

Village Board Meeting
December 10, 2012

Members present: Mayor Roddey, Trustees Brady, Char, 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 lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Brady, the Agenda was accepted as presented.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Goshen Independent Day

Mayor Roddey introduced Tom Leek, editor of the *Goshen Independent*, the oldest periodical in New York State, having served the Goshen community for over 200 years.

Mayor Roddey read a Proclamation honoring the *Goshen Independent* for actively making life better for community members.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Proclamation was approved and presented to Mr. Leek.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Brady, seconded by Trustee Char, the Public Hearing to consider adoption of a resolution decreasing the special sewer assessment presently in effect from \$170.00 per unit per quarter to \$140.00 per unit per quarter was opened at 7:35 p.m.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Mayor Roddey read the following:

LEGAL NOTICE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen, New York, will conduct a Public Hearing at Village Hall, Maplewood, 276 Main Street, Goshen, New York, on December 10, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon after as the matter may be heard to consider adoption of a resolution decreasing the special sewer assessment presently in effect from \$170.00 per unit per quarter to \$140.00 per unit per quarter.

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.

Mayor Roddey provided background leading to the present special sewer assessment, and the proposed decreased assessment, and invited public input.

Barbara Sudul questioned why sewer funds needed to be raised through an assessment rather than by usage.

Mike Martin, owner of a multi-family home, had questions regarding units.

Mayor Roddey explained the units structure.

Mike Dougherty questioned why it couldn't be set up to be by usage, rather than assessment per unit.

Mayor Roddey and Attorney Donovan explained the difference between the Village's fixed debt, and the cost of running the sewer treatment plant, which varies based on usage. The assessment provides the certainty to pay back the debt.

Shannon Rich asked who approved a \$40 million loan for the new sewer plant.

Mayor Roddey provided the background leading to the NYSDEC mandated new plant, and removal of a former landfill.

Barbara Sudul and Mike Dougherty both asked if other options were available, such as raising the funds in part through a set fee and in part through usage.

Mayor Roddey explained that the Village Board was always open to ideas.

On a motion by Trustee Brady, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:58 p.m.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Char, 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: decreasing the special sewer assessment presently in effect from \$170.00 per unit per quarter to \$140.00 per unit per quarter.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Brady, the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby authorizes decreasing the special sewer assessment presently in effect from \$170.00 per unit per quarter to \$140.00 per unit per quarter, effective with the next water/sewer billing cycle.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Minutes of the November 19, 2012 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Minutes of the November 26, 2012 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Brady	abstain
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

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

The Annual Election of the Village of Goshen will be held at Village Hall, 276 Main Street, Goshen, New York, on Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

Polls will open at 9:00 a.m., and close at 9:00 p.m. that same day.

There will be no Village Registration Day.

A vote resulted as follows:

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	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 2012/2013 number 9, check numbers 4452 through 4643, in the amount of \$496,325.62.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Brady, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a proposal from Nugent & Haeussler, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, for the purpose of conducting an audit of the Justice Court Department for the period ended May 31, 2012, as required in Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act. It is understood that the fee for this service will not exceed \$2,500.00.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a proposal from Engineering and Surveying Properties, for design and application preparation for the final portion (Phase 2) of the CRV water main. The design and application preparation will be billed at the lump sum price of \$8,800.00.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Trustee Stewart reported the following recent activities of the Department of Public Works: holiday decorations have been put up in the downtown area; free parking cards have been placed in the downtown parking meters; and leaf collection has ended for the season.

Trustee Brady reported that water leaks were repaired on Center Street and Crescent Drive; the dry hydrant system in the downtown area has been winterized; and the Crystal Run well has been drained and winterized.

Mayor Roddey wished those residents who celebrate the holiday a very happy Hanukkah.

Citizens' comments were received from Joel Markowitz.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye