

Village Board Meeting
January 13, 2025

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

Also present: Village Clerk Darby, Attorney Donovan, Interim DPW
Superintendent Morgiewicz and Police Chief Rich

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 January 13, 2025 Village Board Meeting Agenda was accepted as presented.

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

On a motion by Trustee Wohl, seconded by Trustee Rouis, the Minutes of the December 9, 2024, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

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

Items of Business

1. Scotchtown Adult Community Road Naming

RESOLUTION 1 of 2025

A RESOLUTION FOR THE NAMING OF A VILLAGE OF GOSHEN ROAD OFF OF HARNESS ROAD TO SULKY WAY

WHEREAS, there is a new development, named Scotchtown Adult Community, undergoing construction within the Village of Goshen off of Harness Road; and

WHEREAS, the developer chose a name for the road that was not accepted, and the Village of Goshen Board of Trustees now has the authority to name the road; and

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen Board of Trustees names the first street on the off of Harness Road as Sulky Way.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Wohl and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on January 13, 2025.

2. Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials

RESOLUTION 2 of 2025

ADOPTING A STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, the Office of the New York State Comptroller requires that elected and appointed officials must have standard work days in order to determine the correct number of days worked to report to an official in order to obtain service credit for retirement benefits; and

WHEREAS, the information is set forth on Form RS2417-A entitled “Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials” setting forth the identity of the officials, their title, standard work day, information regarding the beginning and end date for each elected official’s term of office and that each official has submitted a sample 3-month record of activities by specifying each official’s ROA results; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen hereby establishes the following as the standard work days and/or hours for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of the body:

Title	Name	Social Security Number (last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (hrs/day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Average Hours Reported (per month)
<u>Elected Officials</u>							
Village Mayor	Molly O'Donnell				4/2023 – 3/2025	N	
Village Trustee	Cynthia Hand				4/2024 – 3/2026	N	
Village Trustee	Jonathan Rouis				4/2023 – 3/2025	N	
Village Trustee	Chris Gurda				4/2024 – 3/2026	N	
<u>Appointed Officials</u>							
Acting Judge	Amanda Brady				4/2024 – 3/2025	N	

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen Board of Trustees does hereby adopt a Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for elected and appointed officials as required by the New York State Comptroller’s Office and all information is specifically contained in Form RS2417-A which will be filed with the Office of the State Comptroller within fifteen (15) days after the required 30-day posting period ends.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on January 13, 2025.

3. Request for use of Village Property – Orange Runners Club Race

RESOLUTION 3 of 2025

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ORANGE RUNNERS CLUB TO HOLD THEIR RUNNING/WALKING RACE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025 FROM 8AM – 11AM

WHEREAS, a complete application for use of Village Property was received by Justin DePierro of the Orange Runners Club; and

WHEREAS, the request is for a road running and walking event; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees approved the following:

- Application for use of Village property for the Orange Runners Race on March 29, 2025 from 8am – 11am; and
- The application is subject to review by DPW and Police Department, including the race route.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on January 13, 2025.

4. Request for use of Village Property – Mid-Hudson St. Patrick’s Parade

RESOLUTION 4 of 2025

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE MID-HUDSON ST. PATRICK’S PARADE COMMITTEE TO HOLD THE 2025 PARADE IN THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN ON MARCH 16, 2025

WHEREAS, a written request and application was received from the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick’s Parade Committee to hold their parade in the Village of Goshen on March 16, 2025 with line up beginning at 1pm and step off beginning at 2pm, to start and end near the Orange County Government Center; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the request for the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick’s Parade Committee to hold their annual parade in the Village of Goshen on March 16, 2025

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the following are specific to the request:

1. Lineup will begin at 1:00pm and step off will be at 2:00pm;
2. The parade will start and end at the Orange County Government Center;
3. A Certificate of Insurance will be in hand naming the Village of Goshen as an additional insured; and
4. Organizers will coordinate with Village Police and Village DPW.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on January 13, 2025.

5. DPW Education Request

RESOLUTION 5 of 2025

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW BRIAN QUINN TO ATTEND THE BASIC OPERATIONS COURSE, THE ACTIVATED SLUDGE COURSE AND THE BASIC LABORATORY COURSE FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$5,752.68

WHEREAS, Chief Operator of the Water/Sewer Department, Erin Harrison, has recommended Mr. Quinn to attend three continuing education courses – 1. Basic Operations Course (2/24/25-3/7/25), 2. Activated Sludge Course (5/27/25-5/30/25), and 3. Basic Laboratory Course (5/5/25-5/9/25) so he can sit for the Grade 2A exam and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the request for Mr. Gersbeck to continue his education

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the education associated with the request is a total of \$5,752.68 including the classes, travel, food and lodging.

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 January 13, 2025.

6. 2025 Village Election – Appoint Election Inspectors

RESOLUTION 6 OF 2025

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR THE 2025 VILLAGE ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Village election is scheduled for March 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, four inspectors are needed, one of which will be Chairman of the elections; and

WHEREAS, Village Hall staff reviewed a list of eligible inspectors and received recommendations from other inspectors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the appointment of James Heslop, Election Inspector, Chairman, Sharon Lunden, Election Inspector, Donna Drybred, Election Inspector, and Steven Gollub and it is further

RESOLVED, that the appointment of the above Election Inspectors is specifically subject to the following:

1. Compensation for the Chairman of \$250.00; and
2. Compensation for the three Election Inspectors of \$200.00.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on January 13, 2025.

7. 2025 Village Election – Identify Polling Places and Times

RESOLUTION 7 of 2025

A RESOLUTION TO IDENTIFY THE POLLING PLACE AND TIME OF THE MARCH 18, 2025 VILLAGE OF GOSHEN ELECTION

WHEREAS, according to the Election Law, the Village must identify polling places and times of the March 18, 2025 Village of Goshen Election; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the only polling place for the March 18, 2025 Village of Goshen Election will be at Village Hall, 276 Main Street, Goshen, NY 10924 from 9:00am to 9:00pm.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Wohl. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on January 13, 2025.

Discussion Item

Mr. Ernie Stonick, President of Goshen EMS, addressed the Village Board asking them to consider passing a resolution for the Village of Goshen to be part of a tax district that will help with funding for Advance Life Support (ALS) services. Currently, Goshen EMS is able to provide Basic Life Support (BLS) services, and the tax district would allow the hiring of paramedics, for ALS services. Mr. Stonick and Mr. Tyler Finan verbally shared various figures about calls received in 2024 including their severity.

After further discussion, Mayor O'Donnell and the Trustees asked Mr. Stonick to provide additional information so the Village Board can make an informed decision. Mayor O'Donnell said this item would be placed on the 1/27/25 Village Board agenda as long as the information requested is received prior to the meeting date.

Department Head Comments

Chief Rich reported that as his report noted, there were several arrests for intoxicated drivers. Surprisingly there were not any DWIs issued on New Year's Eve. Chief Rich attributes this to the program put in place for getting people home safe, and thanked Dana Distributors, Tom Kennedy, and the English and Dana families for this initiative.

Chief Rich shared that he is working on the St. Patrick's Day parade logistics as well. He was happy to report that the Wreaths Across American event was great and well attended.

Interim DPW Superintendent Morgiewicz stated that he hoped everyone had a nice holiday season. The following represents the major activities of the Department of Public Works from December 10th, 2024 through January 10th, 2025 for the January 13th, 2025 Board meeting.

STREETS

1. Swept streets throughout the Village
2. Maintained parking meters and removed holiday free parking cards
3. Finished bulk leaf pickup throughout the village
4. Jet, excavate and repair culvert pipe @ historic track
5. Restoration of Village Hall sign
6. Asphalt Patching throughout the village
7. Remove snowflakes and ornaments and store for the season
8. Trim trees @ Connector Road/South Street for PD camera
9. Haul in item 4 to re-stock bin
10. Cold patch potholes throughout the village
11. Crack sealing on various streets throughout the village
12. Begin tree trimming throughout the village
13. Begin collecting Christmas to be chipped
14. Salt/plow roads and village owned sidewalks during snow event on 12/15-12/16
15. Salt/plow roads and village owned sidewalks during snow event on 12/20-12/21
16. Salt/plow roads and village owned sidewalks during snow event on 12/24
17. Salt roads and village owned sidewalks during freezing rain event on 12/28
18. Salt/plow roads and village owned sidewalks during snow event on 1/6
19. Sexual harassment training

WATER

1. Normal operations
2. Water service leak @ 4 Judd Place (Discovered cracked meter in meter pit)
3. Excavate Greenhill leak pump line for water main sizing for near future install of water valve to repair small leak in water line

SEWER

1. Normal operations
2. Jet and clean grit chamber @ head works
3. Work with DTH Septic Service to wash and clean out sewer pump stations

Mayor O'Donnell thanked Mr. Morgiewicz on how great the Village looked during the holidays.

Village Clerk Darby reported on the following activities:

- Sexual Harassment training – Haroulla Gale and Village Clerk Darby worked on scheduling training, and all was completed for Village employees and their files were marked accordingly. Proof of training is still required for a few board members (Scott, Jonathan, Chris).
- New copy machine at Village Hall has been installed
- Continue to train departments on Go Goshen apps
- CREST grant – working with JRC to complete required information
- Working on W2s – Treasurer Winters is working on these now and W2s will also be sent electronically this year, as well as by mail
- Election preparation
- Reminder to all board members that coming in between board meetings is greatly appreciated so vouchers can be paid
- EFC documents submitted for the plant upgrade
- Passing of Ruth Anne Boss's husband, Gerard Boss on 1/7/25

Mayor and Trustee Comments

Mayor O'Donnell reminded everyone that the Erie Street Park vote is tomorrow from 6am – 9pm at the School Administration Building, 227 Main Street.

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 7:30 pm.

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