

Village Board Meeting
February 27, 2012

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

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 Mattheus, the Agenda was accepted with the following additions: Communications #2 – Goshen Restoration Letter regarding Harriman Fountain; Communications #3 – The Hambletonian Marathon; Items of Business #9 – Electricity Supplier.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	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 February 27, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon after as may be heard, to consider approval of the installation of a handicap parking space at the front west side of 252 Main Street, (109-5-1).

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 Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the Public Hearing was opened at 7:32 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Michael McGovern of LAN Associates, owner of the building at 252 Main Street, spoke about the reason for the requested handicap parking space. He explained that a tenant of the building has an employee who has difficulty gaining access to the building with designated spaces only in the rear parking lot.

Attorney Donovan explained that the decision whether or not to install the space will be made by the NYS Department of Transportation, but that they first need the Village's endorsement.

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Char, the Board resolved to contact the New York State Department of Transportation requesting a handicap parking space at the front west side of 252 Main Street, (109-5-1), as requested by the building owner, LAN Associates.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the February 6, 2012 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, the Minutes of the February 13, 2012 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the February 21, 2012 Special Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

Communications

Mayor Roddey reviewed a letter from Brownie Troop 103 of the Sarah Wells Girl Scout Unit, informing that March 12th marks the 100th year of Girl Scouts in the United States.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, the Board officially declared March 12, 2012 "Girl Scout Day" in the Village of Goshen, New York.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

Mayor Roddey read a letter from Goshen Restoration Unlimited, Inc., requesting matching funds of \$5,000 towards restoration of the Harriman fountain. Following discussion it was determined that although a financial commitment could not be made, the Village would offer the services of the Department of Public Works, and assistance in raising funds.

Mayor Roddey read a letter from the co-director of the proposed Hambletonian Marathon, scheduled to take place on October 20, 2013.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, provisional approval for the event was granted, contingent upon reimbursement for all Village over-time costs, and approval of plans for safety precautions in other municipalities effected by the run.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Items of Business

Trustee Smith offered the following Resolution, and moved its adoption:

Resolved: to authorize the surplusing of the following vehicle:

2000 Jeep	VIN 1J4GW48S9PYC24363
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The foregoing Resolution was seconded by Trustee Char, and a vote resulted as follows:

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

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

WHEREAS, Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that town and village justices annually provide their court records and dockets to their respective town and village auditing boards, and that such records then be examined or audited and that fact be entered into the minutes of the board's proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Court System's *Action Plan for the Justice Courts*, announced November 2006, includes initiatives to improve accountability and controls over Justice Court finances and records, including an increased monitoring of town and village board compliance with section 2019-a; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen acknowledges that the required audit has been conducted by Michael Vernieri, CPA, and delivered to the Village on February 16, 2012.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Smith, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2011/2012 number 22, check numbers 2946 through 3031, in the amount of \$448,028.95.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Smith, Manuel A. Orellana and Michael Sullivan are hereby authorized to attend the Hudson Valley Water Works Conference Seminar in Montgomery NY on March 15, 2012. It is understood that the cost for the training will be \$60.00 for both employees, and that 3.5 contact hours will be awarded towards both water and wastewater license recertification.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the hourly salary of part-time Clerk Haroulla Gale is hereby adjusted to \$14.00 per hour, effective this date.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

The following was moved by Trustee Char, and seconded by Trustee Smith:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen, ("Board"), hereby suspends employee No. 2-17-2012, without pay, effective for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days pending the disposition of the disciplinary charges preferred against the employee.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	nay

The following was moved by Trustee Char, and seconded by Trustee Smith:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen, ("Board"), hereby appoints Joseph Wooley to serve as the hearing officer to conduct the Section 75 disciplinary hearing of employee No. 2-17-2012.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor Roddey reported that the Signage Committee will appear at the next Work Session to present proposed updates to the Village Code.

Mayor Roddey explained the recent process of obtaining bids for electricity supply.

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Char, the Board agreed to accept the lowest bid for electricity supply and sign a one-year contract with Direct Energy, brokered by M & R Energy Resources, Corp.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Mattheus noted that O & R tree crews had returned to the Village to take down the remaining dangerous trees.

Trustee Mattheus received Board approval to once again contact NYSEG to discuss the sub-par repairs being made on Village streets.

Trustee Stewart reported the following recent activities of the DPW: crews have been out cold patching on a regular basis; crews have been cutting trees and brush around the Greenhill Reservoir Dam; parking meters have been emptied and batteries have been changed; crews were out plowing and salting the streets on February 24th; and crews were called out on Saturday, February 25th because of trees that fell on Fletcher Street due to high winds in the area.

Trustee Char announced that the 2012 Orange County St. Patrick's Day Parade will be Sunday, March 11th, beginning at 2:00 p.m. He expressed thanks to the organizers for understanding the Village's financial condition and agreeing to reimburse for overtime incurred.

Mayor Roddey reported on the Public Hearing, held earlier in the day, regarding the Orange County Government Center. The hope is that a decision about replacing or refurbishing the County building will be made quickly.

Mayor Roddey noted the Village's strong support of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, and commended the committee on their recent successful fundraiser.

Citizens' comments were received from Ray Rooney and Joel Markowitz.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye