

Village Board Meeting
June 13, 2022

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

Member absent: Trustee Scotto

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

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

Special Recognition

1. Sergeant Manna Retirement

Chief Watt began by saying we were there to say thank you and farewell to Senior Sergeant John Manna for his incredible work and willingness to always help where needed over his time with the Village of Goshen Police Department. Chief Watt asked Sgt. Manna to join him for one last duty he had for him to do.

Sgt. Manna presented his son, Ptl. Jacob Manna, with the 2021 lifesaving award. An award bar with blue and red, signifying police sacrifice and loyalty, and the date the event occurred, along with a certificate were presented that in part stated:

In recognition of your courageous and life saving actions on September 15th, 2021 during a call where a person was experiencing severe hemorrhaging from a possible nicked artery. Your fast response, professionalism and decisiveness in treating a life-threatening emergency resulted in the patient receiving the critical medical care needed to save their life.

Chief Watt then read a biography of Sgt. Manna's time as a police officer through his retirement as Senior Sergeant. Chief Watt read a letter and certificate from the District Attorney. Chief Watt presented Sgt. Manna with his retirement badge.

Mayor Wohl presented a certificate to Sgt. Manna that read:

We wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for a distinguished 29-year career in law enforcement; with 21 years of dedicated service to the Village of Goshen Police Department. We wish you good health, happiness and continued success during your retirement.

PBA President R. Kozwalski and PBA Member J. Manna, presented Mrs. Manna with a bouquet of flowers acknowledging her being there by Sgt. Manna's side while he served his community, and a plaque was presented to Sgt. Manna for his retirement.

Chief Watt officially released Sgt. Manna from his service at Village of Goshen Police Department, and saluted and commended Sgt. Manna. Family and friends gathered to congratulate Sgt. Manna, and went outdoors to capture photos with the recent retiree.

Mayor Wohl removed item of business 3 from the agenda. On a motion by Trustee O'Donnell, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Agenda was accepted as modified.

Gurda aye
O'Donnell aye
Wohl aye

The approval of the 5/9/22 and 5/23/22 Village Board meeting minutes were deferred to the 6/27/22 meeting as a quorum was needed for each meeting's minutes to be voted on.

Communications

There were not any communications received for the 6/13/22 meeting.

Items of Business

1. Resolution to approve abstract of vouchers

RESOLUTION 54 of 2022

A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBERS 11 AND 12 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/21 – 5/31/22 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 20468 THROUGH 20720 TOTTALLING \$1,764,251.61

WHEREAS, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2021/2022 numbers 11 and 12; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 20468 through 20629; and
2. Abstract number 11 in the amount of \$1,565,373.02; and
3. Check numbers 20630 through 20720; and
4. Abstract number 12 in the amount of \$198,878.59.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee O'Donnell. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on June 13, 2022.

2. Resolution to approve Local Law #2

RESOLUTION 42 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2022: 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." THE PURPOSE OF THIS LOCAL LAW IS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY ON MCNALLY STREET BY RESTRICTING ON-STREET PARKING DURING CERTAIN SPECIFIC HOURS AS A RESULT OF INCREASED TRAFFIC TO AND FROM THE GOSHEN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DURING THESE TIMES.

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

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was scheduled and took place on April 25, 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the law titled, 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" has been adopted by the Village Board of Trustees.

Motion to adopt by Trustee O'Donnell and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on June 13, 2022.

3. Resolution to approve summer hours at Village Hall

RESOLUTION 56 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW SUMMER HOURS AT VILLAGE HALL FROM JUNE 2022 – SEPTEMBER 2022

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen would like to provide a flexible work schedule during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen will offer summer hours with Village Hall closing at 1:00 p.m. on Fridays for its administrative staff starting the week of June 13, 2022 through September 2, 2022. *Please note that lunch will not be given on Friday's when leaving early.* Guidelines have been created to ensure that applicable employees will have the opportunity, if desired, to participate in a flexible work schedule during the summer period. This policy will provide a quality-of-life benefit that will serve to enhance job satisfaction; help employees to balance the demand of the workplace with personal and family needs; and a way for the Village to show that we value the employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following is approved:

- Flexible work schedules/time must be approved by the immediate supervisor. The hours worked must be reported on the summer hours timesheet;
- Employees must work 32.5 hours (or use paid time off) every week;
- Employees must make up 2.5 hours between Monday and Friday each week to leave at 1:00 p.m. on Friday's;
- Office coverage must be provided during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday;
- Ways to make up hours
 - Employees may take a 30-minute lunch instead of the standard one-hour lunch to make up the 2.5 hours
 - Employees may come in at 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday to make up the 2.5 hours
 - Hours can be made up in any combination, however, employees must let the Clerk know what they will be doing by putting the information on the white board in the Clerk's office;
- The timesheet showing the hours made up must be completed each week, as they will be reviewed by the Mayor, Board, and Village Clerk. **Failure to complete the time form will result in the employee not being able to leave the office at 1:00 p.m.;** and
- Please be advised that time off will change and impact the hours to be made up for the week.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee O'Donnell. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on June 13, 2022.

