

Special Village Board Meeting  
November 14, 2024

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

Also present: Village Clerk Darby

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Mayor O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Trustee Wohl, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the November 14, 2024 Village Board Meeting Agenda was accepted as presented.

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

1. Temporarily hire water/sewer operator consultant

**RESOLUTION 116 of 2024**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TEMPORARY HIRING OF H2O INNOVATION FOR A NYSDEC GRADE 3A HOURLY WASTEWATER OPERATOR AND ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Erin Harrison, the Chief Operator of the WWTP will be out of the country on vacation from 11/16/24 – 11/25/24; and

**WHEREAS**, there is not anyone with the same license, qualified for the operation of the Sewer Plant, nor able to make decisions on behalf of Mrs. Harrison in an emergency situation;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Goshen approves the temporary hiring of H2O Innovation to provide a NYSDEC Grade 3A hourly Wastewater Operator at the rate of \$175.00 per hour, for a minimum of two hours twice a week.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Hand and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on November 14, 2024.

2. Implement warning on drought watch procedure

**RESOLUTION 117 of 2024**

**A RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT THE DROUGHT WARNING PROCEDURE AT THE WARNING STAGE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Goshen has experienced a significant period of dryness; and

**WHEREAS**, drought.gov indicates that as a result of lack of precipitation in the last 60 days, the Village of Goshen is in an exceptional drought condition;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Goshen implements the Drought Warning Procedure, as approved by the Orange County Department of Environmental Health effective immediately.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Wohl and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on November 14, 2024.

3. Unpaid Village taxes

**RESOLUTION 118 of 2024**

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT UNPAID 2024 VILLAGE TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$298,327.98**

**WHEREAS**, there is an unpaid balance on Village of Goshen 2024 taxes in the amount of \$298,327.98; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Orange County Tax Collector hereby has approval to accept and receive unpaid 2024 Village taxes, which payment for same will then be submitted to the Village of Goshen tax collector;

**AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board can sign the Unpaid Village Tax Return form.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on November 14, 2024.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Wohl, the Meeting was adjourned at 5:21 pm.

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