

Village Board Meeting
August 22, 2022

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

Also present: Village Clerk Darby and Attorney Donovan

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

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee O'Donnell, the agenda was accepted as modified by adding Communication #6 regarding Erie Street Park, and Items of Business #s 5 and 6 regarding a grant and drought state of emergency.

Gurda	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Rouis	aye
Scotto	aye

On a motion by Trustee O'Donnell, seconded by Trustee Rouis, the Minutes of the July 25, 2022 Village Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

Gurda	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Rouis	aye
Scotto	aye

Communications

1. Sapphire Patrolling Request

Mayor Wohl read a letter from Aryeh Schachter, an Administrator with Sapphire Nursing and Rehab at Goshen, asking for the Village of Goshen Police Department to patrol the parking lot of Sapphire Nursing and Rehab at Goshen to issue summons to parking violators.

This practice has never taken place before, and Attorney Donovan advised that there is no provision in the law that would even allow the Village of Goshen Police Department to patrol the area. A letter will be sent to Aryeh Schachter stating the same.

2. 2022 Police Pursuit

Mayor Wohl read the flyer for the upcoming 2022 Police Pursuit 5k that will take place on September 18, 2022 at 9:00 am.

3. Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant Awards

Mayor Wohl read two letters from the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles Governor's Traffic Safety Committee where Sergeant Ryan Rich was awarded two grants for the Police Traffic Services and Child Passenger Safety Program. The grants awarded totaled \$4,870.00.

4. Theodore Lewis, III Retirement

Mayor Wohl read a memorandum from Theodore Lewis, III announcing his resignation as the Village of Goshen Building Inspector effective September 9, 2022.

Mayor Wohl reported that the Village has already requested the list from the County and will reach out to those eligible, Lanc & Tully will be assisting the Building Department in

the meantime, and Mr. Gibbs will continue his responsibilities as Code Enforcement Officer.

5. Illuminate Goshen Fall Festival

Mayor Wohl read a request from Illuminate Goshen for a Fall Festival. Trustee O' Donnell explained the event further which will be a combination of a festival and art walk.

RESOLUTION 72 of 2022

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ILLUMINATE GOSHEN'S FALL FESTIVAL ON OCTOBER 15, 2022

WHEREAS, an email was received from former Mayor Kyle Roddey with a request on behalf of the Board of Directors of Illuminate Goshen to host a Fall Festival on the Village Green; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees approved the following:

- Illuminate Goshen to host the Fall Festival on 10/15/22 from 12p-4p with a raindate of 10/22/22; and
- Subject to review by DPW and Police Department.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Scotto The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on August 22, 2022.

6. Erie Street Park

Mayor Wohl stated that there have been several complaints and police reports for graffiti and garbage around the park. He specifically referenced a police report dated 8/4/22 where graffiti was again on equipment, broken glass was on the basketball court, and there was other garbage around the park. Trustee Gurda shared that the concerns at Erie Street Park have been a point of discussion at Joint Rec meetings. Mayor Wohl expressed that the Village Board supports extra efforts to decrease issues at the park.

Items of Business

1. Agreement of Refuse Removal with GCSNY

RESOLUTION 69 of 2022

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF THE REFUSE REMOVAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN AND THE GOSHEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the latest refuse removal agreement expired on June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the GCSNY BOE approved extending the agreement with the Village of Goshen for an additional year at their August 1, 2022 meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen Mayor is hereby authorized to sign an agreement extending the current refuse removal agreement for one year at a rate of \$52,000.

Motion to adopt by Trustee O'Donnell and seconded by Trustee Scotto. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on August 22, 2022.

2. Hiring of Police Officer

RESOLUTION 70 of 2022

A RESOLUTION HIRING FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY A. PIRILLO

WHEREAS, there is a full-time vacancy for a police officer available at the Village of Goshen Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Anthony A. Pirillo has been employed as a part-time Police Officer with the Village of Goshen Police Department since 2018; and

WHEREAS, Anthony A. Pirillo is fully trained and equipped, and has performed satisfactorily in his part-time capacity; and

WHEREAS, a background investigation has been completed and Anthony A. Pirillo has completed the necessary medical and psychological testing; and

WHEREAS, there is a sense of urgency to hire from a certified list as a result of an anticipated personnel shortage; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the hiring of Anthony A. Pirillo,

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the hiring of the above individual is specifically subject to the following:

1. An annual salary of \$64,606.00;
2. This appointment includes a maximum probationary period of 18 months.

Motion to adopt by Trustee O'Donnell and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on August 22, 2022.

3. NY Forward Grant: Schedule Community Meeting

Mayor Wohl described a NY FORWARD grant that the Village of Goshen is going to pursue. One of the requirements of the grant is to hold at least one community meeting to obtain public input on downtown revitalization with proposed projects and ideas they have. The community meeting will be held on September 12, 2022 at 7:30 pm at Village Hall.

4. Village of Goshen Mayor to Sign Local Community Assistance Program (LoCAP) Preliminary Application

RESOLUTION 73 of 2022

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN MAYOR TO SIGN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LoCAP) PRELIMINARY APPLICATION

WHEREAS, a funding opportunity in the amount of \$100,000.00 has become available for the Village of Goshen Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the signature of an authorized official is required to complete the LoCAP Preliminary Application;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the LoCAP Preliminary Application and any other materials for the Village of Goshen Police Department funding opportunity.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on August 22, 2022.

5. Schedule Public Hearing for Local Law #3

RESOLUTION 71 of 2022

A RESOLUTION SCHEDULING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #3 ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 AT 7PM:

TITLE: AMENDING ARTICLE XIV. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, SECTION 14.2.9. – RELATED TO SCHEDULE OF FEES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen Attorney has modified a local law at the direction of a Resolution from the Village Board dated March 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing must be scheduled; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following law will be heard at a Public Hearing on September 26, 2022 at 7:00 pm:

1. ***TITLE: AMENDING ARTICLE XIV. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, SECTION 14.2.9. - RELATED TO SCHEDULE OF FEES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN***

Motion to adopt by Trustee Scotto and seconded by Trustee O'Donnell. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on August 22, 2022.

6. Implement Drought Warning Procedure at Alert Stage Effective Immediately

RESOLUTION 74 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT THE DROUGHT WARNING PROCEDURE AT ALERT STAGE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen has experienced one of the driest summers on record; and

WHEREAS, drought.gov indicates that as a result of precipitation in the last 60 days, the Village of Goshen is in an exceptional drought condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen implements the Drought Warning Procedure, as approved by the Orange County Department of Environmental Health effective immediately.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Scotto and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on August 22, 2022.

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Rouis reported that he will be meeting with Pitingaro & Doetsch after Labor Day.

Trustee O'Donnell shared that Chief Watt was absent as he was at a school safety meeting. In addition, Trustee O'Donnell congratulated the Police Department on the awarded grants submitted by Sgt. Rich, as well as Officer Pirillo being hired full-time. Referencing Chief Watt's Board Report, Trustee O'Donnell mentioned that Officer Scolza assisted a motorist with a flat tire, and once completed, checked his license and found out that the motorist was wanted by the US Marshal Service, which the subject was then taken into custody and turned over to the US Marshal Service. Trustee O'Donnell thanked the Village Police Department for their efforts and always doing the right thing.

Trustee Gurda reported that there was not a JRC meeting in August, however, camp was a great success, and they will be preparing the fields for fall sports. He reported that DPW continued to work on asphalt and patching, as well as maintaining the right of ways. Trustee Gurda expressed his appreciation for the work with the water main break on Police Drive.

Trustee Scotto was pleased with the Board being proactive with conserving water and implementing the Alert Stage of the Drought Warning Procedure. In addition, Trustee Scotto reported that sidewalks on McNally Street should be complete by the next Village Board meeting, and the County is restriping and redoing signs near the crosswalk at McNally Street and Scotchtown Avenue. Trustee Scotto thanked the crew for all of their work with the sidewalks, and is pleased that all the work was done in house, and the Village is fortunate to have the DPW crew that it does. Lastly, he reported that work continues to get the plans and specifications for getting the well online at Crystal Run, and the plan is to have the project out to bid by the end of the year.

Citizens' Comments

There were not any comments received from the public.

On a motion by Trustee O'Donnell, seconded by Trustee Scotto, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Gurda	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Rouis	aye
Scotto	aye