

Village Board Meeting
May 13, 2019

Members present: Mayor Nuzzolese, Trustees Gurda, Henderson, Scotto, and Smith

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

Mayor Nuzzolese called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence to honor the memory of Suzanne Henderson, Mother of Trustee Henderson.

Police Officer Recognition

Ptl. Brian Kelly – Officer of the Year for 2018

Ptl. Kenneth M. Ellefsen – Retirement

X-ing Guard/PEO Drew Brock – Retirement

Mayor Nuzzolese turned the Meeting over to Chief Watt, who recognized both Ptl. Ellefsen and X-ing Guard/PEO on their pending retirements. Ptl. Ellefsen was unable to attend the meeting due to a previously scheduled vacation.

Chief Watt read the following:

Ptl. Kenneth M. Ellefsen has announced his retirement effective this June. Ken has a total of 23 years of law enforcement service, 15 with the Village of Goshen Police Department. He started his law enforcement career in 1996 with the Town of Walkkill PD and was hired full time at the Village of Highland Falls PD in 2000. Ken has been with the Village of Goshen PD since 2003. Ken will be accepting a part-time School Safety Officer position with the Department this September.

Crossing Guard/Parking Enforcement Officer Drew J. Brock has announced his retirement effective this June. Drew has been with the Department for over ten years, having started with the Village on September 3, 2008. Prior to that he was employed as a Lieutenant with the NYC DHS Police at Camp LaGuardia in Chester, from 1990-2007. Drew is a graduate of Pine Bush High School and a member of the Goshen Fire Department.

It is with great pleasure and honor that I name Ptl. Brian P. Kelly as the Village of Goshen Police Department's Officer of the Year 2018, in the category of Lifesaving Award.

On July 18, 2018, Ptl. Brian P. Kelly was off-duty in his personal vehicle travelling eastbound on State Route 17 in the Town of Goshen when he observed a moving vehicle with smoke billowing from underneath. Ptl. Kelly overtook the vehicle and could see the operator, an elderly male, struggling to drive the vehicle.

Ptl. Kelly immediately pulled in front of the vehicle and slowed in order to guide the operator to a safe stop. Upon stopping, Ptl. Kelly observed that the driver did not exit the vehicle and smoke was coming from inside the vehicle. Ptl. Kelly immediately exited his vehicle to check on the driver. He noticed an elderly female passenger who was unable to get out. Ptl. Kelly opened the passenger side door, pulled the elderly female from the smoke engulfed vehicle and guided her to the shoulder of the highway. Ptl. Kelly then ran back to the driver's side of the vehicle and removed the driver, who was struggling to exit due to smoke and flames entering the driver's compartment. Ptl. Kelly guided both to a safe area of the highway and calmed them as their vehicle was totally engulfed in flames and was destroyed. Both were evaluated at the scene by responding medical personnel and were uninjured.

Ptl. Brian P. Kelly's awareness, decisiveness and bravery in the face of danger are exemplary for all law enforcement and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Village

of Goshen Police Department. On behalf of the Mayor and Village Board, the members of the Village of Goshen Police Department and the community of Goshen, I hereby recognize Ptl. Brian P. Kelly as the Village of Goshen Police Department's Officer of the Year 2018, in the category of Lifesaving Award.

Agenda

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Agenda was accepted with the following additions: Items of Business #4 and #5: Hiring Resolution DPW Laborer; Request to Waive Building Permit Fees – Boy Scout Eagle Project; and Executive Session – Collective Negotiations.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye

Minutes

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Minutes of the April 22, 2019 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye

Communications

The Board reviewed correspondence from the Office of the State Comptroller, following its audit of the Village's tax levy limit. The audit found the calculation of the limit to be accurate.

Items of Business

Michele Ries, of M&R Energy Resources Corporation, reviewed the results of the electric supplier bid response with the Board.

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Board agreed to contract with the energy supplier Constellation for a term of 25 months, at an all-in fixed rate of \$0.05682 per kWh.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen is the owner and operator of a sanitary waste water sewer collection and disposal system as well as a domestic water supply system, hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Village sewer and water systems"; and

WHEREAS, as the owner and operator of the Village sewer and water systems, the Village undertakes to supply municipal drinking water and sanitary sewage disposal to properties located within the geographic boundaries of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village water and sewer systems also provide sanitary waste water sewer collection and disposal services and domestic water supply to certain specific properties located outside the Village boundaries pursuant to specific agreements affecting the said properties as authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, the Village from time to time has received requests from representatives of properties outside the geographic boundaries of the Village in addition to those presently receiving sewer and water services or who are under contract to receive such services, seeking permission to obtain sewer and/or water services from the Village sewer and water systems; and

WHEREAS, in light of these multiple requests for Village sewer and water services, the Village Board believes it is appropriate and in the overall public interest to announce a policy with respect to such requests that sets forth the position of the Village which position shall remain in effect until further action by the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, in order to insure that the municipal water and sewer services owned, operated and maintained by the Village of Goshen remain adequate and sufficient to service the needs of properties located within the Village as well as to serve the needs of those properties outside of the Village currently receiving said services or currently under contract to receive said services, the Village hereby announces its intention to decline all requests to provide municipal water and/or sewer services to any properties located outside of the Village of Goshen until further notice and until further resolution of this Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village hereby declares that it shall not permit any further extensions or connections to its municipal water and/or sewer systems to properties outside of the geographic boundaries of the Village until further notice; and it is further

RESOLVED, that any prior Resolution or Resolutions of the Village Board which are in any way inconsistent with the terms of this Resolution are hereby rescinded.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Henderson, permission is hereby granted for Orange-Ulster BOCES to use the Village Green as the site for the Special Education Including Communities program graduation celebration. The event is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2019, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Indemnification and Insurance have been provided.

Gurda
Henderson
Scotto
Smith

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Smith, Joseph Gersbeck is hereby appointed Full Time Laborer for the Village of Goshen Department of Public Works at an annual salary of \$38,234.00.

This appointment is effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical, background check, and all necessary paperwork. Employment shall not begin until the Orange County Department of Human Resources approves the appointment. This appointment shall include a probationary period of 52 weeks.

Gurda aye
Henderson aye
Scotto aye
Smith aye

The Board reviewed a request from Patrick J. Monroe, a Boy Scout with Troop 63, for a waiver of the building permit fees associated with his Eagle Scout Project.

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Henderson, the Board agreed to honor the request to waive the fees associated with the project.

Gurda aye
Henderson aye
Scotto aye
Smith aye

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Mayor Nuzzolese reported on his recent attendance at Assemblyman Colin Schmitt's Women of Distinction Awards, at which Molly O'Donnell was a recipient. He also discussed a recent Eagle Scout Award ceremony, at which Matthew Lewis, of Troop 63, received the award.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Board entered into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m., for a discussion of Collective Negotiations.

Gurda aye
Henderson aye
Scotto aye
Smith aye

On a motion by Trustee Henderson, seconded by Trustee Scotto, the Executive Session concluded and the Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Gurda aye
Henderson aye
Scotto aye
Smith aye