

Village Board Meeting
July 14, 2025

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

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Interim DPW Superintendent Morgiewicz, Chief Rich, Water/Sewer Clerk Tourish-Coleman

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 agenda was accepted with the modification of adding item of business number 9 to the agenda.

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

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Hand, the Minutes of the June 23, 2025, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

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

Items of Business

1. Hiring of Full-time Village Hall Position

RESOLUTION 70 of 2025

A RESOLUTION HIRING DONNA (VIJAI) TULARAM AS FULL TIME CLERK

WHEREAS, there is a need for a part-time clerk for both the Village Clerk's office and the Building Department; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tularam has worked as the part-time clerk in the Village Clerk's office since February 2023;

WHEREAS, there is the need for a part-time clerk in the Building Department and Mrs. Tularam is a great candidate for the role; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the hiring of Donna (Vijai) Tularam as a full-time clerk,

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the hiring of the above individual is specifically subject to the following:

1. An annual salary of \$50,000.00;
2. Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment paper work, and physical and psychological testing if required;

3. This appointment includes a maximum probationary period of 26 weeks.

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 July 14, 2025.

2. Customary Year End Budget Transfer – FY 24-25

RESOLUTION 71 of 2025

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CUSTOMARY YEAR END BUDGET TRANSFER FOR FY 2024-2025

WHEREAS, there is a need to transfer budget line items as designated in the attached schedule for 2024-2025; and

WHEREAS, the budget transfers are to balance certain budget lines within the budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Treasurer is authorized to transfer budget line items as designated in the attached schedule to balance budget lines.

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 July 14, 2025.

3. Modify Line Item for CRV Well #3 – FY 25-26

RESOLUTION 72 of 2025

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A BUDGET TRANSFER IN THE WATER DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,494.38 FOR CRV WELL 3 CONNECTION FOR FY 2025-2026

WHEREAS, there are times when the Treasurer must make adjustments to the adopted budget with valid reason; and

WHEREAS, a transfer is required to pay for the approved CRV Well 3 project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen authorizes the Treasurer to make the following modifications to the approved budget:

- Move \$12,494.38 from F-8320-4570 Source Supply, CRV Well. Equip Repair to F-9950-9002 Interfund Transfers. Transfer to Well Dev

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on July 14, 2025.

4. Benefit Scape Contract for ACA Compliance

RESOLUTION 73 of 2025

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN MAYOR TO SIGN A TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH BENEFIT SCAPE FOR THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT COMPLIANCE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,100.00 PER YEAR

WHEREAS, a service agreement has been prepared for the Village of Goshen from Benefit Scape, the leading provider of ACA compliance services for meeting the Employer Mandate requirements of the Affordable Care Act [ACA] also known as the Personal Protection and Affordable Care Act [PPACA]; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the two-year agreement with Benefit Scape for a combined total of \$8,200.00.

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 July 14, 2025.

5. Surplus Auction Acceptance

RESOLUTION 74 of 2025

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE ACCEPTANCE OF BID AWARDS FOR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT FROM ABSOLUTE AUCTIONS & REALTY, INC.

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen has received bids for various Police Department and Surplus Equipment through Absolute Auctions & Realty, Inc.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the successful bidders, as listed on the attached schedule, be awarded the surplus equipment for which they placed the highest bid.

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 July 14, 2025.

6. Sarvis PC Annual Agreement

RESOLUTION 75 of 2025

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN MAYOR TO SIGN AN ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SARVIS PC REPAIR AND CONSULTING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000.00

WHEREAS, a service agreement has been prepared for the Village of Goshen for computer repair and consulting; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen prepared an analysis to show that the prepay option of \$3,000 for the agreement would benefit the Village of Goshen with a cost savings;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the service agreement with Sarvis PC Repair and Consulting.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on July 14, 2025.

7. Orange County Summer Internship Program Agreement

RESOLUTION 76 of 2025

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR 2025 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, a paid summer internship program has been developed by County Executive Neuhaus; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen has been invited to participate in the program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the agreement allowing the Village of Goshen to participate in the program.

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 July 14, 2025.

8. Christmas Décor Agreement

RESOLUTION 77 of 2025

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH CHRISTMAS DÉCOR OF THE HUDSON VALLEY FOR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS DOWNTOWN DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH FUNDING FROM AN ORANGE COUNTY TOURISM GRANT

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen applied for a grant for the annual holiday tree lighting through Orange County Tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen was approved for the funding with a portion of the budget for decorating the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, Christmas Décor of the Hudson Valley has complied with all necessary requirements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the agreement with Christmas Décor of the Hudson Valley.

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 July 14, 2025.

9. Awarding of Ludlum Place Water Main Replacement Project

RESOLUTION 78 of 2025

A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE LUDLUM PLACE WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO TAM ENTERPRISES WITH A BID OF \$248,408.00 WITH FUNDING COMING FROM THE CDBG 2024 PROJECT YEAR

WHEREAS, Lanc & Tully created a bid packet that was approved by Orange County Community Development for the Project Year 2024 CDBG project to replace the water line on Ludlum Place; and

WHEREAS, five contractors submitted completed bid packets on July 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Lanc & Tully reviewed the bid packets for thoroughness; and

WHEREAS, Lanc & Tully recommend the contract be awarded to TAM Enterprises with the lowest bid of \$248,408.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, the Village Board of the Village of Goshen approves to award the Ludlum Place Water Line Replacement Project to TAM Enterprises with a bid of \$248,408.00.

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 July 14, 2025.

Department Head Comments

Chief reported that the department has been very busy, and large events have been executed successfully. He shared that the department is working on a new website for the department, which should be going live soon. There's the summer concert scheduled for Wednesday, a small political assembly scheduled for Thursday, and the services for Gerard H. Killenberger, a Goshen resident, veteran, retired FDNY, and longtime volunteer with the Goshen Fire Department.

Interim DPW Superintendent Morgiewicz reported on the following that represents the major activities of the Department of Public Works from June 21, 2025 through July 14, 2025:

STREETS

1. Yard waste collection
2. Sweep streets throughout the village
3. Cleanup downed tree on N. Church Street
4. Drill, set and anchor picnic tables and bike rack at P.D.
5. Clean and repair cones and barricades for Great American Weekend
6. Set up and prep for Great American Weekend
7. Edge sidewalks in the Square for Great American Weekend
8. Parking meter maintenance and collection
9. Repair drain and sheetrock in DPW break room
10. Paint stop bars and crosswalks throughout the village
11. Continue cleaning out catch basins with Vac Truck
12. Repair locker room door at P.D.
13. Asphalt patching catch basin repairs, culvert repair on N. Church St., and race route for GAW
14. Repair concrete culvert pipe on Erie St.
15. Road Mowing in Long Lot parking area
16. Clean, backwash and chlorinate the fountain in the square
17. Cleanup limbs and trees from storm on 7/3/25
18. Collect and chip brush from 7/3/25 storm
19. Mutual aid to Hamptonburgh for Milling (7/7/25) and Paving (7/10/25)
20. Cleanup and take down from Great American Weekend
21. Repair catch basin on Wickham Avenue
22. Rehabilitate sign for Presbyterian Church
23. Replace parking meters and light post from collision on 7/10/25
24. Mow fire departments and village owned properties
25. Clear off catch basins throughout village in preparation for rain event on 7/14/25
26. Water flower baskets and planters

Shop

1. Replace gutter broom cable on Sweeper
2. Replace pump on DPW16 for watering flower baskets
3. Replace battery on SS03
4. Upgrade tail lights on DPW12 to LED
5. Replace rear brakes on G1
6. Full service on SS03
7. Replace exhaust flex pipes on PD352

- 8. Sharpen chainsaws and check over chipper for storm cleanup
- 9. Brakes on PD354
- 10. Replace brakes and kingpins on DPW08
- 11. Continue cleaning and organizing parts room

WATER

- 1. Normal operations
- 2. Water meter profiling for leaks and high usage complaints

SEWER

- 1. Normal operations
- 2. Jet syphon on Canal Street

Mayor and Trustee Comments

Mayor O'Donnell thanked everyone for all their efforts with regard to Great American Weekend.

Mayor O'Donnell advised that the concerts are Wednesday's and there is a rain date this year of Thursday.

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 7:15 pm.

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