

Village Board Meeting  
June 27, 2022

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

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

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

Mayor Wohl moved Item of Business #1 to the top of the agenda. On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by O'Donnell, the Agenda was accepted as modified.

Gurda            aye  
O'Donnell      aye  
Scotto           aye

**Items of Business**

**1. Appointment of Village Trustee**

**RESOLUTION 57 of 2022**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEE VACANCY**

**WHEREAS**, there is a vacancy in the Office of Village Trustee; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 3-312 of the New York State Village Law, the Mayor is empowered to fill vacancies in elected office;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,**

**RESOLVED**, that Scott Wohl, as the Mayor of the Village of Goshen does hereby appoint Jonathan F. Rouis as Trustee of the Village of Goshen subject to the terms and provisions of Village Law Section 3-312.

Motion to adopt by Trustee O'Donnell and seconded by Trustee Scotto. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on June 27, 2022.

**Village Board Minutes**

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Scotto, the Minutes of the May 9, 2022 Village Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

Gurda            aye  
Scotto           aye  
Wohl             aye

On a motion by Trustee Scotto, seconded by Trustee O'Donnell, the Minutes of the May 23, 2022 Village Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

Gurda            aye  
O'Donnell      aye  
Scotto           aye

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee O'Donnell, the Minutes of the June 13, 2022 Village Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

Gurda aye  
O'Donnell aye  
Wohl aye

## **Communications**

### **1. Request for a Block Party on William Street**

Mayor Wohl read a request from Ms. Nichole Schepps to hold a block party on William Street.

#### **RESOLUTION 58 of 2022**

#### **A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED BLOCK PARTY ON WILLIAM STREET ON JULY 23, 2022, WITH A RAINDATE OF AUGUST, 20, 2022, AND A SECOND RAINDATE OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Nichole T. Schepps asked the Village Board for permission to hold a block party on William Street; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Schepps would like to take this opportunity to have a barbeque and get to know one another on the street;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,**

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board approves the block party, with the understanding that all Village Codes and Laws will be adhered to;

and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that neighbors will be notified of the event;

and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that Ms. Schepps will adhere to any conditions set forth by the Village of Goshen Board of Trustees including the flyer, proof of notification to neighborhood, and that the event will end by dark.

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 June 27, 2022.

### **2. Rally for Falun Gong**

#### **RESOLUTION 59 of 2022**

#### **A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A RALLY FOR FALUN GONG ON JULY 17, 2022 ON THE VILLAGE GREEN**

**WHEREAS**, Zhanglin Lin Cui, PhD on behalf of Falun Gong practitioners in Orange County requested permission from the Village Board to hold a Falun Gong rally on July 17, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Lin Cui provided information on Falun Gong; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Lin Cui states that all rules, laws and local regulations have been followed at similar events in the past; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,**

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board approves the rally for Falun Gong on July 17, 2022, with the understanding that all Village Codes and Laws will be adhered to;

and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that Dr. Lin Cui will complete an application for use of Village property, and provide the necessary paperwork;

and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that Dr. Lin Cui will adhere to any additional conditions set forth by the Village of Goshen Board of Trustees.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee O'Donnell. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on June 27, 2022.

3. Goshen Chamber of Commerce – request for use of Village Green for Great American Weekend reception

**RESOLUTION 60 of 2022**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE GOSHEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S USE OF THE CHURCH PARK ON JUNE 30, 2022 FOR A RECEPTION**

**WHEREAS**, a letter was received from Goshen Chamber of Commerce asking to host a small appreciation reception for the Great American Weekend (GAW) sponsors; and

**WHEREAS**, GRAZE will provide food and beverages, and obtain necessary permits; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,**

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board approves the use of the Church Park on June 30, 2022 for a sponsorship appreciation reception, with the understanding that all Village Codes and Laws will be adhered to;

and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Goshen Chamber of Commerce will provide the Village of Goshen with the Certificate of Insurance for the full four days of GAW naming the Village of Goshen as an additional insured.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee O'Donnell. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on June 27, 2022.

**Mayor/Trustee Comments**

Mayor Wohl shared that Trustee Rouis will be the Sewer Commissioner.

Trustee O'Donnell reported that she and Chief Watt had a productive meeting with Senator Skoufis last week and discussed possible funding opportunities for Village of Goshen Police Department Renovations. There have been public safety concerns with the schools and on the highway that they were also able to discuss with Skoufis.

Trustee O'Donnell referenced a letter from James O'Donnell of the NYS Legislature with his support of Jonathan F. Rouis to the Village Board of Trustees.

Lastly, Trustee O'Donnell shared that Great American Weekend festivities are starting a day earlier with a reception to show gratitude for sponsors and others involved helping to make Great American Weekend a success. She went over the schedule that horse

races are Saturday, Sunday and Monday at 1pm, with Great American Weekend taking place on Saturday and Sunday.

Trustee Gurda reported that the DPW has been preparing for Great American Weekend, and welcomed Jonathan Rouis to the Board.

Trustee Scotto shared that he along with Superintendent Birney and Erin had a kickoff meeting to discuss the water treatment plant utilizing the grant funds secured.

Attorney Donovan reported that Goshen Rec Camp had a successful opening day.

### **Citizens' Comments**

Mr. Paul Lang, Assistant Supervisor of the Transportation Department for the Goshen Central School District, addressed the safety concerns he has when busses leave C.J. Hooker onto Lincoln Avenue. The current situation allows parking/line up of vehicles on one side and no parking on the other side, making it difficult for busses to navigate the tight spaces. Chief Watt will bring this concern to Dr. Kotes as he is meeting with him later in the week. Mayor Wohl thanked Mr. Lang for his timing of writing a letter and coming before the Board as there are several weeks before school resumes in the fall.

Mr. Mikel Ledford and Connie Bertone of Mc Nally Street went on record to share the signed petitions they had regarding the recent changes of on street parking on McNally Street. Mr. Ledford asked if there were a way to allow residents on street parking privileges by registering license plates, or a decal for each vehicle. Discussion took place advising that GIS faculty park on the street, which has led to the issues with on street parking. The primary concern of all is the safety of the children leaving GIS. Mayor Wohl advised that he will discuss this issue with Dr. Kotes and this is a great opportunity to look at all of the safety concerns around Goshen schools.

Ms. Colleen Hughes congratulated Trustee Rouis on his appointment to the Village Board of Trustees.

Clerk Darby conducted the swearing in of Jonathan F. Rouis as a Trustee of the Village of Goshen Board of Trustees.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee O'Donnell, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Gurda	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Rouis	aye
Scotto	aye