

Village Board Meeting
June 9, 2025

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

Also present: Village Clerk Darby, Attorney Donovan, Interim DPW
Superintendent Morgiewicz, and 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 Wohl, the agenda was accepted as presented.

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

On a motion by Trustee Hand, seconded by Trustee Wohl, the Minutes of the March 10, 2025, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

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

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Minutes of the May 12, 2025, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

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

Public Hearing

1. FY 2026 Community Development Block Grant Application

Mayor O'Donnell explained that the Village is working with the Village Planner to write a grant to add sidewalks on Erie Street. This project would complement the renovation of Erie Street Park taking place.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Hand, the Public Hearing was opened at 7:02pm.

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

There were not any comments received from the public.

On a motion by Trustee Wohl, seconded by Trustee Rouis, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:03pm.

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

Items of Business

1. Education Request – E. Harrison

RESOLUTION 53 of 2025

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW ERIN HARRISON TO ATTEND A SMITH AND LOVELESS TRAINING SESSION ON JUNE 19, 2025

WHEREAS, Chief Operator of the Water/Sewer Department, Erin Harrison, has asked to attend the Smith and Loveless training session on 6/19/25 as the Village current has three of these pump stations; and

WHEREAS, continuing education hours are required for Ms. Harrison to renew 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.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Hand and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on June 9, 2025.

2. Village of Goshen Insurance

RESOLUTION 54 of 2025

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH J. HOFFMAN INSURANCE FOR VILLAGE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen insurance renewal period is approaching and quotes were obtained from one local broker; and

WHEREAS, the premium quoted by J. Hoffman insurance was the lowest received bid, and the coverage will be provided by Trident Insurance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with J. Hoffman Insurance for Village insurance coverage for fiscal year 2025/2026, and coverage will be provided by Trident Insurance.

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 June 9, 2025.

3. Auction Surplus Vehicles and Items

RESOLUTION 55 of 2025

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AUCTION OF SURPLUS ITEMS

WHEREAS, the Department Heads within the Village of Goshen have items, including vehicles they wish to surplus; and

WHEREAS, Absolute Auctions & Realty Inc. has been secured to provide auction services including auction set up, photography and video; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, to sell at auction the vehicles and items described in and set forth on exhibit A which is attached hereto and made part of this resolution.

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 June 9, 2025.

4. CDBG Application Submission

At a meeting held on June 9, 2025, the Board of the Village of Goshen adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 56 of 2025

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 ORANGE CDBG URBAN COUNTY CONSORTIUM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

“The Village of Goshen is hereby submitting its Application for consideration under the FY-2026 Orange CDBG Urban County Consortium Community Development Program and the chief elected official or executive officer is hereby authorized to submit this Application for Village of Goshen Sidewalks (name of project) as described in the proposal.

Input from citizens and groups has been received and considered and an application has been prepared which addresses their community concerns. They further certify that they have read and understood the Orange CDBG Urban County Consortium Community Development Guidelines for the FY-2026 program year and have met all of its applicable requirements and that the information contained in the Application is accurate and true to the best of their knowledge.

If awarded CDBG funds, the Municipality shall implement the activities in a manner to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.”

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Molly O'Donnell

845.294.6750

Printed Name of Authorized Representative

Telephone Number

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

I, Maria M. Darby, Clerk of the Village of Goshen, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and accurate copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted by the governing body of the municipality, at a meeting duly and regularly held on June 9, 2025 at which quorum was present throughout, and the required majority of the governing body voted in favor of this resolution. I further certify that this resolution is still in full force and effect and has not been revoked or modified.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Hand and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on June 9, 2025.

5. Hire Nugent Haeussler for Submission of Financial Reports

RESOLUTION 57 of 2025

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW NUGENT & HAEUSSLER, P.C., CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS TO ASSIST THE VILLAGE CLERKS OFFICE WITH THE SUBMISSION OF YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORTS

WHEREAS, there are required end of year financial reports where the Treasurer would like assistance from a CPA firm; and

WHEREAS, Justin Wood, CPA of Nugent & Haeussler, P.C. has provided an hourly rate for year-end reports to be \$250.00; and

WHEREAS, there are funds budgeted for this service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that Nugent & Haeussler, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, will assist the Treasurer with year-end reports for an hourly rate of \$250.00, which will not exceed 10 hours without prior Village Board approval.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Wohl and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on June 9, 2025.

6. Annual National EAP Renewal

Deputy Mayor Wohl read Resolution 58 of 2025 into the record.

