

Village Board Meeting  
May 12, 2025

Members present: Deputy Mayor Wohl, Trustees Gurda, Hand, and Rouis

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

Deputy Mayor Wohl 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 May 12, 2025 Village Board Meeting Agenda was modified to table the approval of the 3/10/25 meeting minutes to the next meeting as a quorum was needed, and to add item of business number six.

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

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Hand, the Minutes of the April 28, 2025, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

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

Items of Business

1. Education Request – E. Harrison

RESOLUTION 47 of 2025

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW ERIN HARRISON TO ATTEND THE NEW YORK RURAL WATER ASSOCIATIONS 46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TECHNICAL TRAINING WORKSHOP FROM MAY 19 – MAY 21, 2025 FOR A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$1,145.08

**WHEREAS**, Chief Operator of the Water/Sewer Department, Erin Harrison, has asked to attend the New York Rural Water Associations 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Technical Training Workshop from 5/19/25 – 5/21/25; and

**WHEREAS**, continuing education hours are required for Ms. Harrison to renew her both her water and wastewater licenses; and

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the request for Ms. Harrison to continue her education

and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the education associated with the request is a total of \$1,145.08 including the classes, travel, food and lodging that has been budgeted for under the Supply Power Pump Education Line F-8320-4810.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Deputy Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on May 12, 2025.

2. Hotel/Motel Tax Home Rule Request

**RESOLUTION 48 of 2025**

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOSHEN VILLAGE BOARD IN SUPPORT OF NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S4495 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A7968 AMENDING NEW YORK STATE TAX LAW RELATING TO AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN TO IMPOSE A HOTEL AND MOTEL TAX, IN RELATION TO THE EFFECTIVENESS THEREOF**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of the Village of Goshen is of the opinion that it would be beneficial to the economy of the Village if the local tax imposed on hotel room occupancy continued; and

**WHEREAS**, it was necessary to petition the New York State Legislature for a home rule request to authorize local legislation to impose a hotel occupancy tax within the Village,

**WHEREAS**, current New York State Senate Bill 4495 and New York State Assembly Bill A7968 have been introduced during the current legislative session which would amend the New York State Tax Law to allow the Village to authorize the continuation of the aforesaid hotel tax; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the opinion of the Village Board, that in the interest of fiscal responsibility, it is necessary to support the passage of the pending Senate and Assembly bills and move forward with an act to amend chapter 290 of the laws of 2023,

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY**

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Goshen Village Board, in its capacity as governing body of the Village of Goshen, does hereby support and recommend the passage of New York State Senate Bill S4495 and New York State Assembly Bill A7968 amending chapter 290 of the laws of 2023 to authorize and empower the Village of Goshen to continue enacting local law #7 of 2023, a local law imposing a tax on hotel room occupancy; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Mayor and/or the Village Clerk, or their designees, are hereby directed to execute and deliver the appropriate Home Rule Requests to the State Senate and State Assembly and forward certified copies of this Resolution to the New York State Senate, the New York State Assembly.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Deputy Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on May 12, 2025.

3. CDBG Fair Housing Resolution

**RESOLUTION 49 OF 2025**

**CDBG FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION TO ENSURE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN HOUSING FOR ALL PERSONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Goshen supports the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601) which prohibits discrimination by direct providers of housing such as landlords and real estate companies as well as other entities, such as municipalities, banks or other lending institutions and homeowners insurance companies whose discriminatory practices make housing unavailable to persons because of: race, color, religion, sex, national origin, nationality, familial status, or disability; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Goshen supports Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New York State Human Rights Law. It is the policy of the Village of Goshen to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, nationality, familial status, marital or domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, genetic information, liability for military service, mental or physical disability, perceived disability, AIDS/HIV status and Lawful Income or Source of Lawful Rent Payment (Section 8); and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Goshen further objects to discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability as prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New York State Human Rights Law,

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY**

**RESOLVED**, that within available resources, the Village of Goshen will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against under one of the aforementioned categories, to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the New York State Human Rights Law and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as appropriate; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Goshen shall publicize this resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law, the New York State Human Rights Law, and any local laws or ordinances; be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Goshen will at a minimum include, but not be limited to: (1) the printing and publicizing of this resolution, a fair housing public notice and other applicable fair housing information through local media, community bulletin board and placement on the Village's website and in other social media; (2) distribution of posters, flyers, and any other means which will bring to the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Deputy Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on May 12, 2025.

