

Village Board Meeting
February 9, 2026

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

Also present: Village Clerk Darby, Attorney Donovan, 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 Gurda, the February 9, 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 January 12, 2026, Village Board Meeting were accepted.

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

Items of Business

1. Appoint Election Inspectors

RESOLUTION 5 of 2026

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR THE 2026 VILLAGE ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Village election is scheduled for March 18, 2026; and

WHEREAS, four inspectors are needed, one of which will be Chairperson of the elections; and

WHEREAS, Village Hall staff reviewed a list of eligible inspectors and received recommendations from other inspectors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the appointment of Donna Drybred, Election Inspector, Chairperson, Sharon Lunden, Election Inspector, Caren Gollub, Election Inspector, and Steven Gollub, Election Inspectors and it is further

RESOLVED, that the appointment of the above Election Inspectors is specifically subject to the following:

1. Compensation for the Chairperson of \$250.00; and
2. Compensation for the three Election Inspectors of \$200.00.

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 February 9, 2026.

2. Abstract #8 of Fiscal Year 2025-2026

RESOLUTION 6 of 2026

A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 8 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/25 – 5/31/26 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 26190 THROUGH 26281 TOTALING \$1,653,572.83

WHEREAS, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract Number 8 for fiscal year 2025/2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 26190 through 26281; and
2. Abstract number 8 in the amount of \$1,653,572.83.

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 February 9, 2026.

3. Abstract #9 of Fiscal Year 2025-2026

RESOLUTION 9 of 2026

A RESOLUTION APPROVING GOSHEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO USE THE VILLAGE GREEN FOR GREAT AMERICAN WEEKEND AND PLACING SIGNAGE ON THE VILLAGE GREEN TO PROMOTE THE EVENT

WHEREAS, a letter was received from the Goshen Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the event will take place on July 4-5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Goshen Chamber would like to post signs for the event on the Village Green; 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:

- The use of the Village Green by the Goshen Chamber of Commerce to place signs for their event, Great American Weekend, July 4-5, 2026;
 - Signs will be placed June 5, 2026 and taken down July 8, 2026
- Subject to review by DPW and Police Department.

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 February 9, 2026.

4. Use of Village Property Request – Orange Ulster Boces Special Education Graduation

RESOLUTION 8 of 2026

A RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF THE VILLAGE GREEN FOR ORANGE-ULSTER BOCES GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

**COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ON JUNE 22, 2026 WITH SETUP STARTING AT 4PM
ON JUNE 21, 2026**

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

WHEREAS, the event will take place on June 22, 2026 at 8:00am for approximately four hours, with setup taking place on June 21, 2026 after 4:00pm; and

WHEREAS, Orange-Ulster Boces agrees to setup and breakdown for the event; and

WHEREAS, the application and Certificate of Insurance has been provided; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

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

- The use of the Village Green by Orange-Ulster Boces for their graduation ceremony on June 22, 2026 starting at 8:00am, with setup taking place on June 21, 2026 after 4:00pm; and
- Subject to review by DPW and Police Department.

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 February 9, 2026.

5. Use of Village Property Request – 2026 Goshen Chamber of Commerce for Great American Weekend

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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 February 9, 2026.

6. Air Quality Testing at Village Hall

RESOLUTION 10 of 2026

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FROM QUALITY ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS & TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (QuES&T) TO CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL AIR QUALITY TESTING SERVICES AT VILLAGE HALL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,445.00

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen would like to have various environmental air quality tests conducted; and

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk obtained two proposals, and a third was not possible after calling numerous companies who did not perform the same testing as the other two vendors;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen Mayor is authorized to sign the proposal from QuES&T dated 1/15/26 in the amount of \$3,445.00.

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 February 9, 2026.

7. Tank Inspections for Water/Sewer Department

RESOLUTION 11 of 2026

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TANK INSPECTIONS FOR THE WATER SEWER DEPARTMENT THROUGH STATEWIDE AQUASTORE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000.00

WHEREAS, there is required service and maintenance of the existing tanks in the Water/Sewer Department; and

WHEREAS, there is a sole source of the maintenance for the tanks; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen Board of Trustees authorizes entering into an agreement with Statewide Aquastore for Tank Service and Maintenance of Tank Models 3434, MIP 8950654; Model 3183, MIP 8032406; Model 6444, MIP 1608967, in the amount of \$6,000.00.

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 February 9, 2026.

8. Accept Grant Funding for Village of Goshen Police Department

RESOLUTION 12 of 2026

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FOR THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE NEW YORK STATE FISCAL YEAR 2022 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen Police Department applied for funding through the JAG Program; and

WHEREAS, the application submitted by the Police Department was approved for funding in the amount of \$75,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen Board of Trustees accepts grant funding through the JAG Program in the amount of \$75,000.00; and

it is further

RESOLVED, that the Police Department is authorized to make program approved purchases for items such as the purchase of a UTV, light tower, ballistic shields, and accessories for the Department up to the amount of \$75,000.00; and

it is further

RESOLVED, that the Police Department will submit required paperwork for reimbursement of the expended costs to the grantor.

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 February 9, 2026.

9. Peddlers Permit Application for St. Patrick's Parade

RESOLUTION 13 of 2026

A RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE VILLAGE CLERK TO ISSUE A PEDDLERS' LICENSE TO MR. DRAGUNOFF AS HE FULFILLED ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH PERMIT FOR THE MID-HUDSON ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ON MARCH 15, 2026

WHEREAS, Howard Dragunoff, of Action Enterprises, Woodbridge CT, has applied for a permit for the peddling of balloons and novelties on March 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dragunoff has fulfilled the requirements for obtaining such a permit, and has paid the applicable fees and posted the required bond, as required by Chapter 14, Article II of the Code of the Village of Goshen;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board of the Village of Goshen directs the Village Clerk to issue the requested Peddlers' License to Mr. Dragunoff.

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 February 9, 2026.

10. Emergency Roof Repair at Village Hall

RESOLUTION 14 of 2026

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSAL FROM PRECISION ROOFING FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE ROOF AT VILLAGE HALL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,975.00

WHEREAS, Village Hall is in need of emergency roof repairs; and

WHEREAS, a quote was received from Precision Roofing for the emergency repairs;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen Mayor is authorized to sign the proposal from Precision Roofing dated 1/23/26 in the amount of \$6,975.00.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Hand. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 9, 2026.

Department Head Comments

Chief Rich reported that on January 14 a pedestrian was struck at one of the busiest sidewalks, and since then there have been discussions and a meeting with New York State Department of Transportation. A structure fire on Wickham Avenue on January 21 left a family with assistance from the America Red Cross. In addition, Chief is preparing the 2026-2027 budget and prepping for the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade.

DPW Superintendent B. Morgiewicz reported on the major activities of the Department of Public Works from January 13, 2026 through February 6, 2026 for the February 9, 2026 Board meeting.

Streets

1. Tree trimming throughout the Village
2. Finish picking up leaves throughout the Village
3. Salt, plow roads and shovel/salt sidewalks from winter weather event on 1/17/26
4. Salt, plow roads and shovel/salt sidewalks from winter weather event on 1/18/26
5. Snow removal operations downtown from winter storm events on 1/17/26 & 1/18/26
6. Collect Christmas trees throughout the Village
7. Wash Trucks (Various Days)
8. Clear parking spots in Village owned parking lots from various storm events
9. Prepare tire chains and plows for large snow storm
10. Fix 2 cracked windows in mechanic's shop
11. Salt Wickham Ave from icy conditions resulting from house fire
12. Wash and grease sanders
13. Haul snow out of cul-de-sacs in preparation for large snow storm
14. Salt, plow roads and shovel/salt sidewalks from major winter weather event on 1/25/26-1/26/26
15. Salt roads and from winter weather event on 1/27/26
16. Snow removal operations downtown from major winter storm event on 1/25/26-1/26/26
17. Haul snow from cul-de-sacs after major winter storm event
18. Push up snow at compost area where all snow being hauled is dumped
19. Shovel and salt sidewalk outside Post Office @ PD request
20. Snow blow and salt sidewalks on South Street bridge and Greenwich Ave.
21. Curb snow out from mailboxes throughout the Village
22. Clean breakroom, offices and bathroom @ DPW garage
23. Curb snow out on Murray Ave @ PD request to widen road
24. Curb and haul snow out on Court Lane @ request of the County to widen road
25. Plow access road to Hilltop water tower, Greenhill reservoir
26. Plow a section of Salesian Park for an extra snow dumping area
27. Curb snow out on Middle St. to widen road
28. Temporarily shore up catch basin in front of PD @ request of PD
29. Shovel out around fire hydrants throughout the village

Shop

1. Repair tipper hoses on G3
2. Replace truck side plow wiring harness on DPW01
3. Repair door and hinges on chipper
4. Replace brakes on left front tandem on G1
5. Adjust sander chains on DPW06, DPW07, DPW17
6. Service on PD364
7. Replace right side mirror on DPW05
8. Repair hydraulic leaks on plow of DPW01
9. Install "V" in sander and fix spotlight on DPW07
10. Adjust clutch and brakes on DPW06
11. Grease loaders and backhoe
12. Pick up plow parts from RTS in Honesdale, PA
13. Check engine light on DPW09 caused by throttle pedal
14. Cut curb shoes for various trucks
15. Check engine light for G1
16. Replace truck side plow wiring harness on DPW16

17. Repair cracked windshield washer tubing on SS03
18. Weld cracks in plow frame on DPW12
19. Install curb shoes on various trucks
20. Repair 2 separate coolant hoses on G1
21. Replace plow angle cylinder on DPW15
22. Fix solenoid wiring on DPW06 after no start
23. Replace taillight on DPW04
24. Fix brake pedal on John Deere loader
25. Replace and weld new curl linkage and pin on Ford 575D backhoe
26. Replace beacon light on DPW17
27. Replace beacon light on DPW08
28. Replace two rear tires on DPW12
29. Replace front tires on DPW14
30. Full service on DPW14
31. Drill out broken bolt and repair seat back on G2
32. Weld cross braces on DPW12 plow and DPW14 plow
33. Mount and install 2 rear tires on G1
34. Test shifter and order parts after diagnosis for John Deer Loader
35. Fix driver's side door lock mechanism on Sewer Truck.
36. Full service on PD354
37. Repair strobe lights on Sewer Truck
38. Repair plow pump mounts on DPW12 plow

WATER

1. Normal operations
2. Water Main break on W. Main Street by the Pharmacy on 1/16/26
3. Quarterly water meter readings
4. Final water meter readings
5. Shut water off @ 65 Wickham after house fire
6. Shut water off @ 87 Golden Hill Ave. for a broken pipe

SEWER

1. Normal operations

Village Clerk Darby reported on the following items:

- Village Hall Updates
 - Plan for moving staff in the event work needs to be done
 - Obtained quotes for air quality testing
 - Final walk through for new boiler
 - Worked on record retention plan for 3rd floor
- Village Clerk's Office
 - Staff working with Orange County Human Resources and Mayor O'Donnell reclassifying positions with proper titles
 - H. Gale attended the civil service training
 - Posting of available positions
 - FOIL's
 - ZBA Meeting
 - Website updates
 - Annual water/sewer relevy
 - 1st period water/sewer reading and billing
 - Purchased translators for 1st and 2nd floor to assist non-English speaking constituents when they come to Village Hall
 - Preparation for the 2026-2027 budget

Mayor and Trustee Comments

Trustees Gurda, Rouis and Wohl applauded the Department of Public Works for all of their work.

Citizens' Comments

Legislator Redeker attended the meeting and wanted to take a moment to introduce himself as he is the newly elected legislator for our district. He shared that his thought is people before politics and wanted to make himself available.

Marcia Mattheus spoke to raise the issue of a proposed solar farm in the Town of Goshen. She is looking to the Village Board for their help to protect our water supply, which is near the proposed solar farm. Mayor O'Donnell stated she will share this information with Lanc & Tully so they can review it further.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Wohl, the Village Board went into an Executive Session for Attorney-Client Privileged Discussion.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Wohl, the Executive Session for Attorney-Client Privileged Discussion concluded at 7:35 pm.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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