

Village Board Meeting
September 26, 2011

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

Member absent: Trustee Mattheus

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Engineer Tully, Village Clerk Strobl, and Chief Watt

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 Stewart, the Agenda was accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of September 12, 2011 were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the Village Board Work Session of September 19, 2011 were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Communications

Mayor Roddey read an Alcoholic Beverage License Application from KJE Enterprises, LLC, for informational purposes.

Mayor Roddey read a request, from the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, for a proclamation supporting the observance of November 2011 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the request was approved.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2011/2012 number 9, check numbers 2260 through 2303 in the amount of \$208,662.73.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Trustee Char moved, and Trustee Smith seconded the following:

The Village of Goshen will institute a 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Halloween Curfew for Friday, October 28, 2011 through Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

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

Resolved: To schedule a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of a proposed Local Law to designate a free 15-minute parking space in front of 100 Greenwich Avenue, (111-15-7). The Public Hearing will be held October 24, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon after as may be heard, at Village Hall, 276 Main Street, Goshen, New York.

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

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, Edward J. Edwards is hereby appointed Part-time Police Officer for the Village of Goshen Police Department at a salary of \$20.68 per hour. This appointment is effective upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical exam, and pre-employment paperwork.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

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

WHEREAS, Benchmark Goshen Office Associates Limited Partnership 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 at 1997 Route 17M in the Village of Goshen, which property is designated on the tax map as Section 116, Block 2, Lot 1.2; 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 Benchmark Goshen Office Associates Limited Partnership, 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 Benchmark Goshen Office Associates Limited Partnership;

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 \$21,015.88 and to deliver the same to Benchmark Goshen Office Associates Limited Partnership, as provided for in said Consent Judgment.

Upon a roll call vote with 3 Trustees voting in favor and 0 Trustees voting against the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Stewart reported the following recent activities of the Department of Public Works: crews prepared for Hurricane Irene by sewer jetting low lying sewer mains; the Rio Grande was checked before the storm for any debris; emergency generators were placed at all pump stations; on Sunday, August 28th crews worked during the hurricane on drainage; the DPW was relocated to the Police Station during the storm because the buildings were flooded with 3 feet of water; during the week of August 29th crews were cleaning debris which consisted of soiled flood damaged materials from village homes totaling 93 tons; on Thursday, September 8th Tropical Storm Lee flooded the area and crews continued to work on drainage; the sheetrock in the Superintendent/Foreman's office, break room, and DPW Clerk's office has been replaced due to damage from the two storms; and the Mechanic's shop has been thoroughly cleaned and is back in service.

Trustee Char thanked Ptl. Ryan Rich for conducting a car seat installation check on September 24th.

Trustee Char announced that the Joint Recreation Commission will be holding the annual Halloween event on October 23rd, and the Turkey Trot run on November 19th.

Mayor Roddey read the following Water and Sewer activities reports: the electrical panel for the North Church Street pump station is being replaced; FEMA has been working along with us regarding the damage done to the spillway; the Burke and Minisink pump stations are both running, but the electrical panels need to be replaced; and several sewer mains have been inspected and TV checked for the inflow study.

Mayor Roddey noted that he and Department Heads attended the recent FEMA meeting, and that Superintendent Nuzzolese has been working with the Army Corps regarding flooding.

Mayor Roddey announced that he will be attending the Economic Summit being hosted by Governor Cuomo in Albany on the 27th.

Citizens' Comments

Joel Markowitz spoke to the Board about hurricane and rainfall research he did, and questioned the status of 'contaminated waste' and a consent order.

Neil Hickok asked questions about a culvert pipe on Old Minisink Trail.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Char	aye
Mattheus	absent
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye