

Village Board Meeting
January 27, 2025

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

Also present: Village Clerk Darby, Attorney Donovan, 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 Gurda, seconded by Trustee Hand, the January 27, 2025 Village Board Meeting Agenda was accepted as presented.

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

On a motion by Trustee Wohl, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Minutes of the January 13, 2025, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

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

Items of Business

Mayor O'Donnell explained that the engineer made the recommendation to put the flue out the front of the building because the existing chimney was not sufficient for the boiler, thus the need for the change order.

1. Change Order for Boiler Replacement Project at Village Hall

RESOLUTION 8 of 2025

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE BOILER REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT VILLAGE HALL

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen has awarded the boiler replacement bid at Village Hall to Candela's Plumbing & HVAC; and

WHEREAS, the following changes are being made to the Contract Documents: running the boiler flue horizontally under the front porch to a sidewall power venter; and

WHEREAS, Gerard and Associates, Consulting Engineers, D.P.C. has reviewed the change order with Candela's Plumbing & HVAC and Lanc & Tully, Engineering and Surveying, P.C. and they are in agreement of the additional boiler flue work; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be authorized to sign Change Order #1, increasing the contract price by \$7,500, for the boiler replacement project at Village Hall.

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 27, 2025.

2. CREST Grant – Commitment Letter

RESOLUTION 9 of 2025

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A COMMITMENT LETTER TO COMMUNITY RESILIENCY, ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY, AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM (CREST) FOR DASNY PROJECT ID 27779 TO SHOW THAT THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TOWN OF GOSHEN WILL PAY CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE GRANT IF THEY EXCEED THE \$450,000.00 AWARD

WHEREAS, a grant in the amount of \$450,000.00 has been awarded for renovation of Erie Street Park including equipment purchase; 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 in conjunction with the Town of Goshen commits to covering the costs exceeding the grant award associated with DASNY Project ID 27779.

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 January 27, 2025.

3. Abstract of Vouchers #7 of 2024-2025 Budget

RESOLUTION 10 of 2025

A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 7 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/24 – 5/31/25 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 24875 THROUGH 24949 TOTALING \$425,216.07

WHEREAS, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 7 for fiscal year 2024/2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 24875 through 24949; and
2. Abstract number 7 in the amount of \$425,216.07.

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 27, 2025.

4. Goshen EMS Tax District

Mayor O'Donnell facilitated additional questions that the board members had, and Mr. Stonick and Mr. Thomas Weddell answered those questions related to training, timelines, cost to taxpayers, tax caps, equipment, hiring of paramedics and mutual aid. Mayor O'Donnell expressed concern for what happened in a neighboring municipality when the tax district was approved, and Mr. Weddell explained that the municipality did not have the same existing infrastructure that the Village of Goshen has. Mayor O'Donnell brought up the building that Goshen EMS currently occupies, and asked what happens if they outgrow the space. According to the agreement, the building would go back to the Village. Mr. Weddell explained that he could see the department expanding, but to an additional location and keeping the existing building in the Village of Goshen. Mr. Stonick agreed to Goshen EMS providing monthly reports to the Village Board. Mr. Donovan advised that putting the requested reports in a letter that this has been agreed upon would be the best course of action for this.

RESOLUTION 11 of 2025

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN
AUTHORIZING ITS INCLUSION IN THE TOWN OF GOSHEN AMBULANCE
DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Goshen has heretofore initiated proceedings under Article 12-A of the NYS Town Law for the establishment of a Town-wide Ambulance District by adopting a resolution authorizing the preparation of a general map, plan, and report for providing ambulance services to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board heretofore held a public hearing regarding the establishment of said Ambulance District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town Law Section 209-b, any Village within the territorial limits of the Town of Goshen may be included in the proposed improvement district, so long as a resolution consenting to same is duly adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen wish to express their consent and authorization to include the entirety of the Village into the proposed Ambulance District as is contemplated in the Ambulance District Map, Plan and Report dated February 2024 and prepared by Hoffman Engineering; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen hereby consents and authorizes the Town of Goshen to include the entirety of the Village of Goshen into the proposed Ambulance District as is contemplated by the Map, Plan and Report dated February 2024 and prepared by Hoffman Engineering; and it is further

RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to a 30 day permissive referendum period pursuant to NYS Village Law Section 9-900, such that this consent and authorization shall not take effect until such period has elapsed from this day of adoption or until a referendum is upheld in accordance with applicable law.

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 27, 2025.

Mayor O'Donnell thanked Goshen EMS for their service and expressed her gratitude for all they do.

Mayor and Trustee Comments

There were not any additional comments received from the board.

Citizens' Comments

A resident of Ludlum Place inquired about the water main replacement project that will be taking place and asked when the project would start and be completed by. Mayor O'Donnell advised that the project is expected to start in the spring and must be required by October 2025. Mayor O'Donnell told the resident that the neighborhood would be notified by the Department of Public Works when the project starts.

Mr. Nick Signorelli applauded the DPW on all of the great work they've been doing lately, especially with the recent water main breaks. Mr. Signorelli inquired about the planning of the Erie Street Park project, and Mayor O'Donnell recommended that he attend a Joint Recreation Commission meeting, which are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm in Village Hall.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Wohl, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

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