

Village Board Meeting  
February 11, 2013

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

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Engineer O'Rourke, 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 Brady, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Agenda was amended by the addition of an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

#### Public Hearing – Proposed Local Law – Sign Regulations

Mayor Roddey explained the history leading to the Public Hearing, including the meetings of the Sign Committee, which was formed in response to requests from local business owners “business friendly” regulations.

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 February 11, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon after as may be heard, to consider the adoption of a Local Law to amend Article VII of Appendix A of the Code of the Village of Goshen entitled: Sign Regulations.

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.

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Char, the Public Hearing was opened at 7:35 p.m.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Marcia Mattheus asked questions about several items in Section 7 of Appendix A.

It was explained that the changes include allowing internally illuminated signs in zones other than residential zones and the architectural design district, and overhanging signs. It also increases the maximum size of signs in the architectural design district from 12 feet to 15 feet.

Attorney Donovan explained that Amendment #8 regarding Section 15.3.5(4) was incorrect and would be removed from the next revision.

Ray Quattrini asked why there was a need to change the signage laws at this point, and noted that it is the historical aspect of the Village that brings businesses to Goshen.

Mayor Roddey explained that updating the ordinance was in response to requests from local business owners, and that changes were made in an effort to help businesses while maintaining the integrity of the downtown area.

Maureen Quattrini stated that she is in favor of overhanging signs but that she hoped there would be continuity and integrity going down both sides of the street.

Ray Rooney noted that the height of overhanging signs over sidewalks needed to be addressed to avoid safety issues associated with youths jumping.

Ed Connor asked where the law specifically refers to the ADD.

Attorney Donovan answered that those regulations are in Article 15.

Ed Connor suggested a more thorough review of sign permit applications, with a review by the Planning Board as well as the Building Inspector.

Joel Markowitz stated that Goshen needs to welcome business and suggested a 3-year moratorium on applying sign regulations. He noted that seeking uniformity here sends the wrong message, and that more input is needed from business owners.

It was decided that the Public Hearing would be left open to receive written comments from the Planning Board, written comments from residents, and to make small changes to the text of the Local Law.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Public Hearing will be continued on March 11, 2013.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

At 8:10 p.m. Deputy Mayor Char relieved Mayor Roddey, to enable the Mayor's attendance at the Board Meeting of the Town of Goshen for a discussion of the annexation of land at the Industrial site into the Village.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Brady, the Minutes of the January 28, 2013 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Brady, the Minutes of the February 4, 2013 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Deputy Mayor Char read a letter from Donald M. Card, Jr. requesting a crosswalk sign on North Church Street, next to the fire station.

Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Brady, seconded by Trustee Smith, Thomas Lane, Manuel Orellana, Brian Ritchings, and Michael Sullivan are hereby authorized to attend the New York Rural Water Association's Water Well Rehabilitation Seminar on March 7, 2013 at the Ramada Inn in Fishkill, NY. It is understood that the cost of this training is \$116.00, and that a total of 6 contact hours will be awarded to each participant towards recertification.

Brady            aye  
Char            aye  
Smith           aye  
Stewart        aye

Paul Block, of Consolidate Energy Solutions, LLC, and Michele Ries, of M & R Energy Resources Corporation, presented the Board with electricity supply bids.

It was determined that the pricing needs to be refreshed as the current contract expires in April. Both bidders agreed to present electric pricing effective in April, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. on February 14, 2013.

On a motion by Trustee Brady, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Mayor was authorized to select the electricity supply bid that is most economical for the Village, from bids submitted on February 14, 2013.

Brady            aye  
Char            aye  
Smith           aye  
Stewart        aye

**LANDFILL CLOSURE STATE ASSISTANCE CONTRACT RESOLUTION**

Resolution authorizing execution of Contract No. C304746 for State assistance for landfill closure pursuant to Title 5 of Article 54 and Title 4 of Article 56 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen, herein called the "Municipality" has hereby determined that certain work, as described in the State assistance contract and any amendments thereof, herein called the "Project", is desirable and in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, Title 5 of Article 54 and Title 4 of Article 56 of the Environmental Conservation Law authorized State assistance payments to municipalities for closure of municipal landfills by means of a written agreement and the Municipality deems it to be in the public interest and benefit under this law to enter into said written agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board, that Kyle Roddey, Mayor, is directed and authorized as the official representative to act in connection with any agreement between the Municipality and the State, and to provide such additional information as may be required, and to sign the resulting agreement, and that this Resolution takes effect immediately.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

#### Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Brady reported the following recent activities of the Water Department: a new surface wash pump was installed on filter #3; frozen pipes burst in an abandoned house at 70 Prospect Avenue; crews repaired a 6" water main break on Main Street; and crews started reading water meters for the upcoming March billing.

Trustee Stewart reported for the Department of Public Works that crews assisted an Orange and Rockland tree crew with the removal of dead and dangerous trees; and crews have been plowing and salting due to several recent winter storms.

Trustee Char noted that the St. Patrick's Day Parade is set for Sunday, March 10, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., and reminded those present that Daylight Savings Time begins that day.

Citizens' Comments were received from Ray Rooney and Joel Markowitz.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Board entered into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. for a discussion of the employment history of a particular employee.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Executive Session and the meeting concluded at 9:10 p.m.

Brady	aye
Char	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye