

Village Board Meeting
December 8, 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 Wohl, seconded by Trustee Rouis, the December 8, 2025 Village Board Meeting Agenda was approved as presented.

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

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Hand, the Minutes of the November 24, 2025, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

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

Items of Business

1. Fee Schedule

RESOLUTION 132 of 2025

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FEE SCHEDULE DATED 12/5/2025

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen Attorney has modified a local law at the direction of a Resolution from the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was scheduled and took place on November 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board adopted Local Law #1 on November 24, 2025, and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the fee schedule dated 12/5/2025 has been approved and adopted by the Village Board of Trustees; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the fee schedule shall become effective immediately.

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 December 8, 2025.

2. 2027 Tax Exemption Properties in Orange County

RESOLUTION 133 of 2025

A RESOLUTION FOR EXEMPTION FROM COUNTY TAXATION FOR THE YEAR 2027 ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN, TOWN OF GOSHEN AND TOWN OF WALLKILL FOR THE VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, The Village of Goshen owns property designated as:

13-1-32.61	Town of Goshen
15-1-8	Town of Goshen
15-1-48	Town of Goshen
15-1-50	Town of Goshen
61-1-43	Town of Walkkill
127-2-83	Village of Goshen

AND, WHEREAS, the above-described properties are used by the Village of Goshen for water supply purposes for its residents and others who use State and County facilities within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature has exempted the described properties from County Taxation in years past;

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen is requesting the Legislature of Orange County to exempt the described properties from County taxation, for the year 2027, in view of its use for municipal purposes.

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 December 8, 2025.

3. Hiring of Full-time Police Officer

RESOLUTION 134 of 2025

A RESOLUTION HIRING DENNIS M. WINTERS AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

WHEREAS, there is a full-time vacancy for a police officer available at the Village of Goshen Police Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the hiring of Dennis M. Winters,

and it is further

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

1. An annual salary of \$89,889.00;
2. Pending satisfactory completion of a medical exam, psychological exam and civil service procedures;
3. This appointment includes a maximum probationary period of 26 weeks.

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 December 8, 2025.

4. Clarifier Change Order

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR TO SIGN CHANGE ORDER #4 FOR THE CLARIFIER REHABILITATION PROJECT FOR TWO ITEMS: 1) DECREASE IN THE CONTRACT VALUE BY \$15,235.50, AND 2) A CHANGE TO THE CONTRACT TIME WITH A COMPLETION DATE OF NOVEMBER 14, 2025

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen has awarded the Clarifier Rehabilitation Project to TAM Enterprises; and

WHEREAS, TAM has submitted a change order to decrease the contract value since \$15,235.60 of the stated allowance for unforeseen items were not used, and the remaining \$15,235.60 will be credited back to the Village, making the final contract price \$203,564.40; and

WHEREAS, the second item is a contract extension from the previous project completion date of September 1, 2025, to the actual project completion date of November 14, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be authorized to sign Change Order #4.

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 December 8, 2025.

5. Cancellation of 12/22/25 Meeting

RESOLUTION 136 of 2025

**A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL THE FOLLOWING VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:
DECEMBER 22, 2025**

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen has a board meeting scheduled on December 22, 2025 and that is a holiday week and there are not any outstanding items of business to vote on; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby cancels the December 22, 2025 Village Board Meeting.

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 December 8, 2025.

Department Head Comments

Village Clerk Darby reported that Village Hall has been quite busy. She recently submitted two grants – one for security cameras at Erie Street Park and the other for traffic safety that was secured with the help of Patrolman C. Hunt. Also, Village Clerk Darby shared that with S. Wier as the new Associate Justice, all paperwork and requirements are in the process of being completed between L. Jagielski and Village Clerk Darby.

DPW Superintendent B. Morgiewicz reported on the major activities of the Department of Public Works from November 22, 2025 through December 5, 2025:

STREETS

1. Bulk Leaf Collection
2. Plant 4 trees (2 at each location) in right of way at 37 Murray Ave and 119 Murray Ave
3. Parking meter coin collection and install Holiday Free Parking Cards
4. Repair/replace bulbs over West Main Street and Webster Park
5. Remove Fall decorations from Square and around Town
6. Set large ornaments in the square and place manger in the square
7. Put up snowflakes along West Main Street and Main Street
8. Pick up salt for the bin and load DPW6 and DPW7 w/ salt from the County
9. Hang Christmas lights on the Police Station
10. Ready trucks and plows for storm projected for 12/2/2025
11. Salt and plow village streets from storm on 12/2/2025
12. Spot salt throughout the village on 12/3/25 from winter weather previous day
13. Salt sidewalks as necessary from winter weather
14. Wash trucks for upcoming holiday parade
15. Pick up tires for DPW4 from Bandag
16. Prep and set up for Holiday Parade
17. Move file boxes at Village Hall out from under potential leak in roof
18. Remove snow and ice from monument and sidewalks in the Square

Shop

1. Full service on DPW3
2. Service and repair snow blowers
3. Routine service on PD356
4. Repaired spotlight on PD353
5. Replace hydraulic line on DPW9 plow
6. Replace hydraulic line on DPW17 plow
7. Replace clevis for plow chain on DPW8
8. Find issue with battery draining on Code Enforcement Car
9. Routine service on PD358
10. Routine service on PD354
11. Diagnose check engine light on G2
12. Replace alternator belt on old leaf machine

WATER

1. Normal operations
2. Final water meter readings
3. Leak letter appointments
4. Drain down water line @ Greenhill Reservoir

SEWER

1. Normal operations

Police Chief Rich reported that the scheduled holiday events are going well, and noted that the Wreaths Across America event went really well, and shared that the event has grown significantly over the years. In addition, effective January 1, 2026, the Police Department will be converting to a new records management system. Lastly, Chief Rich shared the sad news of the passing of former Village of Goshen Police Officer, Gerry Strong. Police Chief Rich advised that he met with Mr. Strong's family and there will be Village of Goshen police presence at the services.

Mayor and Trustee Comments

Deputy Mayor Wohl thanked B. Morgiewicz for his help with meeting the criteria to submit an application for Tree City USA.

Citizens' Comments

There were no 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	aye