

Village Board Meeting
December 14, 2015

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

Also present: Attorney Donovan, and Village Clerk Strobl

Mayor Roddey called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Agenda was accepted with the addition of Items of Business #4: Support of the Heritage Trail Extension from Goshen to Middletown.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

Minutes

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

Char	abstain (absent on November 23, 2015)
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the December 7, 2015 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	abstain (absent on December 7, 2015)
Smith	aye

Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Gurda, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2015/2016 number 6, check numbers 9623 through 9759, in the amount of \$352,701.52.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

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

The Annual Election of the Village of Goshen will be held at Village Hall, 276 Main Street, Goshen, New York, on Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

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:

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

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

WHEREAS, Rachel Markowitz 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 the real property located in the Village of Goshen, which property is designated on the tax map as Section 108, Block 6, Lot 18 or 14 Montgomery Street; 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 Rachel Markowitz, 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 Rachel Markowitz;

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 \$41.46 and to deliver the same to Bleakley Platt & Schmidt, LLP, as attorneys for Petitioners, as provided for in said Consent Judgment.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Mayor is authorized to forward a letter to the Orange County Legislature urging their support of the Heritage Trail extension from Goshen to Middletown.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Nuzzolese reported for the Sewer Department that 30 feet of failed sewer main was replaced on Webster Avenue.

Trustee Char thanked the Goshen Rotary for providing funding to the Police Department to purchase Child ID fingerprint/DNA kits, which are provided to the public during community events. He extended special thanks to Rotary President Doug Fazzino and member Jim O'Donnell.

Trustee Smith noted that the refurbished bus stop looks great, and now has lighting and windows. He also thanked resident Sue Armistead for installing the holiday gift tree near the bus stop.

Mayor Roddey expressed thanks to Rabbi Borenstein for the recent Menorah Lighting ceremony, and to everyone who supported and attended the tree lighting and Illuminate Goshen event.

Citizens' comments were received from Geri Corey.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	aye
Smith	aye