

Village Board Meeting  
June 28, 2021  
In person at Village Hall and via Zoom

Members present: Mayor Smith, Trustees Gurda, Henderson, and Wohl

Member absent: Trustee Scotto

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

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

On a motion by Trustee Henderson, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Agenda was accepted as submitted.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	absent
Wohl	aye

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Wohl, the Minutes of the June 14, 2021 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	abstain (absent on June 14, 2021)
Scotto	absent
Wohl	aye
Smith	aye

#### Police Promotions

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

WHEREAS, Detective Gregory A. Kelemen is on the Orange County Certified List of Eligibles for Police Sergeant, and

WHEREAS, Detective Kelemen has been recommended for promotion to Sergeant by Police Chief Watt, now therefore

IT IS RESOLVED that Detective Gregory A. Kelemen be promoted to the position of Sergeant, effective June 30, 2021, at a salary of \$108,993, with a probationary period of 26 weeks.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	absent
Wohl	aye

On a motion by Trustee Henderson, seconded by Trustee Gurda, Police Officer Robert A. Kozlowski is hereby assigned as Detective, on the recommendation of Chief James C. Watt, effective June 30, 2021, at a salary of \$89,789.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	absent
Wohl	aye

Mayor Smith turned the Meeting over to Chief Watt, who called up Detective Greg Kelemen. Chief Watt read the following:

I respectfully request that the vacant Sergeant position within the Police Department be filled by the promotion of Gregory A. Kelemen as Sergeant, at a salary of \$108,993, as per current contractual agreement. Gregory started his Law Enforcement career in 2013 with the NYC Dept. of Environmental Police. He joined the Village of Goshen Police Department in 2014 and was assigned as Detective in 2019. Gregory was named the Village of Goshen Police Department's Officer of the Year 2016 for using Narcan to save the life of an overdose victim. He is a certified EMT, General Topics Instructor, Child Safety Seat Technician and a Department Accreditation Manager. Gregory is immediately hireable from the current Orange County Sergeant's promotional list, and he has my recommendation.

Chief Watt called up Keri Kelemen, who pinned on Sergeant Kelemen's new shield.

Chief Watt called up Patrolman Robert Kozlowski, and read the following:

I respectfully request that Robert A. Kozlowski be assigned to the Detective position, at a salary of \$89,789, as per current contractual agreement. Robert started his Law Enforcement career with the Town of Wallkill Police Department in 2013. He joined the Village of Goshen Police Department in 2014 as a part-time Police Officer and in 2017 became a full-time Police Officer. He was named the Village of Goshen Police Department's Officer of the Year 2016, in two categories, for apprehending the robber of a local business and for saving the life of someone who was threatening to jump off the Rte. 17 overpass. He is a certified EMT, General Topics Instructor, Child Safety Seat Technician and Field Training Officer. He will be filling the vacancy that was created by the promotion of Gregory Kelemen to Sergeant, and he as my recommendation.

Chief Watt called up Breanna Kozlowski, who pinned on Detective Kozlowski's new shield.

## Communications

The Board reviewed three response letters from the Planning Board regarding two Zone Change Petitions and the proposed Local Law to permit "B & Bs" and short-term rentals. A request will be made to have the Village Planner attend the next meeting to discuss the changes, and then Public Hearings will be scheduled.

## Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Henderson, Grace A. Pettus is hereby appointed part-time Dispatcher for the Village of Goshen Police Department at a salary of \$18.56 per hour. This appointment is effective upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical exam, and pre-employment paperwork.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	absent
Wohl	aye

The Board reviewed the request from the Goshen Rotary Club to hold their 5K/10K run on the revised date of September 11, 2021.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Wohl, the event was approved.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	absent
Wohl	aye

On a motion by Trustee Wohl, seconded by Trustee Henderson, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2021/2022 number 1, check numbers 19247 through 19406 in the amount of \$1,081,381.97.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	absent
Wohl	aye

#### Mayor/Trustee Comments

Mayor Smith offered his congratulations on the promotions in the Police Department.

Trustee Henderson offered condolences to the family of retired Town of Tuxedo Police Chief Patrick Welsh, who recently passed away.

Trustee Wohl noted that the improvements to the porch at Maplewood have been completed.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Wohl, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
Scotto	absent
Wohl	aye