

Village Board Meeting  
October 24, 2011

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

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Engineer Tully, and Deputy Village Clerk Goldberg.

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 Stewart, the agenda was accepted as presented.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	absent
Stewart	aye

Mayor Roddey announced the continuation of the Public Hearing on a proposed Local Law to amend Section 5.2 of Appendix A of the Code of the Village of Goshen entitled *Supplementary regulations applying to nonresidential buildings* by the repeal of Section 5.2.3.3, *Lighting and signage*.

Trustee Mattheus gave an update about her continuing contact with the County and Mr. Church.

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Public Hearing was opened.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	absent
Stewart	aye

Maureen Quatrini asked if the County would be providing a prototype of the proposed lighting. Trustee Mattheus said they expect to get some drawings. Mayor Roddey added that the County is working on a proposed handbook to offer guidance to municipalities with regards to period lighting.

There was no further public comment.

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Char, the Board voted to continue the Public Hearing to December 12, 2011.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	absent
Stewart	aye

Mayor Roddey announced the Public Hearing on a proposed Local Law to designate a Free 15-Minute Parking Space in front of 100 Greenwich Avenue.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Public Hearing was opened.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	absent
Stewart	aye

Lynn Cione asked if this parking space would be in front of Village Pizza; to which the Board replied “yes”.

There was no further public comment.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Board voted to close the Public Hearing, and add the matter to Items of Business to be voted upon.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	absent
Stewart	aye

Mayor Roddey announced the Public Hearing on a proposed Local Law Amending Chapter 54, Article V, Division 2, Section 54-205 by the addition of the following area to be designated as “No Parking at Any Time”: Orange Avenue, the northeast side, 125 feet in either direction from the centerline of Parkway. Mayor Roddey also read a letter from Police Chief Watt proposing this no parking area and explaining that increased traffic and narrow roadway is causing a possibly dangerous situation.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Public Hearing was opened.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	absent
Stewart	aye

Pat Labanowski of 37 Orange Avenue told the Board that earlier that day someone had an accident on Orange Avenue and knocked down the fire hydrant, in his opinion emphasizing the need for this no parking area.

Shelia Almond of 60 Parkway commented on how she has witnessed many people not coming to a complete stop at the stop sign, speeding, and hitting the curb in the vicinity of the proposed no parking area.

Joan Labanowski asked that if the Board approved this no parking area, when it will take effect. Attorney Donovan explained the procedure for filing a Local Law. Mayor Roddey said he hoped the law would be in effect with signage by the end of November.

There was no further public comment.

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Char the Board voted to close the Public Hearing, and add the matter to Items of Business to be voted upon.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	absent
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the September 26, 2011 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	abstain
Roddey	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the October 3, 2011 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	absent
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Minutes of the October 17, 2011 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	absent
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2011/2011, 10 and 11, check numbers 2304 through 2407 in the amount of \$708,887.33

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	absent
Stewart	aye

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

WHEREAS, The Village of Goshen owns property designated as:

13-1-32.61  
15-1-8  
15-1-48  
15-1-50  
61-1-43

AND, WHEREAS, the above described property is used by the Village of Goshen for water supply purposes for its residents and others who use the State and County facilities within the Village, and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature has exempted the described properties from County Taxation in years past,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen is requesting the Legislature of Orange County to exempt the described property from County taxation, for the year 2013, in view of its use for municipal purposes.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	absent
Stewart	aye

Trustee Mattheus offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees must designate by Resolution and publish the offices which are to be filled in the Village election, and the terms thereof;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen designates the following offices vacant at the end of the current official year, to be filled at the Village election to be held on March 20, 2012 for the following terms:

Two (2) Trustees for two (2) years

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Resolution in full in the Goshen Independent. This Resolution will take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was seconded by Trustee Stewart and a vote resulted as follows:

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	absent
Stewart	aye

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

RESOLVED, that the Village Board for 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 implementation of Local Law #2 of 2011, as it will have no adverse environmental impact.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	absent
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Char, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen hereby adopts Local Law #2 of 2011, designating a free 15-minute parking space in front of 100 Greenwich Avenue.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	absent
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Char, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen hereby adopts Local Law #3 of 2011, designating "No Parking Any Time" on Orange Avenue, the northeast side, 125 feet in either direction from the centerline of Parkway.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	absent
Stewart	aye

## Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Mattheus reported that the North Church Street pump station has been completely repaired. She also advised that the Farm Aid that has been organized by the Goshen Food Pantry is scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup>, and urged people to attend.

Trustee Stewart reported that the DPW crews have been blacktop patching; the DPW offices have been repaired from the storm and flood damage; and crews have begun to prep Clowes Avenue for repaving.

Trustee Char spoke about the closure of the Orange County Government Center, and adverse effect on the Village's downtown businesses. He offered his opinion that the building should be torn down and completely rebuilt. He urged residents to contact their legislators and implore a speedy resolution to the issue.

Mayor Roddey reiterated Trustee Char's comments on how businesses are being affected, and encouraged residents to shop locally. He commented on how the tax exempt status of the County property has always been a challenge, but without the added revenue brought to the community it was going to be even harder on the Village. Mayor Roddey mentioned the Joint Recreation Commission's Halloween party that took place over the weekend. He said it was a success, and thanked all the employees and volunteers.

Mayor Roddey also brought up the Signage Committee, and said they hoped to organize a meeting for the beginning of November.

Trustee Stewart agreed with Trustee Char's comments on the Government Center. He added that there were several County Court rooms in the building, which may be permanently moved out of Goshen if a solution was not come to soon.

Trustee Mattheus added that the Board seemed to agree that a decision must be made swiftly on the Government Center, and she hoped partisan politics would not become an issue on the County level.

Trustee Mattheus further stated that a meeting was held between herself, Engineering Consultant Ullrich, and the Village Treasurer in reference to the CRV Well Development status. Consultant Ullrich felt that the current stage of the project would stay within the budgeted amount.

## Citizens' Comments

Joel Markowitz asked if the bid that was awarded last week had wording requiring RFP Public Works Project to avoid labor issues. He asked for clarification on the Bond Resolution being subject to referendum. He also inquired on the status on the removal of the landfill, and if DEC fines would be imposed. Attorney Donovan and Mayor Roddey responded.

Pat Labanowski offered support for rebuilding the Government Center.

Lynn Cione, representing the Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Chamber is doing a survey of local businesses to see what the effect has been since the closure of the Government Center.

Lyle and Linda Shute spoke about their house that was damaged by sewage during Hurricane Irene. They asked if the Village insurance could help them at all, and what is being done to prevent another occurrence. Engineer Tully explained that examinations of the sewer lines continues to be performed, the bid awarded last week to improve the sewer trunk line, as well as the Village's Quarterly DEC Reports, and that their area has been moved up in priority in the plan. Mayor Roddey apologized that the Village's

insurance would not be covering damage to private property. Trustee Mattheus thanked Mr. and Mrs. Shute for their patience and polite demeanor in this situation.

Sheila Almond told the Board how she has had several complaints over the last year to the Village Police Department for noise caused by parties at the Historic Track, some running as late as two o'clock in the morning. She stated that she has been told by the Police that the noise ordinance did not apply to private parties, and that nothing could be done. Mayor Roddey said he would speak with the Police Chief and Building Inspector on the matter.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	absent
Stewart	aye