

Village Board Meeting
August 22, 2011

Members present: Mayor Roddey, Trustees Char, Mattheus, Smith, and Stewart

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Engineer Tully, and Village Clerk Strobl

Mayor Roddey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, the Agenda was accepted as presented.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Steward	aye

Mayor Roddey read the following Legal Notice:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen, New York, will hold a Public Hearing at Village Hall, 276 Main Street, Goshen, New York, on August 22, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon after as may be heard, to consider the adoption of a Local Law amending Chapter 54, Article V, Division 2, Section 54-205 by the addition of the following area to be designated as "No Parking at any Time": Murray Ave, the south side, from the intersection of Scotchtown Avenue to the entrance to the Harness Estates Subdivision.

The Village of Goshen will make every effort to assure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or accommodations should contact the Village Clerk.

By Order of the Village Board of Trustees
Village of Goshen
Margaret G. Strobl, Village Clerk

Mayor Roddey provided background information of the basis for the Local Law.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Public Hearing to consider the adoption of Local Law #2 of 2011 was opened at 7:33 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

The following residents commented on the proposed Local Law:

Charles Quigg called it an imposition on his side of the street, and questioned what residents should do when having parties.

Don Hoffmann stated that the bigger problem is at the top of the hill, where there shouldn't be any parking on either side.

Len Lobreglio questioned what safety concerns were present now that didn't exist before, and whether the change would cause more parking on lawns.

Ruth Quigg noted that traffic congestion was caused not only by the school buses, but also by parents picking up children from school.

Carol Lobreglio stated that in terms of esthetics of the Village, some areas have too many “no parking” signs, which do not look good on a street.

Kathleen Paoli, a newer resident, said that she and her husband purchased their new home partly because of the on-street parking, and questioned whether the “no parking” could be in effect just during school hours.

Ed Connor noted that one issue is that there is too much speeding on that section of Murray Avenue, and that the Board might want to consider removing the stop sign.

Fran Hoffmann informed the Board that the situation at the crest of the hill becomes even more dangerous when there is snow piled on both sides of the street.

Joel Markowitz said that he didn’t think that “no parking” on one side of the street is ever a good idea, and that in his opinion it doesn’t work.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Board voted to end the Public Hearing at 7:56 p.m., and to have a ten day period during which written comment can be received.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Minutes

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Minutes of the August 8, 2011 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	abstain (absent on August 8, 2011)
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, the Minutes of the April 15, 2011 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Communications

Mayor Roddey read a letter from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society requesting to hold their “Light the Night Walk” on October 15, 2011.

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Stewart, permission for the event was granted, pending insurance paperwork, and reimbursement for necessary Police overtime costs.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor Roddey reviewed Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal applications from Bistro Lilly and Jon Angelos LLC.

Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2011/2012 numbers 6 and 7, check numbers 2061 through 2193 in the amount of \$284,207.49.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Trustee Smith moved the following, which was seconded by Trustee Char:

WHEREAS, Friendly Ice Cream Corporation has heretofore filed a proceeding in the Supreme Court of Orange County pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law seeking to contest the assessment imposed on their real property located at 31 Matthews Street in the Village of Goshen, which property is designated on the tax map as Section 119, Block 1, Lot 1.21; and

WHEREAS, the duties of assessing real property in the Village for purposes of real property taxation are vested with the Assessor's office for the Town of Goshen; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Goshen and their Assessor have heretofore determined that it is in the best interests of all parties that the proceeding commenced by Friendly Ice Cream Corporation, be settled and compromised; and

WHEREAS, the Village is in receipt of a Consent Judgment duly signed and approved by the attorneys representing the Town of Goshen, the attorneys representing the Petitioner and the Office of the Orange County Attorney which Consent Judgment has been approved by the Honorable Catherine M. Bartlett, Supreme Court Justice; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms and provisions of said Consent Judgment the Village is obligated to refund certain tax amounts heretofore paid by Friendly Ice Cream Corporation;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that pursuant to said Consent Judgment the Village Board hereby directs the Village Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$2,322.12 and to deliver the same to Friendly Ice Cream Corporation as provided for in said Consent Judgment.

Upon a roll call vote with 4 Trustees voting in favor and 0 Trustees voting against the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Mattheus advised that the "Friends of Maplewood" had purchased a rug for under the table in the Mayor's Office.

Trustee Mattheus provided the Board with a summary, written by Jim Ullrich, of recent meetings with the County regarding the CRV wells.

Trustee Stewart noted that Superintendent Nuzzolese and his crew continue to do a wonderful job.

Trustee Char stated that school opens on Tuesday, September 6th and that motorists are advised to allow extra time for congested streets and be aware of increased pedestrian activity with many students walking to and from school or bus stops.

Mayor Roddey expressed best wishes to all residents who are in the process of returning to college.

Engineer Tully provided an update of the sewer trunk line replacement within the Heritage Trail right of way.

Citizens' Comments

Joel Markowitz asked questions about an Orange County Water Authority leak study, the removal of contaminated dirt, and a consent order.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye