

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

Absent: Trustee Mattheus

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Engineer O'Rourke, 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 Smith, the Agenda was accepted as presented.

Mayor Roddey read the following:

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 January 23, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon after as may be heard, to consider the adoption of a Local Law amending Chapter 54-6, Article I, of the Code of the Village of Goshen, entitled *impoundment, redemption of vehicles*.

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

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Public Hearing to consider Local Law #1 of 2012 was opened at 7:32 p.m.

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| Char | aye |
| Mattheus | absent |
| Smith | aye |
| Stewart | aye |

Ray Simpson thanked the Board for acknowledging the need to increase towing and storage charges.

Reynell Andrews stated that the storage charge seems a little high, and asked if all towing companies had secure lots. He also asked how they control who gets the tow, and Trustee Char explained the rotation system.

Joel Markowitz said that he feels \$65.00 per day for parking seems like a lot.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

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| Char | aye |
| Mattheus | absent |
| Smith | aye |
| Stewart | aye |

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Minutes of the January 9, 2012 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

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| Char | aye |
| Mattheus | absent |
| Smith | aye |
| Stewart | aye |

Communications

Mayor Roddey read a letter from the Scotchtown Avenue Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization requesting placement of a temporary sign in the Village Square.

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Char, permission for the sign was granted.

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| Char | aye |
| Mattheus | absent |
| Smith | aye |
| Stewart | aye |

Mayor Roddey read a request from Msgr. Byrnes of John S. Burke Catholic High School, for a sign acknowledging the 2010 – 2011 Class B Boys' Basketball State Champions.

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Char, permission for the sign was granted.

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| Char | aye |
| Mattheus | absent |
| Smith | aye |
| Stewart | aye |

The applicant will be directed to contact the Building Inspector for location setting.

Mayor Roddey reviewed a letter from the Goshen Fire Department, which listed plans for the Triennial Inspection, Parade, and related events, scheduled for September, 2012. It was noted that the Joint Recreation Commission has already been made aware that there will be no use of Erie Street Fields from September 6th through September 8th.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the Fire Department's events were approved as presented.

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| Char | aye |
| Mattheus | absent |
| Smith | aye |
| Stewart | aye |

Mayor Roddey read a letter from the Campaign Manager of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, requesting permission to hold the "Light the Night" walk on Saturday, October 20th from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, approval was granted for the walk, contingent upon reimbursement of all costs associated with the event.

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| Char | aye |
| Mattheus | absent |
| Smith | aye |
| Stewart | aye |

Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2011/2012 number 20, check numbers 2817 through 2854, and wire transfer 15, in the amount of \$2,503,458.80.

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| Char | aye |
| Mattheus | absent |
| Smith | aye |
| Stewart | aye |

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a proposal from Lanc & Tully Engineering and Surveying, P.C., to perform a topographic and location survey of the Village of Goshen Dam at Reservoir #1, Tax Lot 15-1-5 in the Town of Goshen. The fee for these services, as described in a proposal dated January 6, 2012, is \$5,400.00.

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| Char | aye |
| Mattheus | absent |
| Smith | aye |
| Stewart | aye |

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

WHEREAS, the State of New York has passed and signed into law the Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee Assessment Relief Act; and

WHEREAS, this law allows taxing jurisdictions to provide relief to owners of properties that were "catastrophically impacted" by the storms; and

WHEREAS, the local taxing jurisdiction must pass a local resolution that makes available the provisions of this legislation to taxpayers;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen opts to extend the terms and benefits of the Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee Assessment Relief Act to taxpayers of the Village of Goshen.

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| Char | aye |
| Mattheus | absent |
| Smith | aye |
| Stewart | aye |

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Char, the Village of Goshen hereby adopts the Village of Goshen Police Department Vehicle Towing Policy and Procedure.

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| Char | aye |
| Mattheus | absent |
| Smith | aye |
| Stewart | aye |

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Village Board of the Village of Goshen, as lead agency, hereby issues a negative declaration pursuant to the applicable provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, set forth at 6NYCRR Part 617 *et seq.*, in the action: adoption of Local Law #1 of 2012.

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| Char | aye |
| Mattheus | absent |
| Smith | aye |
| Stewart | aye |

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

WHEREAS, the Village Board for the Village of Goshen has heretofore conducted a public hearing on proposed Local Law #1 of 2012 entitled “amending Section 54-6 of Article 1 of the Code of the Village of Goshen, entitled *impoundment, redemption of vehicles* ; and

WHEREAS, the said public hearing has been closed; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has received, heard and reviewed all public comment provided during the public hearing process;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby adopts Local Law #1 of 2012.

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| Char | aye |
| Mattheus | absent |
| Smith | aye |
| Stewart | aye |

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Stewart reported that crews were plowing over the weekend following a snow storm Saturday morning.

Trustee Char urged drivers to slow down while driving in school zones.

Trustee Smith explained a recent electrical problem at the Senior Center which was caused by a blown transformer.

Mayor Roddey noted that crews repaired a water service leak at 202 Greenwich Avenue, and that the sewer trunk line replacement continues to move ahead.

Citizens' Comments

Rory Brady asked questions about the new law requiring availability of records prior to open meetings.

Joel Markowitz noted that he had a number of very specific suggestions regarding the website. He then asked questions about bonding on the soil pile, consolidated aggregate cost of soil removal, procedures to comply with the new open meetings law, a hydrologist, the transformer at the senior center, false alarm fine assessments, and municipal parking lot signage.

Reynell Andrews asked questions about fire hydrant maintenance.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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| Char | aye |
| Mattheus | absent |
| Smith | aye |
| Stewart | aye |