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, an evaluation of the financial and accounting practices and procedures for the period ending May 31, 2024 is required per Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Nugent & Haeussler, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, conducted the Village Justice Court Department Audit for period ending May 31, 2024; and

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees has reviewed the evaluation of the financial and accounting practices and procedures for the period ending May 31, 2024 performed by Nugent & Haeussler, P.C., Certified Public Accountants.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Wohl. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on September 9, 2024.

4. Surplus Auction Acceptance

**RESOLUTION 96 of 2024**

**A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE ACCEPTANCE OF BID AWARDS FOR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT FROM ABSOLUTE AUCTIONS & REALTY, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Goshen has received bids for various Department of Public Works, Police Department and Village Hall Surplus Equipment through Absolute Auctions & Realty, Inc.; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the successful bidders, as listed on the attached schedule, be awarded the surplus equipment for which they placed the highest bid.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Wohl and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on September 9, 2024.

5. Abstract of Vouchers #3 of 2024-2025 Budget

**RESOLUTION 97 OF 2024**

**A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 3 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/24 – 5/31/25 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 24456 THROUGH 24586 TOTALING \$629,090.18**

**WHEREAS**, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 2 for fiscal year 2024/2025; and

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

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

1. Check numbers 24456 through 24586; and
2. Abstract number 3 in the amount of \$629,090.18.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Hand and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on September 9, 2024.

**Department Head Comments**

Village Clerk Darby reported on the following:

1. Boil water advisory assistance – appreciative for entire Village Hall staff for dealing with all calls and walk-ins
2. Thanked Mrs. Winters for all her work with submitting annual report to Comptroller's Office
3. NYSLRS update – reporting of activities requirement, Village Clerk Darby will reach out to those board members affected
4. Water/sewer billing – asking for contact information to updated our database
  - a. Important for people to sign up for notification systems the Village puts in place
5. Continuing to work on O&R light grant
6. FOIL requests – a meeting will be held to talk about current procedures for FOIL requests
7. Waiting for dates to have website training
8. Happy to report that we had a successful auction

Chief Rich was happy to report that there were over 20 car seat checks at the event on August 31. The Village, Town and NYSP child passenger safety units facilitated the event. Chief Rich shared that there will be a Bike Rodeo event in conjunction with a local Boy Scout Troop on September 19<sup>th</sup> at C.J. Hooker Middle School. Lastly, Chief Rich reminded everyone that school is back in session and it's critical to obey stopped busses, and children in crosswalks.

Interim DPW Superintendent B. Morgiewicz reported on the following:

The following represents the major activities of the Department of Public Works from August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 through September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for the September 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**STREETS**

1. Watering flower baskets and planters
2. Mowed and trimmed lawns at village owned properties and fire departments
3. Continued Murray Avenue sidewalk project, which should be completed in a couple of days
4. Installed catch basins @ Scotchtown Avenue/Murray Avenue intersection for sidewalk transition across Scotchtown Avenue.
5. Collected yard waste throughout Village
6. Collected and maintained parking meters
7. Asphalt patching throughout the Village
8. Installed and anchored down picnic tables in Webster Park

9. Sweep streets throughout the Village

**WATER**

1. Normal operations

**SEWER**

1. Began repairing sewer main issues on Duggan/Oakcrest in preparation for paving

**Trustee Comments**

Mayor O'Donnell thanked everyone for being hands on with the boil water advisory.

**Citizens' Comments**

David Wilson & Nan Gill-Wilson  
222 Greenwich Avenue

Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Gill-Wilson shared that they felt the public was not adequately notified about the boil water advisory, and the Village needs to do better. They brought a filter with them that went through a triple filter process after the advisory was lifted for the Board to see.

Mayor O'Donnell advised the residents if they have a specific concern regarding their water, they can contact the Department of Public Works to look into the issue.

Lynn Tabbott  
18 Orange Avenue

Ms. Tabbott felt that residents weren't notified in the appropriate manner and offered the Village to get creative with notifications including large signage as you enter the Village at various points of entry and on church signs. Ms. Tabbott did like the idea of having a robo-call solution as well, and hoped to have additional methods of disseminating the information.

John Buhler  
16 Orange Avenue

Mr. Buhler questioned what happened with the power outage he heard about. Jason Pitingaro from Pitingaro & Doetsch, the Villages water/sewer consultant, shared that there was a brief power outage. When the backup generator came back on, the pumps didn't start at the same time, and although a backup generator comes on quickly, the brief period of time without power, caused the numbers in the water to reach levels that required notification to the Orange County Department of Health.

Mr. Pitingaro explained what turbid water is, and explained that it is most often an aesthetic issue and not a health issue. The boil water advisory was at the direction of the Orange County Department of Health.

Mr. Buhler also talked about the condition of the reservoir and felt it needs to be cleaned.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Hand, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

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