**4. Goshen High School Scholarship**

**RESOLUTION 50 of 2025**

**A RESOLUTION ANNOUNCING THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2025 VILLAGE OF GOSHEN SCHOLARSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, there is available funding from the Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program in the amount of \$2,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the recipient is chosen based on academics, community service and financial need; and

**WHEREAS**, applications were received and reviewed by the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees; and

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby awards the 2025 Village of Goshen Scholarship to Janessence Waverly.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Deputy Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on May 12, 2025.

5. Replacement of DPW Heaters

**RESOLUTION 51 of 2025**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CANDELA’S PLUMBING & HVAC PROPOSAL FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF HEATERS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of the Village of Goshen has before it three quotes obtained by Interim DPW Superintendent Morgiewicz for the removal and replacement of three heaters at the DPW; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY**

**RESOLVED**, that Candela’s Plumbing & HVAC had the lowest quote and met all requirements and is therefore awarded the job to replace three heaters at DPW.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Deputy Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on May 12, 2025.

6. Application for Use of Village Property – Wedding Ceremony

**RESOLUTION 52 of 2025**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE VILLAGE GREEN FOR A WEDDING CEREMONY ON MAY 25, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, a request was received from Alisha Aviles and Richard Hartfield for use of the Village Green that included a complete application and Certificate of Insurance naming the Village as an additional insured; and

**WHEREAS**, the use is to conduct a wedding ceremony on the Village Green at the Everett Monument;

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees approves the wedding ceremony on May 25, 2025 with the following conditions:

- The area is cleared of any deliveries and trash; and
- No open containers are allowed at the ceremony.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Deputy Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on May 12, 2025.

**Department Head Comments**

Village Clerk Darby reported that tax bills will be going out soon, along with the quarterly water/sewer billing along with inserts to promote the text and audio alerts through Go Goshen.

Interim DPW Superintendent Morgiewicz reported on the following that represents the major activities of the Department of Public Works from April 26, 2025 through May 9, 2025:

**STREETS**

1. Yard waste collection

2. Spring Cleanup throughout the village
3. Scrape and re-paint deck and stairs at Village Hall
4. Sweep streets throughout the village
5. Continue cleaning catch basins with vac truck and inspect basins for necessary repairs
6. Bring dirt to PD shooting range to restore gun range berm and trim trees around shooting range
7. Mow village owned properties throughout the village
8. Scrape and re-paint Village Hall sign from defective paint
9. Mutual aid to town of Hamptonburgh with vac truck to clean storm water pipes
10. Pull grass plants in the square (Mark Gargiulo will be replanting some of the grass plants and planting additional shrubbery)
11. Mulch flower beds and around trees in the square
12. Begin line striping downtown in preparation for Memorial Day
13. Oil sanders to be stored for the summer

## **SHOP**

1. Full service on DPW08
2. Dump body repairs on DPW08
3. G2 hydraulic leak on rear valve
4. Grease all heavy equipment
5. Full service and repairs on road mower

## **WATER**

1. Normal operations
2. Water leak on 4/29/25 @ 377 Main Street
3. Quarterly water meter reading
4. Water meter profiling

## **SEWER**

1. Normal operations

Chief Rich stated that there are many events coming up in the Village, including the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Olympics on 5/17/25, the Car Show and Food Truck Festival at the track on 5/18/25, Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade on 5/26/25, and the GHS Leo Club Touch a Truck event on 5/31. Chief Rich also advised that the Village is participating in the Buckle Up Campaign the week of 5/19. Police Week starts this week, and Chief Rich will be holding an awards ceremony on 5/15/25 at 4pm at Village Hall and all are welcome to attend.

## **Mayor and Trustee Comments**

There were not any comments.

## **Citizens' Comments**

There were not any comments received from the public.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Rouis, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

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