

Village Board Meeting
January 11, 2021
Via Zoom

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

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

Also present were several members of the Village Police Department.

Mayor Nuzzolese welcomed those attending and opened the Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Retirement Recognition – Ptl. Matthew Giraldi

Mayor Nuzzolese welcomed Matt Giraldi and congratulated him on his retirement.

In recalling his time working with Matt, the Mayor noted his constant professionalism and calm demeanor, and called him a valuable member of the Police Department. He then presented Matt with a Certificate, honoring him on the occasion.

Board members each took turns honoring Matt.

Chief Watt called Matt's 30 years in law enforcement an incredible accomplishment. He spoke of some highlights of his 17 years of service with the Village, including being named Officer of the Year in 2017 for saving a life during a suicide attempt. He noted that Matt's quiet confidence, unwavering loyalty and warm comradery would be missed by all, and congratulated him on his service to the Village, as well as to the Nation during his service in the United States Marine Corps.

Chief Watt introduced PBA President Ptl. Brian Kelly, who thanked Matt for his service, and particularly all the knowledge he has passed along.

Mayor Nuzzolese made the following addition to the Agenda: Items of Business #3 – Authorize Bid for a Used Vacuum Excavator.

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Minutes of the December 14, 2020 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Gurda	abstain (absent on December 14, 2020)
Henderson	aye
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye

Communications

Mayor Nuzzolese read a message from a visitor to Goshen, who wanted to send a 'super commendation and sincere thank you to Officer (Jacob) Manna', for his assistance with a flat tire. He noted that Officer Manna was courteous and professional, with an extra dose of kindness.

Mayor Nuzzolese read a letter from the Attorney representing Brew Goshen, LLC, 2 Railroad Avenue, requesting a waiver of the thirty (30) day notice period for his client's liquor license application.

Following discussion, the Board denied the request.

Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Henderson, seconded by Trustee Smith, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2020/2021 number 07, check numbers 18518 through 18611 in the amount of \$2,022,706.90.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye

The following was moved by Trustee Henderson, 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 16, 2021.

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:

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Scotto, the Department of Public Works is authorized to prepare and distribute Bid Documents for a used front-end excavator.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Scotto explained that the duties of the Building Department are being fulfilled by personnel from Lanc & Tully Engineering during the Building Inspector's disability, and that he must be physically able to do the job before returning to work.

Trustee Gurda reported on recent activities of the DPW, including sweeping of streets and tree trimming.

Trustee Gurda also noted that the Joint Recreation Commission has reached out to the Village Board with a request to increase the amount collected as in lieu of parkland fees.

Trustee Henderson reported the repair of two recent water main breaks, and the pump station at North Church Street.

Trustee Smith expressed his pride in the DPW for their handling of recent storm damage and the challenging water main breaks.
Mayor Nuzzolese informed the Board that he would like to schedule a Work Session to discuss several issues.

He also echoed Trustee Smith's comments about the DPW.

Mayor Nuzzolese opened the floor to Citizens' Comments, including any public input on the Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative. No comments were received.

On a motion by Trustee Henderson, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	aye
Smith	aye