

Village Board Meeting  
November 10, 2025

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

Member absent: Trustee Rouis

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

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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 November 10, 2025 Village Board Meeting Agenda was approved 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 October 27, 2025, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

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

**Items of Business**

**1. Promotion of K. Kaarlsen**

**RESOLUTION 113 of 2025**

**A RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE KEVIN KAARLSEN TO MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**

**WHEREAS**, there is an opening for a Motor Equipment Operator (MEO) in the Department of Public Works; and

**WHEREAS**, the position was posted and interviews were conducted; and

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the promotion of Mr. Kevin Kaarlsen,

and it is further

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

1. In accordance with the current contract between the Village of Goshen and the CSEA, Kevin Kaarlsen will have an annual salary of \$62,101.00 plus \$1,700.00 longevity pay, effective **November 12, 2025**; and
2. A 26-week probationary period.

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 November 10, 2025.

2. Set Public Hearing for Local Law #1

**RESOLUTION 114 OF 2025**

**A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2025 ON NOVEMBER 24, 2025 AT 7:00PM: A LOCAL LAW AMENDING VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 2 (“ADMINISTRATION”) AT ARTICLE VI (“FINANCE”), DIVISION 1, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CODE SECTION, 2-151, ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATIVE FEES” AND RENAMING THE HEADING FOR CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VI, DIVISION 2, “ZONING AND PLANNING FEES.”**

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the local law is Amending Village Code Chapter 2 (“Administration”) at Article VI (“Finance”), Division 1, by the addition of a new Code Section, 2-151, entitled “Administrative Fees” and renaming the heading for Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 2, “Zoning and Planning Fees.”; and

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing must be scheduled, and

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

**RESOLVED**, that Local Law #1 of 2025 will be heard at a Public Hearing on November 24, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

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 November 10, 2025.

3. Set Public Hearing for Local Law #2

**RESOLUTION 115 OF 2025**

**A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2025 ON NOVEMBER 24, 2025 AT 7:00PM: A LOCAL LAW AMENDING VILLAGE CODE SECTION 58-202 ENTITLED “PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO ALLOW ACCESS TO PREMISES TO INSTALL A NEW WATER METER” SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO ALLOW THE VILLAGE TO INSTALL NEW WATER METERS.**

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the local law is Amending Village Code Section 58-202 entitled “Penalty for Failure to Allow Access to Premises to Install a New Water Meter” so as to increase the penalty for failure to allow the Village to install new water meters. and

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing must be scheduled, and

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

**RESOLVED**, that Local Law #2 of 2025 will be heard at a Public Hearing on November 24, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

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 November 10, 2025.

4. Purchase of Tires for Department of Public Works Vehicles

**RESOLUTION 116 of 2025**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TIRES FOR DPW TRUCK #04  
AND DPW TRUCK #07 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,703.24**

**WHEREAS**, DPW is in immediate need of tires for two of their vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the tires are for replacing the tires on two dump trucks; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimates are from the DPW's go-to vendor for large tires, which is on state bid; and

**WHEREAS**, given that these trucks are essential for winter plowing and salting operations, replacing the tires is a high priority to ensure the DPW is prepared for the season; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Goshen Board of Trustees authorizes the purchase of tires for DPW Truck #04 and DPW Truck #07 in the amount of \$7,703.24.

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 November 10, 2025.

**5. Request for Use of Village Properties – Menorah Lighting**

**RESOLUTION 117 of 2025**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LUBAVITCH OF ORANGE COUNTY'S  
MENORAH LIGHTING EVENT ON THE VILLAGE GREEN ON DECEMBER 15, 2025,  
FROM 4PM – 7PM**

**WHEREAS**, a complete application for use of Village Property was received by Rabbi Meir Borenstein of the Lubavitch of Orange County of Goshen, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the request is for a Menorah Lighting celebration 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 Menorah Lighting event on December 15, 2025 from 4pm – 7pm; and
- The application is subject to review by DPW and Police Department, including the placement of the menorah; and
- The Menorah and any other decorations from the event must be removed from the Village Green no later than 1/2/26.

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 November 10, 2025.

**6. Appointment of Acting Judge**

**RESOLUTION 118 of 2025**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE OF  
GOSHEN ACTING JUSTICE**

**WHEREAS**, Amanda Brady submitted her resignation as she was elected as an Orange County Family Court Judge; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 3-312 of the New York State Village Law, the Mayor is empowered to fill vacancies in appointed offices;

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

**RESOLVED**, that Molly O'Donnell, as the Mayor of the Village of Goshen does hereby appoint Seamus P. Weir as Acting Judge of the Village of Goshen subject to the terms and provisions of Village Law Section 3-312 effective January 1, 2026.

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 November 10, 2025.

7. Abstract #4 of Fiscal Year 2025-2026

**RESOLUTION 119 of 2025**

**A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 4 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/25 – 5/31/26 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 25955 THROUGH 26044 TOTALING \$658,327.66**

**WHEREAS**, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 4 for fiscal year 2025/2026; and

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

**RESOLVED**, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 25955 through 26044; and
2. Abstract number 4 in the amount of \$658,327.66.

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 November 10, 2025.

8. Abstract #5 of Fiscal Year 2025-2026

**RESOLUTION 120 of 2025**

**A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 5 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/25 – 5/31/26 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 26045 THROUGH 26119 TOTALING \$859,444.22**

**WHEREAS**, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 5 for fiscal year 2025/2026; and

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

**RESOLVED**, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 26045 through 26119; and
2. Abstract number 5 in the amount of \$859,444.22.

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 November 10, 2025.

**Department Head Comments**

Chief Rich reported that Halloween went well in the village despite the wind. Fortunately, no one was hurt when a branch fell on Montgomery Street, and light towers

were not able to be utilized due to the wind. Chief thanked the Veterans in his department for their service. Chief Rich reported that Sgt. Yates is facilitating a fraud seminar at one of the senior center's regular meetings. Upcoming events the police department are involved with include the annual tree lighting and parade and Wreaths Across America.

There are numerous events now in the Village of Goshen. Several trunk or treat events are being held in the next couple of weeks, past events include the Fall Festival, a 5k and the Junk in the Trunk event. Halloween is on a Friday this year, and there will be additional patrol units that night, Wreaths Across America will be coming to the Village soon, along with the annual tree lighting and parade

Interim DPW Superintendent reporting on several items from his major activities report of the Department of Public Works from September 6, 2025 through October 24, 2025:

## **STREETS**

1. Yard waste collection
2. Mow firehouses and village owned properties
3. Topsoil and restoration on Arthur Place, McBride Place and Ludlum Drive
4. Mutual aid to Town of Goshen for Fall junk cleanup (10/27/25-10/31/25)
5. Parking meter maintenance and collection
6. Place sanders in DPW06, DPW07, DPW15 to ready for Winter season
7. Wash DPW trucks
8. Clean out truck bays to store equipment and plows for Winter season
9. Paint hallway @ Village PD
10. Clean off catch basins for rain event on 10/30/25
11. Asphalt patching (Potholes) throughout the village
12. Cut and chip up fallen tree on Montgomery Street
13. Hook up and check over large plows to ready for Winter

## **Shop**

1. Replace hoses on Ford 575D backhoe (Hydraulic Leak)
2. Check Engine light diagnosis on G1
3. Grease and service DPW15's sander
4. Full service on Sewer pickup truck
5. Replace impeller and wear plates on new leaf vac
6. Repair exhaust on DPW06
7. Full service and repairs on Water pickup truck
8. Replace fuel tank on G3
9. Finish readying DPW06 and DPW07 sanders
10. Replace tires on DPW07
11. Replace broken U-Bolt on DPW07
12. Fix brake lights on G2

## **WATER**

1. Normal operations
2. Final water meter readings
3. Quarterly water meter readings

## **SEWER**

1. Normal operations

Mayor O'Donnell asked Mr. Morgiewicz to explain to the Board the status of Crystal Run Village Well 3. As the Orange County Department of Health was working on final approvals on site, it was discovered that the well pump needs to be lowered. A change order with justification will be presented at the next meeting.

Village Clerk Darby reported that bi-weekly and now weekly meetings continue to occur for the Erie Street Park project as things continue progressing. Mandatory training for all staff starts this week, and she'll send the Board a separate email about training. Record of Activities was submitted to NYSLRS and an additional call has taken place for additional clarity. An insert will be included with this quarter's bills for important

information and reminders. Village Clerk Darby thanked the DPW for their assistance with walk throughs at Village Hall. As no overnight parking season has started, there have been a lot of applications to obtain overnight parking permits, and applicant information is shared with the Police Department.

**Mayor and Trustee Comments**

Mayor O'Donnell offered her condolences to Judge VanHaaster on her husband's passing.

**Citizens' Comments**

There were not any comments received from the public.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Hand, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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