

Village Board Meeting
November 28, 2022

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

Member absent: Trustee Gurda

Also present: DPW Superintendent Birney, Andrew Contarino, Interim Building Inspector, Village Clerk Darby, Attorney Donovan, and Chief Watt

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 Rouis, seconded by Trustee Scotto, the agenda was accepted as presented.

Gurda	absent
O'Donnell	aye
Rouis	aye
Scotto	aye

Mayor Wohl made note that Trustee Gurda was excused from the meeting.

On a motion by Trustee O'Donnell, seconded by Trustee Rouis, the Minutes of the October 24, 2022 Village Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

Gurda	absent
O'Donnell	aye
Rouis	aye
Scotto	aye

Communications

1. Crescent Drive Road Work

Mayor Wohl read correspondence from Lisa Moranz regarding Crescent Drive and the road repair work needed on the road. Mayor Wohl advised he drove the road reported and agreed that at the very least patching was needed. Superintendent Birney advised that patching will take place the following day of the Board meeting, and Crescent Drive is included.

2. Notice of Resignation – C. Diana

Mayor Wohl read a letter of resignation from Courtney Diana and wished her well in her future endeavors.

3. Notice of Retirement – R. Boss

Mayor Wohl made mention that Ruth Anne Boss has discussed a desire of retirement from the Building Department after working full time for more than 20 years. Mayor Wohl added that nothing has been received in writing, however, he believed she intends to retire by the end of the year.

4. Notice of Filing of NYS Annual Financial Report

Mayor Wohl referenced a notice stating that the current annual financial report had been filed and copies are available at Village Hall.

5. C. Ashman Thank You Card

Mayor Wohl read a thank you card from Mr. Ashman on behalf of the 11 families on Garden Terrace for paving their street. Mr. Ashman also thanked DPW Superintendent Birney and the DPW crew who helped complete the project.

6. D. Slesinski Thank you Card

Mayor Wohl read a thank you card from Dan Slesinski for his retirement gift from the Village Board.

Items of Business

1. Abstract of Voucher #5

RESOLUTION 93 of 2022

A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 5 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/22 – 5/31/23 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 21172 THROUGH 21332 TOTALLING \$947,853.77

WHEREAS, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2022/2023 numbers 5; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 21172 through 21332; and
2. Abstract number 5 in the amount of \$947,853.77.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Scotto. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on November 28, 2022.

2. Hiring of Y. Johnson as Court Officer

RESOLUTION 94 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO HIRE YOLANDA JOHNSON FOR THE POSITION OF COURT OFFICER AT A RATE OF \$18.28 AN HOUR

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy of Court Officer in the Village Court; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the hiring of Ms. Yolanda Johnson for the position of Court Officer

and it is further

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

1. An hourly rate of \$18.28 an hour;
2. Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment physical exam and pre-employment paperwork, and will have a probationary period of 52 weeks.

Motion to adopt by Trustee O'Donnell and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on November 28, 2022.

3. Set Public Hearing for Local Law #4

RESOLUTION 95 of 2022

A RESOLUTION SCHEDULING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #4 ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022 AT 7PM:

TITLE: REPLACING SECTION 165-64 OF THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN CODE ENTITLED "TWENTY MILES PER HOUR."

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen Attorney has modified a local law at the direction of a Resolution from the Village Board dated October 24, 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 November 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm:

1. Replacing Section 165-64 of the Village of Goshen Code entitled "Twenty Miles per Hour."
 - a. Section 154-65. School Speed Zones – Twenty Miles per Hour
 - i. Erie Street from its intersection with Main Street (NYS Route 207) to its terminus at Lincoln Avenue.
 - ii. Murray Avenue between North Church Street and its intersection with Erie Street.
 - iii. Scotchtown Avenue from the Village line to Murray Avenue.
 - iv. Murray Avenue to Harness Estates
 - v. McNally Street from its intersection with Scotchtown Avenue to its terminus in the Goshen Intermediate School parking lot.
 - vi. Lincoln Avenue to North Church Street

Motion to adopt by Trustee Scotto and seconded by Trustee O'Donnell. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on November 28, 2022.

4. Set Public Hearing for Local Law #5

RESOLUTION 101 of 2022

A RESOLUTION SCHEDULING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW#5 TO REGULATE TEMPORARY WASTE AND PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022 AT 7PM:

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen Attorney has modified a local law at the direction of a Resolution from the Village Board dated October 24, 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 December 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm:

1. Regulate temporary waste and portable storage containers

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee O'Donnell. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on November 28, 2022.

5. Use of Village Property Application – Movie Filming

RESOLUTION 96 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF VILLAGE PROPERTY FOR FILMING OF A MOVIE ON 11/30/22 AND 12/1/22

WHEREAS, Joe Camerota on behalf of Didn't Die LLC submitted an application for use of Village Property; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Camerota toured the Village of Goshen with Chief Watt and described their intention of places to film and needs for filming; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Camerota has provided a COI naming the Village of Goshen as an additional insured; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves the use of Village property for filming the movie Didn't Die on 11/30/22 from 5am – 5pm, and 12/1/22 from 6am to 12pm;

RESOLVED, that Mr. Camerota completed an application for use of Village property, and provided the necessary paperwork;

and it is further

RESOLVED, that Mr. Camerota will adhere to any additional conditions set forth by the Village of Goshen Board of Trustees.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Scotto. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on November 28, 2022.

6. Use of Village Property – Menorah Lighting

RESOLUTION 97 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF VILLAGE PROPERTY FOR PLACEMENT AND LIGHTING OF THE MENORAH

WHEREAS, Rabbi Borenstein on behalf of Lubavitch submitted an application for use of Village Property, specifically the Village Green; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Borenstein will provide a COI naming the Village of Goshen as an additional insured; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves the use of the Village Green for placement of the Menorah prior to Hannukah and the duration of same, and for the lighting of the Menorah from 12/18/22 – 12/20/22;

RESOLVED, that Rabbi Borenstein on behalf of Lubavitch completed an application for use of Village property, and will provide a COI naming the Village of Goshen as an additional insured;

and it is further

RESOLVED, that Rabbi Borenstein will adhere to any additional conditions set forth by the Village of Goshen Board of Trustees.

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 November 28, 2022.

7. Use of Village Property – Illuminate Goshen

Trustee O'Donnell shared that the festivities will begin at 4pm, with JRC on site with cookies and hot chocolate, and the LEO Club from Goshen High School, along with the reading of The Night Before Christmas by Cornerstone Theatre.

RESOLUTION 103 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF VILLAGE PROPERTY FOR THE ILLUMINATE GOSHEN TREE LIGHTING EVENT

WHEREAS, Kyle Roddey submitted a request for use of Village Property; and

WHEREAS, Kyle Roddey will provide a COI naming the Village of Goshen as an additional insured; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves the use of the Village Green for the Tree Lighting event on December 3rd, with setup beginning at 12pm and the event concluding by 6pm;

RESOLVED, that Kyle Roddey on behalf of Illuminate Goshen completed an application for use of Village property, and will provide a COI naming the Village of Goshen as an additional insured;

and it is further

RESOLVED, that Illuminate Goshen will adhere to any additional conditions set forth by the Village of Goshen Board of Trustees.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee O'Donnell. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on November 28, 2022.

8. Repeal Village Issued Benefits to Elected Officials

RESOLUTION 98 of 2022

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM POLICY REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR VILLAGE OFFICIALS ELECTED TO OFFICE AFTER JANUARY 1, 2023

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen currently makes health insurance benefits available to the Village Mayor, the Village Trustees and the Village Justice (the "elected officials"); and

WHEREAS, for those elected officials who choose to participate in the Village health insurance plan, the Village pays the applicable health insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, the premium payments made on behalf of the elected official have increased year after year to the extent that it has become a fiscal strain for the Village to continue to make premium payments on behalf of these elected officials; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Village hereby establishes a uniform policy providing that any said elected official who shall take office on or after January 1, 2023, either by election or appointment, shall not be entitled to receive, nor shall they receive, any health insurance benefits from the Village of Goshen, nor will the Village of Goshen make any premium payments on their behalf;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that no elected official who takes office either by appointment or election after January 1, 2023 shall be entitled to any health insurance benefit paid for by the Village of Goshen; and it is further

RESOLVED, to the extent that any currently serving elected official shall be receiving said health insurance benefits, said elected official shall be entitled to continue receiving said benefits until said elected official is no longer in office; and it is further

RESOLVED, that any and all polices and/or resolutions heretofore adopted by the Village of Goshen to the contrary are hereby abolished and repealed.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee O'Donnell. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on November 28, 2022 .

9. Hiring of R. Giovanniello for Police Department

RESOLUTION 99 of 2022

A RESOLUTION HIRING FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER ROCCO S. GIOVANNIELLO

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

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the hiring of Rocco S. Giovanniello,

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. Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment paper work, and physical and psychological testing;
3. This appointment includes a maximum probationary period of 18 months.

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 November 28, 2022.

10. Appoint Registrar

RESOLUTION 100 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MARIA DARBY AS THE REGISTRAR FOR VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy of the Registrar of Vital Statistics with the resignation of the current Registrar; and

WHEREAS, Maria Darby is eligible to perform the duties of the Registrar for Vital Statistics; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves Maria Darby's appointment as the Registrar for Vital Statistics for the Village of Goshen.

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 November 28, 2022.

11. Horseshoe Court Dedication

RESOLUTION 104 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, TO WIT, THE ROADWAY KNOWN AS HORSESHOE COURT AND THE ASSOCIATED WATER, STORM DRAINAGE AND STREET LIGHTING UTILITIES, COLLECTIVELY THE "PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS"

WHEREAS, the subdivision known as "Murphy Estates" has heretofore received final subdivision approval from the Village of Goshen Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the subdivision map for the Murphy Estates subdivision has been duly filed in the office of the Orange County Clerk and construction has been undertaken regarding the public improvements required to be installed within the said subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the owner and developer of the Murphy Estates subdivision now requests that the Village Board accept the public improvements, to wit, the roadway known as Horseshoe Court and the associated water, storm drainage and street lighting utilities, collectively the "public improvements," as are required by the aforementioned subdivision map; and

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer, in correspondence dated November 18, 2022, has recommended that said public improvements be accepted by the Village of Goshen; and

WHEREAS, during the course of construction of the subdivision it became necessary that a private easement be prepared wherein tax parcel 124-2-2.15 received an easement over tax parcel 124-2-2.142 for access to a water shut off valve for water from the Village of Goshen as may become necessary and said easement has been made, executed and delivered to the Village of Goshen in proper form for recording; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the public improvements above described;

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the acceptance of the above-described public improvements is specifically subject to the following:

1. Delivery of required deed and title insurance policy to the Village Attorney, subject to his approval;

2. Submission of "As-built Drawings," subject to approval by the Village Engineer;
3. Installation of required monumentation.

Motion to adopt by Trustee O'Donnell and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on November 28, 2022.

12. Creation of Part-time Dispatcher Position

RESOLUTION 105 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF A PART-TIME DISPATCHER POSITION AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, a need has been identified as there are dispatchers out for extended periods of time for medical reasons; and

WHEREAS, this creates a shortage of dispatchers at the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Chief Watt identified a solution to allow for proper coverage of shifts by creating a part-time dispatcher position to cover shifts when dispatchers are out; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby approves the creation of a part-time dispatcher position within the Village of Goshen Police Department.

Motion to adopt by Trustee O'Donnell and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on November 28, 2022.

13. Waive Parking Meter Fees

RESOLUTION 106 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE PARKING METER FEES FROM DECEMBER 1, 2022 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2023

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen DPW and Board of Trustees like to waive parking meter fees for the holidays in the downtown area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby approves the waiving of parking meter fees in the downtown area from December 1, 2022, through January 1, 2023.

