

Village Board Meeting  
October 28, 2024

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

Also present: Village Clerk Darby, Attorney Donovan, 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 Gurda, the October 28, 2024 Village Board Meeting Agenda was accepted as presented.

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

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Wohl, the Minutes of the September 23, 2024, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

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

### Items of Business

#### 1. Hiring FT Dispatcher

### RESOLUTION 106 of 2024

#### A RESOLUTION HIRING FULL-TIME DISPATCHER KAITLIN P. BOYLE

**WHEREAS**, there is a full-time vacancy for a dispatcher at the Village of Goshen Police Department; and

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the hiring of Kaitlin P. Boyle,

and it is further

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

1. An annual salary of \$54,080.00;
2. Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment paper work, and physical and psychological testing;
3. This appointment includes a maximum probationary period of 26 weeks.

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 October 28, 2024.

2. Request for Use of Village Property – Veterans Day Ceremony

**RESOLUTION 107 of 2024**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE GOSHEN VFW AND AMERICAN LEGION REQUEST FOR A VETERAN’S DAY CEREMONY ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024 AT 11:00 AM AT THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY MONUMENT ON SOUTH CHURCH STREET**

**WHEREAS**, correspondence was received from Ray Quattrini related to the Veterans Day Ceremony in the Village of Goshen; and

**WHEREAS**, the event includes a ceremony at the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Monument on South Church Street;

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees approved the following events with conditions:

- Ceremony at the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Monument on South Church Street; and
- Organizers will coordinate with Village Police and Village DPW.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on October 28, 2024.

3. Request for Use of Village Property – Mid-Hudson Social Studies Council

**RESOLUTION 108 of 2024**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MID-HUDSON SOCIAL STUDIES COUNCIL TO VISIT THE MINISINK BATTLE SITE AND MONUMENT ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024 FROM 12:30PM – 2:00PM**

**WHEREAS**, an application was received from Valerie Desharnais on behalf of the Mid-Hudson Social Studies Council related to a tour of the Minisink Battle site and Monument with the Minisink DAR; and

**WHEREAS**, the event includes a tour on November 5, 2024 from 12:30pm – 2:00pm;

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees approved the following events with conditions:

- A tour of the Minisink Battle site and Monument; and
- Organizers will coordinate with Village Police and Village DPW if necessary.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Wohl. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on October 28, 2024.

4. CSEA Agreement

Mayor O'Donnell thanked Greg Webers and Vanessa VanAlstyne for all of their work during the negotiations. Mayor O'Donnell also went over the highlights of the MOA which included 3% increase each year, all on one salary schedule, increase for new employee contribution to health insurance, improved vacation package, various clean up language and additional training costs.

**RESOLUTION 109 OF 2024**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND SIGNING THE CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (CSEA), LOCAL 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, VILLAGE OF GOSHEN UNIT #7919, ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL 836 AND THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN FOR A PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2024 TO MAY 31, 2029**

**WHEREAS**, a memorandum of agreement has been created between the Village of Goshen and the Village of Goshen CSEA for the period of June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2029; and

**WHEREAS**, from said agreement, a contract between the Village of Goshen and the Village of Goshen CSEA will be drawn up for the period of June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2029; and

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board approves the memorandum of agreement with CSEA and approves Mayor O'Donnell and Trustee Gurda to sign the contract on behalf of the Village Board.

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 October 28, 2024.

5. Updated Frontier Proposal for Internet and Phone Service

**RESOLUTION 110 of 2024**

**A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH FRONTIER FOR PHONE AND INTERNET SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Clerk contacted Frontier to conduct an audit on their bills as she felt there were services not utilized and inquired about a higher speed internet; and

**WHEREAS**, the Frontier representative made recommendations based on conversations with the Village Clerk regarding the Village's needs; and

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen authorizes the Mayor to enter into a three year agreement with Frontier for their phone and internet services at Village Hall, DPW, the Water Plant, and the Police Department.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on October 28, 2024.

6. 2025 Village Election – Office(s) and Terms to be Filled

**RESOLUTION 111 of 2024**

**OFFICES TO BE FILLED IN THE 2025 VILLAGE ELECTION:**

- 1. Mayor for Two (2) Year Term; and**
- 2. Two (2) Trustees for Two (2) Year Term**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees must designate by Resolution and publish the offices which are to be filled in the Village election, and the terms thereof;

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen designates the following offices vacant at the end of the current official year, to be filled at the Village election to be held on March 19, 2025, for the following terms:

Mayor for Two (2) Year Term; and  
Two (2) Trustees for Two (2) Year Term

**and it is further**

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Resolution in full in the Goshen Independent.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on October 28, 2024.

