

Village Board Meeting  
January 12, 2026

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

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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 Rouis, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the January 12, 2026 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 Gurda, the Minutes of the December 8, 2025, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

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

**Items of Business**

**1. Abstract #6 of Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

**RESOLUTION 1 of 2026**

**A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 6 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/25 – 5/31/26 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 26120 THROUGH 26189 TOTALING \$481,502.03**

**WHEREAS**, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 6 for fiscal year 2025/2026; and

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

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

1. Check numbers 26120 through 26189; and
2. Abstract number 6 in the amount of \$481,502.03.

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 January 12, 2026

**2. Abstract #7 of Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

**RESOLUTION 2 of 2026**

**A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 7 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/25 – 5/31/26 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 26190 THROUGH 26280 TOTALING \$1,653,572.83**

**WHEREAS**, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 7 for fiscal year 2025/2026; and

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

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

1. Check numbers 26190 through 26280; and
2. Abstract number 7 in the amount of \$1,653,572.83.

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 January 12, 2026.

3. *Repairs for Garbage Truck G2*

**RESOLUTION 3 of 2026**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EMERGENCY REPAIRS FOR A DPW GARBAGE TRUCK, G2, NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$11,500.00**

**WHEREAS**, DPW is in immediate need of repairs to one of the garbage trucks, G2; and

**WHEREAS**, being that this is specialized piece of equipment, it is difficult to find parts that are readily available; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Goshen Board of Trustees authorizes the repair of DPW Garbage Truck G2 not to exceed the amount of \$11,500.00.

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 January 12, 2026.

4. *Use of Village Property / Placement of Banners for Goshen Historic Track*

**RESOLUTION 4 of 2026**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF THE VILLAGE GREEN TO POST SIGNS FOR 2026 GOSHEN HISTORIC TRACK EVENTS**

**WHEREAS**, a request was received from the Goshen Historic Track for use of the Village Green; and

**WHEREAS**, there are several events taking place in 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Historic Track would like to post signs/banners to promote their events; 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 events:
  - Car Show/Food Truck Festival - banner up on 5/4/26 and down on 5/18/26
  - Race Days - banner up on 6/15/26 and down on 7/6/26

- County Fair Finals - banner up on 8/17/26 and down on 9/2/26
- Junk in the Trunk - banner up on 9/7/26 and down on 9/21

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 January 12, 2026.

### **Department Head Comments**

Village Clerk Darby reported on the following items:

- Met with DeGraw & DeHaan
  - Assisting with coordinating meetings
  - Roof replacement project
- Meeting with Pitingaro & Doetsch
  - Helpful with identifying projects taking place
- Training –
  - Annual Training requirements completed by all employees and Board members in person and virtually
  - Tracking Planning Board and ZBA educational training requirements
  - *Goals for 2026 Active Shooter Training by PD*
  - *Goals for 2026 CPR Training through Orange County*
- Water/sewer billing
  - Trying to close out 2025 billing – any outstanding balances will be levied on 2026 Village taxes; final date for payments is 1/28/26
  - Sending letters to attorneys and realtors in the area regarding the updated fee schedule for final reads
  - Sending letters to those with quarterly meter charges regarding increase in fees
- Processing vouchers and handling calls for delinquent payments
- Processing W-2s
- Processing ACA Compliance
- Additional year end payroll –
  - Buy backs for PD & DPW
- Sent TOG Sewer Bill
- Assisted DPW with obtaining Certificate of Insurance on short notice for use of a neighboring municipalities vehicle

DPW Superintendent B. Morgiewicz reported on the major activities of the Department of Public Works from December 6, 2025 through January 9, 2026 for the January 12, 2026 Board meeting:

The following represents the major activities of the Department of Public Works from December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 through January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 for the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Board meeting.

### **STREETS**

1. Setup and Cleanup for Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting
2. Close Streets for Holiday Parade
3. Vac Truck to Town of Goshen for catch basin repairs
4. Bulk leaf collection throughout the village
5. Cut failed trees @ 64 Golden Hill w/ aid from Hamptonburgh bucket truck
6. Parking meter repairs and replacements
7. Remove free parking cards from parking meters
8. Wash DPW05 for Wreaths Across America Parade
9. Salt roads and sidewalks from winter weather event on 12/10/25
10. Remove leaf box from DPW17 and install sander
11. Hang whiteboards in office and break room
12. Salt, plow roads and shovel/salt sidewalks from winter weather event on 12/13/25-12/14/25
13. Snow removal operations downtown from winter event on 12/13/25-12/14/25
14. Paint the walls in DPW break room
15. Wash sanders and trucks from winter weather events

16. Clean break room and DPW garages for DPW Holiday Luncheon
17. Cold patch pot holes throughout the Village
18. Pickup and use of garbage truck from Village of Florida to finish route on 12/17/25
19. Pickup and use of garbage truck from Cornwall while village garbage trucks were down for repairs. \*\*Used their truck for approximately 2-1/2 weeks when needed\*\*
20. Salt, plow roads and shovel/salt sidewalks for winter weather event on 12/23/25
21. Snow removal operations downtown from winter event on 12/23/25
22. Salt, plow roads and shovel/salt sidewalks for winter weather event on 12/26/25-12/27/25
23. Snow removal operations downtown from winter event on 12/26/25-12/27/25
24. Salt roads for freezing rain event on 12/28/25
25. Haul in item 4 to replenish stock in bin
26. Repair street lights out on Belmont Court
27. Salt roads and sidewalks from winter weather event on 1/1/26
28. Remove snowflakes and ornaments and store for the season
29. Remove lights from pine tree in the square
30. Remove lights from police station
31. Remove and store manger at DPW for the season
32. Remove decorations from the fountain and from the planters downtown
33. Install grip tape on stairs @ Village Hall
34. Begin picking up Christmas trees throughout the village
35. Fix window in kitchen @ Village Hall
36. Drop off and pick up G2 from repairs at Sanitation Equipment
37. Spot salt w/ DPW15 after various winter events
38. Push off snow and leaves at compost area on West Main Street Ext

## **SHOP**

1. Continue large and small truck inspections
2. Replace strap for sucker tube on old leaf machine
3. Install new tires on DPW04
4. Replace #2 injector on G3
5. Repair and service trash pump
6. Fix leaking hydraulic fitting on G2
7. Tires for DPW01
8. Grease and tighten chains on sanders
9. Grease fittings on backhoe
10. Replace water pump and fix radiator on Ford 575D backhoe
11. Repair rear door on vac truck
12. Grease and maintain vac truck
13. Replace C/V shaft on DPW12
14. Replace belt on Snapper snow blower
15. Replace batteries in Trojan loader
16. Replace leaking o-ring on John Deere loader and degrease entire machine
17. DPW01 to Goshen Collision for repairs
18. Repair tailgate on DPW12
19. Service PD359
20. Replace battery in Building Inspector's car
21. Replace bake booster on DPW17
22. Replace rear tire on G2
23. Plow Repairs from multiple storms
  - a.) Angle cylinder on DPW15
  - b.) Plow wiring and curb shoes on DPW02 plow
  - c.) Replace cutting edge bolts on DPW04 and DPW08
  - d.) Replace plow power wire on DPW01
  - e.) Replace hydraulic hose on DPW09
  - f.) Replace plow power wires on DPW12, DPW14 and DPW16
  - g.) Replace plow power wire, hoses frame bolts on DPW17

## **WATER**

1. Normal operations
2. Mix lagoons for removal of sludge

3. Water main break at the intersection of Scotchtown Ave and Murray Ave on 12/12/25
4. Rebuild water meter setting for Salesian Park
5. Repair water leak on Jackson Lane on 12/22/25, 1/3/26 (Initially thought to be valve open; however, leak detection contractor located leak and was repaired on 1/3/26)
6. Water service repair @ 24 Wickham Avenue on 12/22/25-12/23/25
7. Final water meter readings
8. Water meter leak letter appointments
9. Water meter profiling appointments
10. Water main break near 28 Scotchtown Ave on 1/5/26

**SEWER**

1. Normal operations
2. Annual pump station cleaning w/ DTH Septic
3. Sewer service backup @ Village Hall- Worked w/ A Plus Sewer Service

Police Chief Rich reported that the holiday parade went well, and there is not another large event scheduled until the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Chief Rich advised that now is a good time for the officers to participate in training opportunities. In addition, Chief Rich reported that accidents have increased primarily due to winter weather. He went on to say that the DPW has done a great job with our roads and the accidents more have to do with drivers. Lastly, he shared that the new records management system went live on January 1 and asked everyone to be patient with the transition.

**Mayor and Trustee Comments**

Mayor O’Donnell recognized the Police Department for all their hard work and recent commendations, and Chief Rich thanked Mayor O’Donnell for the National Law Enforcement Day recognition.

**Citizens’ Comments**

There were no comments received from the public.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Hand, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Gurda	aye
Hand	aye
O’Donnell	aye
Rouis	aye
Wohl	aye