RESOLUTION 58 of 2025

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN DEPUTY MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL EAP, A PROVIDER OF EAP SERVICES FOR ALL VILLAGE EMPLOYEES INCLUDING BOARD MEMBERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,820.48

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen provides an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to its employees and board members; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen conducted research to find the best fit for the Village of Goshen; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen will reenter into an agreement with National EAP to provide EAP services at their CORE level in the amount of \$3,820.48 for the next year of 8/1/25 – 7/31/26.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 1 abstentions. The Deputy Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on June 9, 2025.

7. Abstract of Vouchers #8 of FY 2024-2025

RESOLUTION 59 of 2025

A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 8 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/24 – 5/31/25 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 24950 THROUGH 25121 TOTALING \$956,942.84

WHEREAS, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 8 for fiscal year 2024/2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 24950 through 25121; and

2. Abstract number 8 in the amount of \$956,942.84.

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 June 9, 2025.

8. Abstract of Vouchers #9 of FY 2024-2025

RESOLUTION 60 of 2025

A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 9 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/24 – 5/31/25 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 25122 THROUGH 25235 TOTALING \$1,040,378.04

WHEREAS, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 9 for fiscal year 2024/2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 25122 through 25235; and
2. Abstract number 9 in the amount of \$1,040,378.04.

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 June 9, 2025.

9. Abstract of Vouchers #10 of FY 2024-2025

RESOLUTION 61 of 2025

A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 10 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/24 – 5/31/25 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 25236 THROUGH 25366 TOTALING \$932,109.07

WHEREAS, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 10 for fiscal year 2024/2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 25236 through 25366; and
2. Abstract number 10 in the amount of \$932,109.07.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on June 9, 2025.

10. Abstract of Vouchers #11 of FY 2024-2025

RESOLUTION 62 of 2025

A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 11 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/24 – 5/31/25 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 25368 THROUGH 25414 TOTALING \$1,270,207.06

WHEREAS, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 11 for fiscal year 2024/2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 25368 through 25414; and
2. Abstract number 11 in the amount of \$1,270,207.06.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Wohl. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on June 9, 2025.

11. Abstract of Vouchers #12 of FY 2024-2025

RESOLUTION 63 of 2025

A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 12 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/24 – 5/31/25 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 25415 THROUGH 25533 TOTALING \$521,593.64

WHEREAS, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 12 for fiscal year 2024/2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 25415 through 25533; and
2. Abstract number 12 in the amount of \$521,593.64.

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 June 9, 2025.

12. Request for Use of Village Property – Signage for 2025 Historic Track Events

RESOLUTION 64 of 2025

A RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF THE VILLAGE GREEN TO POST SIGNS FOR THE GOSHEN HISTORIC TRACK HOSTING THE 2025 COUNTY FAIR FINALS

WHEREAS, a letter was received from the Goshen Historic Track; and

WHEREAS, the event will take place on August 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Track would like to post signs/banners for their event; and

WHEREAS, the application and Certificate of Insurance will be provided; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

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

- Subject to review by DPW and Police Department;
- The use of the Village Green by the Goshen Historic Track for the following event:
 - 2025 County Fair Finals on August 31, 2025 (up 8/18/2025, down 9/1/2025)

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 June 9, 2025.

13. Request for Use of Village Property – Peaceful Rally

RESOLUTION 65 of 2025

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF THE VILLAGE GREEN FOR ORANGE COUNTY CARES TO HOLD A PEACEFUL RALLY ON JUNE 14, 2025 FROM 11:30AM – 2:30PM

WHEREAS, a completed application for use of Village property was received to hold the event; and

WHEREAS, the event will take place on June 14, 2025 from 11:30am – 2:30pm; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Cares group agrees to setup and breakdown for the event; and

WHEREAS, the Certificate of Insurance will be provided prior to the event; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees approves the event, contingent on the following:

- Subject to review by the DPW and Police Department; and
- The Certificate of Insurance must be received prior to the event.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Wohl and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on June 9, 2025.

Department Head Comments

Chief Rich reported that there have been many events, and all have gone very well. Upcoming events include Great American Weekend and the 2025 Goshen High School Graduation. There have been many traffic complaints as a result of the Route 17 construction, as people are getting off at the Fletcher Street exit and going through the Village. Chief Rich advised that there are extra patrols to monitor this. Mayor O'Donnell gave accolades to Sgt. Scolza on the mock crash at the high school the prior week.

Interim DPW Superintendent Morgiewicz reported on the following that represents the major activities of the Department of Public Works from May 10, 2025 through June 6, 2025:

STREETS

1. Yard waste collection
2. Sweep streets throughout the village
3. Weed, edge and mulch Village Hall and the triangle @Sarah Wells Trail
4. Chip curbs in preparation for painting
5. Paint curbs downtown in preparation for Memorial Day
6. Road mowing and trimming throughout the village
7. Finish installing molding on Village Hall sign
8. Parking meter collection and maintenance
9. Replace plexi-glass on bus stop
10. Edge sidewalks and trees at the square
11. Mow village owned properties throughout the village
12. Line striping downtown in preparation for Memorial Day
13. Oil remaining sanders to be stored for the summer
14. Install flower baskets on light posts throughout the village
15. Watering of the flower baskets
16. Replace broken Belgian blocks in the square
17. Replace mailbox for resident on Marie Terrace that was taken down during winter storm
18. Repair 2 catch basins on Nelson Street

19. Finish curbs on Wickham Avenue where catch basin repairs were made
20. Repair and level pavers in the square
21. Repair broken culvert pipe at the historic track
22. Prep flags, cones and barricades for Memorial Day Parade
23. Participate in touch-a-truck events at Scotchtown Elementary School and Goshen High School
24. Detail Truck 5 for Memorial Day Parade
25. Blacktop patching on parade route and throughout the village
26. Memorial Day Parade setup and cleanup
27. Continue cleaning catch basins with vac truck and inspect basins for necessary repairs
28. Pull out stump @ 92 Golden Hill Avenue and restore
29. Remove dead tree on Golden Hill Avenue
30. Paint stop bars and crosswalks throughout the village
31. Weedwack guardrail on Connector Road and South Street
32. Paint double yellow lines throughout the village

Shop

1. Dump body repairs, install tailgate and paint repairs completed on DPW08
2. Road Mower hydraulic leak repairs
3. PD354 flat tire replacement
4. Replace grabber arm actuator on G1
5. Full service on PD357
6. Install water tank on DPW16
7. Oxygen sensor codes on PD357
8. Repair wheels on dumpster from Salesian Park
9. Engine miss diagnosis on 252 asphalt roller
10. Change tires on G1
11. Fix hydraulic leak on front loader valve of the Ford 575D backhoe
12. Full service and brakes on PD363
13. Full service on PD352

WATER

1. Normal operations
2. Water meter re-reads
3. Water meter profiling
4. Replace hydrant on Webster Avenue at the intersection of Hill Street
5. Water service repair on Spring Street/Judd Place (Service was pulled out by Dekatherm, however, the markout completed for the job missed this service because it was not ran in as the maps showed)

SEWER

1. Normal operations
2. TV Sewers with NYRWA

Village Clerk Darby reported on the following:

- Boiler being installed at Village Hall – the main boiler has been installed, however, there are still remaining tasks to complete
- Tax bill preparation and mailed
- Water/Sewer bills prepared and mailed, along with inserts to promote the text and voice alerts through Go Goshen
- Treasurer Winters met with department heads for year-end budget review
- Birth certificates
- Finalized annual Village insurance
- Grants – received OC Tourism grant for Project Year 2025
 - A spreadsheet will be created to track grants
- Working to coordinate a Department Head training for the employee assistance program
- Closing out year-end financials
- Working with staff for different responsibilities

Mayor and Trustee Comments

Trustee Gurda commended Interim DPW Superintendent B. Morgiewicz on how great the Village looks.

Trustee Wohl thanked Chief Rich for recovering the grill and table that were taken.

Trustee Rouis thanked everyone for their efforts on the Memorial Day Parade, and shared that it was great event.

Citizens' Comments

Tom & Elizabeth Golubinski of 6 Ludlum Place asked about the status of the water main replacement project on Ludlum Place. Mayor O'Donnell shared that this project is a priority for her, and confirmed that the project must be completed by October 2025. She reported that the County approved the bid package and it should hopefully be going out later in the week. Mayor O'Donnell advised that the project will be going out to bid, and the County then reviews and approves the bid package, and then the Village of Goshen will be able to have a better understanding of the project timeline. The Golubinski's asked if there would be new sidewalks as part of the project and Mayor O'Donnell advised that the the road will be repaved, there will be new fire hydrants, and she will look into the sidewalks. Mayor O'Donnell asked the Golubinski's for their contact information so she can update them once she has information on the project.

Mr. Nick Signorelli of 180 Montgomery Street advised that he would be reaching out to B. Morgiewicz regarding the street light position on Harness Road. Mr. Signorelli also asked the process to control the speed on Harness Road. He shared that in the late evening hours, cars are constantly speeding between 11pm – 12am. Chief Rich took this as a formal complaint and advised that he would have the area patrolled more and place the speed trailer on Harness Road.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

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