7. 2026 Tax Exemption Properties in Orange County

**RESOLUTION 112 of 2024**

**A RESOLUTION FOR EXEMPTION FROM COUNTY TAXATION FOR THE YEAR 2026 ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF GOSHEN AND TOWN OF WALLKILL FOR THE VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, The Village of Goshen owns property designated as:

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| 13-1-32.61 | Town of Goshen   |
| 15-1-8     | Town of Goshen   |
| 15-1-48    | Town of Goshen   |
| 15-1-50    | Town of Goshen   |
| 61-1-43    | Town of Wallkill |

**AND, WHEREAS**, the above-described properties are used by the Village of Goshen for water supply purposes for its residents and others who use State and County facilities within the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Legislature has exempted the described properties from County Taxation in years past;

and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Goshen is requesting the Legislature of Orange County to exempt the described properties from County taxation, for the year 2026, in view of its use for municipal purposes.

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 October 28, 2024.

8. Scotchtown Adult Community Road Naming

This item of business will be moved to the November 25, 2024 meeting so the board members have time to discuss.

9. Erie Street Park Agreement with Goshen Central School District

**RESOLUTION 113 of 2024**

**A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOSHEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE VILLAGE TO PAY THE EXPENSES RELATED TO THE DISTRICT'S PUBLIC**

**REFERENDUM FOR THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF THE ERIE STREET  
PARCEL FROM THE GOSHEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE VILLAGE OF  
GOSHEN FOR AN ANTICIPATED COST OF  
\$57,187.40**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Goshen has thoroughly explored the idea of owning the Erie Street Parcel, and an agreement for the transfer of ownership of the Erie Street Parcel from the Goshen Central School District (GCSD) to the Village of Goshen (VOG) to pay the expenses related to the district’s public referendum for an anticipated cost of \$57,187.40 to own the Erie Street Park parcel; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Goshen Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the agreement with the GCSD for the VOG to pay the expenses related to the district’s public referendum for the transfer of ownership of the Erie Street Parcel from the GCSD to the VOG for an anticipated cost of \$57,187.40.

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 October 28, 2024.

10. DASNY Grant Commitment Letter

**RESOLUTION 114 of 2024**

**A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A COMMITMENT LETTER TO DASNY FOR THE  
CREST GRANT (COMMUNITY RESILIENCY, ECONOMIC STABILITY, AND  
TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM) FOR THE ERIE STREET REVITALIZATION PROJECT  
FOR THE AMOUNT THAT EXCEEDS THE \$450,000.00 AWARD FROM DASNY**

**WHEREAS**, a grant in the amount of \$450,000.00 has been awarded for the revitalization of Erie Street Park in the Village of Goshen; and

**WHEREAS**, a Commitment Letter is required by DASNY for the Village of Goshen to cover any additional costs above and beyond the grant reward; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Goshen commits to covering the remainder of the project budget, along with an agreement from the Town of Goshen, who will also be contributing funds towards the project.

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 October 28, 2024.

11. Abstract of Vouchers #4 of 2024-2025 Budget

**RESOLUTION 115 OF 2024**

**A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 4 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/24 –  
5/31/25 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 24587 THROUGH 24695 TOTALING \$761,450.93**

**WHEREAS**, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 4 for fiscal year 2024/2025; and

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

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

- 1. Check numbers 24587 through 24695; and

2. Abstract number 4 in the amount of \$761,450.93.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Wohl and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on October 28, 2024.

**Trustee Comments**

Trustee Rouis wished Chief Rich and his department luck with the upcoming Halloween festivities.

Mayor O'Donnell thanked everyone for helping to make the Trunk-or-Treat event a success at the Village Square.

Mayor O'Donnell shared a news advisory received from County Executive Neuhaus regarding a burn ban in Orange County effective immediately.

**Citizens' Comments**

Mr. Nick Signorelli attended the Community Meeting led by Mayor O'Donnell and he and his family just moved the Village of Goshen. He expressed his excitement and interest in getting involved to keep Goshen wonderful.

Mr. Ernie Stonick from GOVAC along with other members asked if the Village of Goshen would hold a public hearing to add ambulance districts. Mr. Stonick advised that the Town of Goshen has one scheduled in November. Mr. Stonick and members of GOVAC discussed the need for additional resources to serve all of the residents, and discussed some of the benefits of going to a tax district.

Mayor O'Donnell thanked them for attending the meeting and shared her appreciation to all of them, and acknowledged that it was National First Responders Day.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

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