

Village Board Meeting
November 14, 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 Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Char, the Agenda was accepted with the addition of Items of Business #7 – 2011 Community Development Block Grant.

Minutes

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the October 24, 2011 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	abstain (absent on 10/24/11)
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the November 7, 2011 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Communications

Mayor Roddey read a letter from Thomas Heinzelman, Interim Asst. Principal/Director of Athletics for Goshen Central High School, commending the Police Department for assistance during homecoming festivities.

The Board reviewed a request from Rabbi Meir Borenstein, of Chabad Center of Orange County, for a Menorah lighting to be held December 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the request was given provisional approval, pending receipt of the necessary insurance certificate.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor Roddey read a letter from the Rev. Thomas Dicks, of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, requesting permission for a procession on December 11, 2011, in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the event was approved, pending receipt of the necessary paperwork.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

Mayor Roddey read a letter from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee announcing an award of \$1,100 to the Village of Goshen to participate in the statewide "BUCKLE UP NEW YORK!" campaign.

Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Stewart, Cynthia Ceconello and Michael Nuzzolese are hereby authorized to attend the Hudson Valley Water Works Conference on November 17, 2011 at the IBEW Hall in Harriman, NY. It is understood that the total cost of this training is \$70.00, and that 5.0 training hours will be awarded to each participant towards recertification.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Village of Goshen will allow free parking in the downtown area from November 25, 2011, through January 1, 2012.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby adopts the following schedule for meetings during 2012:

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen, New York, will hold Meetings in 2012 at the Village Hall, 276 Main Street, Goshen, NY at 7:30 p.m. on the following dates:

January 9	May 14	September 24
January 23	June 11	October 22
February 13	June 25	November 26
February 27	July 9	December 10
March 12	July 23	
March 26	August 13	
April 9	August 27	
April 23	September 10	

The Board of Trustees will hold Work Sessions in 2012 at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

February 6	May 21	August 20
March 5	June 4	October 1
March 19	June 18	October 15
April 2	July 2	November 5
April 16	July 16	November 19
May 7	August 6	December 3
		December 17

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Char, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2011/2012 number 12, check numbers 2412 through 2495, and wire transfers 12 through 14 in the amount of \$1,344,133.61.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

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

WHEREAS, 124 Goshen Partners, L.L.C. 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 South Street, in the Village of Goshen, which property is designated on the tax map as Section 120, Block 1, Lot 3.1, Section 120, Block 1, Lot 3.3, Section 123, Block 1, Lot 1.11, Section 123, Block 1, Lot 2, and Section 123, Block 1, Lot 3; 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 124 Goshen Partners, L.L.C., 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 124 Goshen Partners, L.L.C.;

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 \$95,510.71 and to deliver the same to 124 Goshen Partners, L.L.C., as provided for in said Consent Judgment.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, authorization is hereby granted for the Village to advertise for bids for the provision of solid waste disposal services.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

Mayor Roddey announced the Village's award of a \$75,000 Community Development Block Grant for the purpose of sewer infrastructure improvements. The Mayor thanked the County and Lanc & Tully Engineering.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Mayor was authorized to execute the FY-2011 Community Development Municipal Agreement.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Mattheus noted that she is in contact with NYSEG regarding the state of the village streets on which they have worked. She also noted several clothing collection bins have recently appeared throughout the village, which needs to be investigated.

Trustee Mattheus agreed to discuss the issue with the Building Inspector.

Trustee Stewart reported for the DPW that fall leaf pick up has started and residents need to separate leaf piles from branches that were lost through storm damage.

Trustee Stewart noted that there was a terrific turnout for the Veterans' Day observance, and thanked Sureskys for their most-generous and successful Veteran's luncheon.

Trustee Char reminded residents that effective November 1st there is no parking on village streets from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Violators will have their vehicles ticketed and towed.

Mayor Roddey commended Sureskys for their great event honoring Veterans.

Mayor Roddey noted that the smoke testing sewer study would be starting on the 15th and turned the meeting over to Engineer Tully to describe the process.

Mayor Roddey announced that the dirt pile has now been fully removed, and offered thanks to all those who had worked diligently throughout the long process.

Citizens' Comments

Neil Hickok asked when West Main Street would be smoke-tested, and whether anyone on the Board had received a letter regarding occupying Goshen.

Resident Gary Ayd discussed a drainage problem he has experienced at his property. Mayor Roddey will review the issue with Superintendent Nuzzolese.

Rory Brady asked about the Board's position regarding the property tax cap.

Joel Markowitz informed the Board about the recent Town of Goshen budget Public Hearing, and asked questions about a consent order and notices of claims received since the flood.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Board entered into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. for a discussion of personnel and arbitration with the Town.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye