

Village Board Meeting  
July 22, 2013

Members present: Mayor Roddey, Trustees Char, Gurda, 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 Smith, seconded by Trustee Char, the Agenda was accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Public Hearing – Local Law #3, 2013

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 July 22, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon after as may be heard, to consider the adoption of a Local Law to amend Chapter 10 of the Code of the Village of Goshen by the addition of Article V: Property Maintenance.

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 Smith, the Public Hearing on Local Law #4 of 2013 was opened at 7:33 p.m.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Joel Markowitz asked that the phrase unoccupied or occupied be amended to occupied because requiring snow removal from vacant properties within the Village places an undue burden on the property owner, who is already paying taxes without getting much back in the way of services. Where a property is vacant or undeveloped, it doesn't seem right that the sidewalks should become a burden.

He also noted that, because of the nature of his family's property, plows pile the snow up and there is nowhere to put the snow.

He concluded that the Village has made the minimum requirements of the law and 'we deserve more'. He urged the Village to do better by further advertising prior to a Public Hearing.

Reynell Andrews asked why the Law was needed when the current code covers removal of snow and ice already, under section 42-59.

It was explained that the proposed Law would provide a better method for enforcement.

Mr. Andrews asked if the section of the code had been tested as it has been in the code book for many years. He also noted that the 15-day period to remove snow was too long, and that the snow should be cleared within 24 hours.

Chris McClelland asked if compliance was a landlord's job or a tenant's.

Attorney Donovan explained that the Village could cite both if a case arose.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:48 p.m.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

#### Minutes

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the July 8, 2013 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Minutes of the July 15, 2013 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

#### Communications

Mayor Roddey read a letter from Steven Esposito, RLA, representing Beverage Plus, requesting a Conditional Certificate of Occupancy and listing non-public improvement cost estimates.

The Village Board hereby approves a cash Performance Bond, in the amount of \$23,769, for Beverage Plus, 112-12-6, for a Conditional Certificate of Occupancy. It is agreed that the work will be completed on or before September 6, 2013 to avoid revocation of the Certificate of Occupancy.

The foregoing was moved by Trustee Char, and seconded by Trustee Smith.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

## Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, 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 #4 of 2013.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Char, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen hereby adopts Local Law #4 of 2013, a Local Law to amend Chapter 10 of the Code of the Village of Goshen by the addition of Article V: Property Maintenance.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Gurda, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2013/2014 number 3, check numbers 5723 through 5797, for a total of \$443,881.17.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Char, Cynthia Ceconello is hereby authorized to attend the New York Rural Water Association Laboratory Seminar, to be held September 5, 2013, at the Ramada Inn in Fishkill NY. The total cost of this seminar is \$75.00 and the NYS DOH/DEC is expected to grant 6 contact hours toward recertification.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

## Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Gurda reported that crews repaired a 6" water main break on Webster Avenue, and that Prospect reservoir is -6" with the Green Hill pump on.

Mayor Roddey read a memorandum from the Hon. Rory K. Brady, informing the Board that effective September 4, 2013, the Village of Goshen Court will be moving to a late afternoon, early evening court calendar. Judge Brady cited efficiency, accessibility and safety as the chief reasons for the change.

Mayor Roddey announced that the Harriman Fountain rededication will be held July 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m., and commended Goshen Restoration for the success of their project.

## Citizens Comments

Comments were received from Joel Markowitz.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye