

Village Board Meeting
October 25, 2021

Members present: Mayor Wohl, Trustees Gurda, Henderson, and O'Donnell

Member absent: Trustee Scotto

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

Mayor Wohl 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 with the removal of Items of Business #9 – Planning Board Member Appointment.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Scotto	absent

On a motion by Trustee Henderson, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Minutes of the September 27, 2021 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Scotto	absent

Communications

Mayor Wohl read a letter from the Program Director of "Hope Not Handcuffs – Hudson Valley" to the Police Department, expressing gratitude for their assistance with the recent Ride for Hope motorcycle ride. The program is a collaborative effort between local police departments and community volunteers to find treatment options for those seeking assistance for addiction.

Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee O'Donnell, seconded by Trustee Henderson, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2021/2022 number 4, check numbers 19644 through 19715 in the amount of \$454,027.04.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Scotto	absent

Mayor Wohl read a letter of resignation from Court Officer Max Heinz.

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

WHEREAS, The Village of Goshen owns property designated as:

13-1-32.61	Town of Goshen
15-1-8	Town of Goshen
15-1-48	Town of Goshen
15-1-50	Town of Goshen
61-1-43	Town of Walkill

AND, WHEREAS, the above-described property is used by the Village of Goshen for water supply purposes for its residents and others who use State and County facilities within the Village, and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature has exempted the described properties from County Taxation in years past,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen is requesting the Legislature of Orange County to exempt the described property from County taxation, for the year 2023, in view of its use for municipal purposes.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Scotto	absent

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee O'Donnell, the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the Village of Goshen Police Department and the Orange County Sheriff's Office, for the use of the Orange County Correctional Facility, for holding arrestees who require an arraignment in Orange County.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Scotto	absent

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Henderson, Brian A. Quinn is hereby appointed Full Time Laborer for the Village of Goshen Department of Public Works at an annual salary of \$39,799, and with a probationary period of 52 weeks.

This appointment is effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical, and all necessary paperwork. Employment shall not begin until the Orange County Department of Human Resources approves the appointment.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Scotto	absent

On a motion by Trustee Henderson, seconded by Trustee O'Donnell, Brandon DeRubeis is hereby appointed full time Police Officer for the Village of Goshen Police Department at an annual salary of \$64,606.00, pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment paper work, and physical and psychological testing. This appointment includes a maximum probationary period of 18 months.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Scotto	absent

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee O'Donnell, Darren M. Swensen is hereby appointed full time Contingent Permanent Police Officer for the Village of Goshen Police Department at an annual salary of \$64,606.00, pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment paper work, and physical and psychological testing. This appointment includes a maximum probationary period of 18 months.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Scotto	absent

The following was moved by Trustee O'Donnell, and seconded by Trustee Gurda:

WHEREAS, Goshen Historic Track, Inc. is the owner of real property located at 44 Park Place in the Village of Goshen which property is also designated on the Tax Map as Section 109, Block 5, Lot 13; and

WHEREAS, the Goshen Historic Track was established in 1838, is the world's oldest harness track, a national historic landmark and a non-profit organization and a vital and indispensable component of the Village of Goshen's past and present; and

WHEREAS, the said property owned by the Historic Track is exempt from the payment of real property taxes but is obligated to pay for water and sewer services received from the Village of Goshen; and

WHEREAS, recently, a previously undetected water leak was discovered at the track property which resulted in a bill being issued in an amount that was substantially greater than any other prior bill that had been received by the Historic Track for such services; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the non-profit status of the Historic Track and in further recognition of all of the benefits the Historic Track has brought, and continues to bring, to the Village of Goshen, the Village Board, after due deliberation and consideration, deems it to be appropriate and in the overall public interest to adjust the said bill previously issued subject to the terms of this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the water and sewer bill issued to the Goshen Historic Track, Inc., for the above referenced property dated September 1, 2021 and due October 1, 2021 shall and hereby is adjusted to the sum of \$1,000.00; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Historic Track shall pay for a replacement cellular meter that will record and notify the Track of potential leaks in their system which cellular meter will be supplied by the Village of Goshen; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Historic Track shall provide in kind services to the Village of Goshen in an amount that shall be roughly equivalent to the amount of the original bill issued that has been adjusted pursuant to this Resolution.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Scotto	absent

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen has heretofore engaged the services of a Traffic Court Prosecutor to prosecute Uniform Traffic Tickets issued by the Village of Goshen Police Department and the New York State Police; and

WHEREAS, as a result of a recent resignation it is necessary to appoint a new Village of Goshen Traffic Court prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has received letters of interest from qualified candidates and has conducted interviews to determine the most qualified individual to hold this position;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that Marcello A. Cirigliano, with Robert Rametta as back-up, (should he accept), is hereby appointed to prosecute Uniform Traffic Tickets written by the Village of Goshen Police Department and the New York State Police in the Village of Goshen Justice Court; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the hourly rate for said Traffic Court Prosecutor is hereby established at \$150.00 per hour; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this appointment is subject to those provisions of New York State Law, both statutory and case law, which permit the Office of the Orange County District Attorney to prosecute violation of the Vehicle and Traffic Law which result in death or serious physical injury which have not otherwise been prosecuted by way of Superior Court information; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this appointment is further subject to the exclusive prosecutorial authority retained by the Orange County District Attorney for any violation of Section 1192 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Scotto	absent

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Gurda expressed condolences to the Scotto family on the recent passing of Tony Scotto's mother, with all Board members concurring.

Trustee Gurda reported that the D.P.W. has started bulk leaf pickup, and continues to mow Village properties.

Trustee Henderson commended the Fire and Police Departments on the good job done with the recent fire at Catherine's Restaurant.

He also reported that the D.P.W. has repaired/replaced manholes throughout the village, and replaced the Minisink pump station check valve.

Trustee O'Donnell welcomed the two new Police Officers and discussed her attendance at the recent Goshen High School's first STEAM Fair. She also noted that the Joint Recreation Commission will be holding a "Trunk or Treat" on Friday, October 29th at Craigville Park.

Mayor Wohl explained that the necessary repairs to Village Hall are moving along.

On a motion by Trustee O'Donnell, seconded by Trustee Henderson, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Scotto	absent