

Village Board Meeting  
January 24, 2022

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

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

Mayor Wohl led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Scotto, the Agenda was accepted as presented.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
O'Donnell	absent
Scotto	aye

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Scotto, the Minutes of the January 10, 2022 Village Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
O'Donnell	absent
Scotto	aye

### **Communications**

Mayor Wohl read the letter of recognition from Fran Doellinger, who shared her appreciation for Officers Rowe and Velez after helping her retrieve her keys locked inside her vehicle on Christmas Eve morning.

Mayor Wohl referenced an inquiry received from Mr. Robert Chaffee asking the Village to ask Frontier to lay fiber due to inadequate service. Attorney Donovan recalls a letter of intent signed by the Village to lay fiber, perhaps pre-covid. Research will be conducted to see if LOI was signed and check on the status if same was done. Mayor Wohl also stated that Verizon could be contact to see if they have any plans to bring business to Orange County. Mayor Wohl added that the more options the residents have, the better.

Mayor Wohl read a memo stating that as of 1/20/22, there are unpaid water and sewer balances in the amount of \$1,005,805.84 with water making up \$352,826.30 and sewer accounting for \$652,979.54 of the total. Clerk Darby shared that delinquent notices were sent to those with outstanding accounts in an effort to collect additional monies before those amounts are relieved on 2022-2023 Village taxes.

Mayor Wohl advised that if anyone has a difficult time paying the water/sewer bills due to covid, residents can contact Village Hall to request payment assistance. Attorney Donovan advised that if someone should contact Village Hall for payment assistance due to covid, the outstanding amounts cannot be relieved on taxes.

## Items of Business

# APPOINTMENT

## A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO NEW YORK STATE VILLAGE LAW 3-312 FILLING THE VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF VILLAGE JUSTICE BY APPOINTMENT OF THE VILLAGE MAYOR

**WHEREAS**, Rory K. Brady was heretofore elected Village Justice of the Village of Goshen for a term expiring at the conclusion of the official year in the Village of Goshen in April of 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Rory K. Brady has heretofore submitted his letter of resignation from the position of Village Justice thereby creating a vacancy in said office; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 3-312 of the New York State Village Law, the Mayor of the Village of Goshen is hereby authorized to fill vacancies in elected offices in accordance with the terms and requirements of the New York State Village Law Section 3-312;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that I, Scott Wohl, Mayor of the Village do hereby appoint Kimberly Van Haaster as Justice of the Village of Goshen for a term commencing immediately upon this appointment for a term expiring at the conclusion of the current Village official year in April 2022.

### Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Henderson congratulated Chief Watt on his 40 years of service to the Village of Goshen. In addition, Trustee Henderson reported that the water line on Woodhill was fixed.

In Trustee O'Donnell's absence, Mayor Wohl referred to Chief Watt's report, and first referenced the assistance the Village provided to Florida on the bomb threat at the high school. Next the bus accident on Connector Road was mentioned, and he also recognized the department for helping people get to shelter during the extreme cold.

Chief Watt reminded everyone that there is not any parking on village streets during snow storms, so if needed, they will have to be ticketed and towed.

Trustee Gurda reported the DPW worked the recent snow events and did a great job, and he added the importance of cars being moved as there isn't overnight parking available in the Village. In addition, Trustee Gurda reported that all was well with the JRC.

Trustee Scotto shared that someone from the DPW graduated from water school, and is looking to further his education even more and enroll in sewer courses. This is a good idea as the Village is always short on personnel at the sewer plant. Trustee Scotto also raised concerns about the 24-hour parking spots in the Village, which seem to have become people's personal parking spaces. During weather events, this poses a problem with snow removal. At the conclusion of the conversation, the Board realizes this is an ongoing problem and it will continue to be worked on and monitored.

Mayor Wohl welcomed Clerk Darby as she started her role at the beginning of the year.

## Citizens' Comments

There were not any comments received from the public.

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

Gurda	aye
Henderson	aye
O'Donnell	absent
Scotto	aye