Department Head Comments

Building Inspector Lewis reported that 9 permits were issued in the month of May, totaling \$1,083,000, where the majority was for the demolition of the Salesian School. In addition, blasting has started for the Royal Wine project and the Building Inspector and Village Clerk are handling any calls received about the blasting. Lastly, the Loretta Lane subdivision is complete.

DPW Superintendent reported on the major activities of the Department of Public Works from May 24, 2022 through June 13, 2022:

ROADS

1. Mutual Assistance Town of Hamptonburg- Tar and Chipo with two trucks
2. Continued hot asphalt patching of Village Streets

3. Continued sweeping of various Village Streets
4. Continued mowing Village Hall, Parks, Fire Department and other Village properties
5. Continued catch basin repairs throughout Village
6. Painted double yellow lines downtown and various other areas in Village in preparation for Memorial Day
7. Crack sealed various streets throughout Village
8. Installed flower baskets downtown, started watering
9. Emptied and maintained parking meters
10. Prepared, staffed and broke down for Memorial Day parade
11. Prepared, staffed and broke down for Art Walk
12. Mowed and trimmed unmaintained right-of-ways throughout Village
13. Removed dead trees in right-of-way on Fletcher
14. Trimmed line of sight problem trees on West Main Street and at PD

WATER

1. Repaired two water leaks on service to sewer plant
2. Painting/ Maintaining Fire Hydrants throughout Village
3. Repaired water valve box on Murray

SEWER

1. Continued Bi-Annual Sewer Jetting of Mains throughout Village.

Clerk Darby reported on the following activities:

- Prepared and distributed tax bills
- Quarter 2 water/sewer billing sent
- Processing water/sewer and tax payments
- Update website
 - Put a post on FB for photos
 - Working with designer
- Submitted required paperwork for DASNY grant
- Provided necessary information for insurance quotes and started w/ new local broker
- Sent letters to Wickham and McNally residents re: repair and sidewalks
- Closed out 2021/2022 fiscal year
- Transitioning to M&T Bank
- Coordinated approval of movie shoot on Main Street

Chief Watt mentioned the success of the Memorial Day Parade and Art Walk. The Chief also reported that additional patrols have been assigned to Erie Street Park as there has been an increase in juvenile activity. Chief Watt pointed out two critical issues the Police Department is staying on top of: 1) stopping for school busses, and 2) vehicles stopping in both directions when a pedestrian is in a crosswalk. The Chief added that patrol has been instructed to monitor these two issues. Trustee O'Donnell suggested a Facebook post on the Village of Goshen page.

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee O'Donnell thanked the DPW and Police Department for their assistance with the Art Walk and Memorial Day Parade.

Trustee Gurda reported on the success of the DPW setting and cleaning up for the Memorial Day Parade. Joint Rec updates include the new pavilion at Craigville Park, which, will be ready soon, just in time before Summer Camp starts the week of June 27, 2022.

Mayor Wohl reiterated that Salesian Park will be closed until 7/31/22, as demolition of the school started, and although the park is closed, the library will remain open. Mayor Wohl stated that the Town of Goshen bid out the project, and is paying for the project, and the Village Building Department provided the permit.

Mayor Wohl again advised that blasting has commenced on the Royal Wine project, and Mr. Donovan advised that the Village of Goshen did its due diligence in approving the blasting permit.

Lastly, Mayor Wohl thanked CLG for being a great broker through the years, and enjoyed working with them. He also stated that it's great to have a local broker to serve the Village of Goshen.

Citizens' Comments

Mr. Kola Dusevic of 27 West Main LLC was respectfully requesting that the penalties added to the water/sewer bills from last year be waived. Mr. Dusevic explained that due to COVID, the majority of their tenants were not paying rent, therefore, causing water/sewer bills to go unpaid, and resulting in penalties. Mr. Dusevic advised that he did submit a request to the County for hardship, however, he did not follow up. Mayor Wohl advised he didn't know if this was possible as the bills in question had already been relieved on the 2022/2023 Village taxes. Mr. Donovan advised Mr. Dusevic to give the paperwork he had to the Village Clerk, and said information would be reviewed so a decision could be made. Clerk Darby advised the Mayor and Board that Mr. Dusevic did pay his current water/sewer bill, and he was advised to hold off on making other payments until he made a request to the Board as it would be difficult to provide a refund once payments were made.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee O'Donnell, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Gurda	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Scotto	absent
Wohl	aye