Motion to adopt by Trustee O'Donnell and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on November 28, 2022.

Department Head Reports

Superintendent Birney reported on the following:

The following represents the major activities of the Department of Public Works from November 15, 2022 through November 28, 2022.

ROADS

1. Continued Bulk Vacuum Leaf Collection- in round of collection
2. Collected and maintained parking meters
3. Continued Grinding Stumps/ Restoration throughout Village
4. Mowed and Trimmed Village Properties and Parks
5. Collected Yard Waste throughout Village
6. Hot and Cold Asphalt Patching of Various Village Streets
7. Continued Right-of-Way Mowing- throughout Village
8. Started Installing Holiday Decorations
9. Continued Catch basin Repairs throughout Village

WATER

1. Pumped down/winterized non-draining fire hydrants
2. Started Annual Leak Detection with Northeast Water Technology

SEWER

1. Normal Operations

DPW Superintendent inquired about the waiving of parking meter fees, which then led to a resolution.

Chief Watt thanked Trustee Scotto and Danny Cruz for all of their efforts in getting the new roof at the Police Department. Chief Watt advised that there continue to be ongoing efforts with the school district to help with current issues. On 11/14/22, Sgt. Smoulcey and Sgt. Kelemen conducted Narcan training for school district staff. On 11/15/22, the Chief and Village of Goshen Police Department assisted with a K9 sweep at CJ Hooker Middle School and Goshen High School due to increased use of vapes. In addition, on 11/18/22, Sgt. Smoulcey participated in a roundtable event hosted by Dr. Kurtis Kotes where participants, including students, parents and staff, provided suggestions and opinions on ongoing issues. Lastly, Chief Watt stated that filming for a movie will occur in the Village on 11/30 and 12/1.

Clerk Darby reported on the following:

1. Preparing 4th period water/sewer billing
2. Update website and email addresses
 - a. Working with Microsoft and third party to help with licensing
 - i. Transition has started with Police Department
 - b. Reviewing initial website from designer – sending link to Board for their review and feedback
3. Received \$10,889 from Comp Alliance, our Workers Compensation insurance for being on the Safe Workplace Award during 2021
 - a. Will look to schedule Village wide training in the new year
4. Received \$75k check from DASNY grant
5. Personnel
 - a. Continue to work with Building Department
 - b. Restructure Clerk's office
6. Preparing for March 21, 2023 election
7. All keeping busy

Andrew Contarino of Lanc and Tully, the interim Building Inspector, reported the following:

Since Lanc and Tully, P.C. became Interim Building Inspectors on September 12th, 2022 our first task was to expedite both new and existing permits which had been delayed in processing and provide reviews and inspections to projects in the Building Department. Although tremendous progress has been made work still needs to be completed to bring the department and files up to date. A total of thirty-nine permits have been processed and thirty-three Certificate of Occupancies and Compliances have been issued. By these permits, the Village has generated approximately \$15,200 in revenue. We are currently reviewing several large projects including 39 Police Drive, Fiddlers Green, and Royal Wine. Inspections are currently being split between personnel from our office and Ed Gibbs.

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Scotto reported that he and Mayor Wohl conducted 2 interviews earlier in the day for Building Inspector.

Mayor Wohl reported that he hopes to have a Building Inspector hired by the end of the year.

Trustee O'Donnell thanked the Department Heads for their reports, and invited all to attend the Illuminate Goshen Tree lighting planned for the weekend. She included the event taking place at the Goshen Historic Track from 12p-4p, then of course the tree lighting, and then Catholic Charities would be hosting their holiday light tour where cars drive around the Village looking at decorated homes.

Trustee Rouis took the opportunity to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

Citizens' Comments

Geri Corey asked who was sponsoring the event at the Historic Track, and Trustee O'Donnell advised that the Historic Track and Goshen Chamber of Commerce were responsible for the event.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Scotto, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Gurda	absent
O'Donnell	aye
Rouis	aye
Scotto	aye