

Village Board Meeting
April 25, 2022

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

Also present: Attorney Donovan and Village Clerk Darby

Mayor Wohl called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were not any modifications to the agenda, therefore, it was accepted as presented.

On a motion by Trustee Henderson, seconded by Trustee Scotto, the Minutes of the April 11, 2022 Village Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Scotto	aye

Public Hearing

Local Law #1

TITLE: AMENDING CHAPTER 54, ENTITLED, "TRAFFIC," TO THE EXTENT OF MODIFYING CHAPTER 54-6 ENTITLED "IMPOUNDMENT, REDEMPTION OF VEHICLES."

On a motion by Trustee O'Donnell, seconded by Trustee Henderson, the Public Hearing was opened at 7:01 pm.

Mayor Wohl then asked if there was public comment, which there were not any.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee O'Donnell, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:01 pm.

Local Law #2

TITLE: AMENDING CHAPTER 54 ENTITLED, "TRAFFIC," TO THE EXTENT OF ADDING A NEW SECTION, SECTION 54-230 TO DIVISION 3 OF CHAPTER 54, WHICH IS ENTITLED "PARKING RESTRICTED."

On a motion by Trustee Henderson, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Public Hearing was opened at 7:02 pm.

Mayor Wohl then asked if there was public comment, which was then received.

Mr. Rajeev Chhabra of 1 Corral Lane discussed the street parking issue at the end of McNally Street and Murray Avenue, where Local Law #2 was focused on McNally Street from the school to Scotchtown Avenue. Mr. Chhabra discussed the problems that occur with parking from Murray Avenue to the Intermediate School on McNally Street, where 8-10 cars are parked on the evening and weekends, and people have to drive on the wrong side of the road.

Mr. Chhabra was thanked for bringing these concerns to the Board, and Local Law #2 would be amended to specify the section of Local Law #2.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Henderson, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:07 pm.

Communications

1. Letter from Mr. Dunlevy re: Gazebo/Pavilion at Salesian Park

Mr. Brian Dunlevy discussed his proposal for building a gazebo that would be located near the bathrooms, and adjacent to an electric area. The proposed location currently has a patio with chairs, which would be raised about 7", and would allow an access ramp. According to Trustee Scotto, Ms. Sherlock of JRC was in agreement with the location of the proposed gazebo. The gazebo would enhance the Village and Town for additional community events such as movie nights and rentals for events. Mr. Dunlevy advised that the Town of Goshen was in agreement with the proposal. Mr. Dunlevy stated that the project cost is approximately \$100,000 and he has raised funds privately for a third of the project cost so far.

RESOLUTION 44 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONCEPT OF BUILDING A GAZEBO AT SALESIAN PARK

WHEREAS, Mr. Brian Dunlevy attended the 4/25/22 Village Board Meeting to discuss his proposal for a Gazebo at Salesian Park; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dunlevy discussed the plans to build said Gazebo in Mr. Nuzzolese's memory; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dunlevy shared that the project would cost approximately \$100,000, and he has already raised a third of the funds through private donations;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, the Village of Goshen Board approves the concept discussed of building a Gazebo at Salesian Park with condition subject to input from JRC and the Town of Goshen.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Scotto and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on April 25, 2022.

Mr. Dunlevy used his opportunity at the floor to discuss that there needs to be some kind of direction from the end of the trail at St. James Place to the next part of the trail, perhaps a path on West Main Street. Trustee Scotto and Mayor Wohl both advised that they are trying to work with the County on the trail.

In addition, Mr. Dunlevy wanted to share on record that he gave his support to Mr. Boxman for the vacant Trustee position on the Village Board.

Items of Business

1. 2022/2023 Village Budget

RESOLUTION 43 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2022/2023 VILLAGE BUDGET

WHEREAS, the preliminary budget for the fiscal year 2022/2023 has been duly presented to the Village Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, a duly advertised public hearing has been held on April 11, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 5-508(4) of the Village Law, that the said preliminary budget, as changed, altered, and revised, be and hereby is adopted as the budget of the Village of Goshen for the year 2022/2023.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee O'Donnell. The vote was 5 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on April 25, 2022.

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Henderson expressed his appreciation to the Village Board and Community for his time as Village Trustee. He further added that he was proud to be a Village resident as well as being a member of the Village Board.

Trustee O'Donnell gave her best wishes to Trustee Henderson, and reported that the Spring Clean Up was a success with a great turnout from the community. In addition, opening day for Goshen Little League was a success, and Trustee O'Donnell was grateful for the tree plantings that have been taking place around the Village.

Trustee Gurda reported that Bulk Pickup Week had started, sanding and salting equipment had been cleaned and put away, and expressed kind words to Trustee Henderson for his time.

Trustee Scotto also expressed appreciation to Trustee Henderson for his time on the Village Board and wished him well. Trustee Scotto shared great news that the Village received a \$3M grant from NYS for the rehabilitation of the water treatment plant and reservoir, and also reported that ARPA funds would soon be coming in.

Mayor Wohl echoed the appreciation for Trustee Henderson and added that he was an outstanding police officer, and he was the embodiment of community policing.

Citizens' Comments

Mr. Chhabra referenced Village Code 42-30 asking if the code could be amended to add or amend the code by including more than trees. The current code reads:

Sec. 42-30. - Branches, limbs overhanging public streets, ways; clearance prescribed.

The branches and limbs of any trees overhanging any of the streets or other public ways in the village shall be trimmed so that a minimum clearance of 12 feet from the street or public way to the lowest branch shall be maintained.
(Code 1966, § 12-17)

Mr. Chhabra specifically referenced a basketball hoop that is in his neighborhood and expressed his concerns for safety as the hoop didn't seem safe as the lowest part of the hoop is less than 12' from the ground and it doesn't seem sturdy and had showed a picture of the referenced basketball hoop to the Board. Mr. Chhabra did mention that the basketball hoop has since been moved, however, he would like to be sure that going forward the code adds more than branches.

Mr. Donovan will report to the Board on what he recalls as this was an issue addressed in the past.

Mr. Chhabra also added that the trail is challenging to navigate as he had first hand experience bringing his son's Boy Scout Troop across to the start of the other side of the trail, and it was dangerous as there aren't any clear markings.

On a motion by Trustee O'Donnell, seconded by Trustee Henderson, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Gurda aye
Henderson aye
O'Donnell aye
Scotto aye