

Village Board Meeting
April 13, 2015

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

Member absent: Trustee Gurda

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Village Clerk Strobl, Chief Watt, and Superintendent Birney

Mayor Roddey opened the Meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Char	aye
Gurda	absent
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

Public Hearing – 2015/2016 Village Budget

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Char, the Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for the Village of Goshen, for fiscal year 2015/2016 was opened at 7:01 p.m.

Char	aye
Gurda	absent
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

Marcia Mattheus asked questions about raises, and the location of certain line items. She also asked the percentage of the raises for the Department of Public Works employees. Mayor Roddey answered that, by contract, this year's increase would be 1.5%.

There was no further public comment.

On a motion by Trustee Nuzzolese, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:02 p.m.

Char	aye
Gurda	absent
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

Minutes

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Minutes of the March 23, 2015 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Gurda	absent
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the April 6, 2015 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Gurda	absent
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

Communications

Mayor Roddey read a letter from Terry Smallin, the Executive Director of the Goshen Chamber of Commerce, requesting permission to use the DPW parking lot on Friday, May 1st, for the annual electronic equipment recovery day.

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

Char	aye
Gurda	absent
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Nuzzolese, Susan M. Heintz is hereby appointed part-time Clerk for the Village of Goshen at a salary of \$15.00 per hour.

This appointment is effective upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical exam and pre-employment paperwork, and will have a probationary period of six months.

Compensation for this position is not to exceed \$9,750.00 per year.

Char	aye
Gurda	absent
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

On a motion by Trustee Nuzzolese, seconded by Trustee Char, Timothy Cox is hereby authorized to attend the Hudson Valley Water Works' Grade A Compliant Lab Course, on June 3, 2015 at the Town of Wallkill Town Hall. The total cost of this training is \$75.00, and 5 contact hours will be awarded.

Char	aye
Gurda	absent
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	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 2014/2015 number 14, check numbers 8475 through 8605, in the amount of \$957,217.84.

Char	aye
Gurda	absent
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Village Board of the Village of Goshen, hereby resolves to hold a Public Hearing on May 11, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon after as may be heard, for the consideration of adoption of: Local Law #2 of 2015: A Local Law Amending Appendix A of the Code of the Village of Goshen entitled "Zoning".

Char	aye
Gurda	absent
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

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

The Mayor and Trustees of the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby attest that we have reviewed the Code of Ethics as it exists in the Village Code.

Char	aye
Gurda	absent
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

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

WHEREAS, Red Maple Holdings Corporation, the owner of certain real property located at 62-72 Fletcher Street in the Village of Goshen which property is designated on the tax map as Section 110, Block 4, Lot 1 has heretofore made application to the Village Planning Board for certain land use approvals; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Code of the Village of Goshen applicants for land use approvals are responsible to pay certain fees in the amounts, including professional consultants fees, as set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-163 of the Village Code, the Village Board is empowered to levy any unpaid fees; and

WHEREAS, multiple attempts have been made to collect the fees, in the amount of \$335.00, due from Red Maple Holdings Corporation, who has at all times refused and neglected to pay the amounts rightly due and owing to the Village of Goshen;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village determines to levy the unpaid fees owed by Red Maple Holdings Corporation to the Village of Goshen on the next Village tax bill regarding the real property known and designated as Section 110, Block 4, Lot 1 and the Village is hereby empowered to take any and all actions necessary and required to effectuate this Resolution.

Char	aye
Gurda	absent
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

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

WHEREAS, Goshen Foundry Ltd, 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 in the Village of Goshen, which property is designated on the tax map as Section 111, Block 9, Lot 18; 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 Goshen Foundry, Ltd, 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 Goshen Foundry, Ltd;

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 \$16,208.49, and to deliver the same to Savad Churgin, as attorneys for Petitioners, as provided for in said Consent Judgment.

Char	aye
Gurda	absent
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

Department of Public Works Superintendent Birney presented the Board with a proposal for one day per week garbage pickup. Following discussion the Board decided to seek opinions on the proposal from the public.

Mayor Roddey reviewed a proposal from Turner Miller Group, for the preparation of a Streetscape Improvement Plan.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, Mayor Roddey was authorized to approve the proposal, at a cost not to exceed \$11,000.

Char	aye
Gurda	absent
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Nuzzolese reported the following recent activities of the Water and Sewer Departments: both Prospect and Greenhill reservoirs are full; spot flushing of fire hydrants continues; the installation of radio read water meters is going well; and a failed sewer line at the Police Department was repaired.

Citizens' Comments

Comments were received from Marcia Mattheus.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Nuzzolese, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Char	aye
Gurda	absent
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye