

Village Board Meeting
October 24, 2022

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

Also present: DPW Superintendent Birney, 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.

Retirement of Dan Slesinski

Mayor Wohl acknowledged the dedication and commitment from Mr. Slesinski at the DPW for the past 26 years. Mayor Wohl presented Mr. Slesinski with a certificate and gift on behalf of the Village Board of Trustees. Superintendent Birney added additional remarks thanking Mr. Slesinski for all he had done at DPW over the years. Members of the DPW took photos and the Board all wished Mr. Slesinski well in his retirement.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee O'Donnell, the agenda was accepted as presented.

Gurda	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Rouis	aye
Scotto	aye

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Scotto, the Minutes of the September 26, 2022 Village Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

Gurda	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Rouis	aye
Scotto	aye

Communications

1. Grant Announcements

Mayor Wohl shared the exciting news and read recent grant award letters which included a locker room at the Village of Goshen Police Department from Senator Skoufis, and he thanked Chief Watt for all of his efforts in securing the grant. In addition, Senator Skoufis awarded the Village of Goshen a grant to continue the downtown revitalization efforts in the Village that make the area business friendly and walkable. Lastly, Mayor Wohl commended the Chief on another grant for the Police Department for the Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant, which will help with the K9 program at the Village of Goshen.

2. Commendation of Investigator J. Manna

Mayor Wohl read a letter from Investigator Manna's immediate supervisor of the Orange County Child Abuse Unit for his work in a recent case where the investigation led to the arrest of a suspect.

3. NYS Department of Health – Water Supply Emergency Plan Update

Mayor Wohl referenced a letter received from the NYS Department of Health stating that the proposed revisions of the Village's Water Supply Emergency Plan, and the Vulnerability Assessment and Emergency Response Plan must be revised before the

Department can provide approval. This information must be received by the Orange County Department of Health by January 31, 2023.

4. Invitation to attend Time Capsule Dedication at the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society

Mayor Wohl referenced a letter inviting all to attend the time capsule dedication at the Goshen Public Library on October 29, 2022 at 10:00 am.

5. Letter from Residents of Murray Avenue

Mayor Wohl read a letter in reference signed by several residents of Murray Avenue to express their concerns with regards to traffic on their block that is a danger to children and others that walk on the block. The Mayor advised that the public would have an opportunity to comment later during the meeting.

6. Notice of Goshen Plaza Diner applying for liquor license

The Mayor announced that the Goshen Plaza Diner was applying for a liquor license and Attorney Donovan advised that part of the process is for the local municipality to place the notice on the agenda.

Items of Business

1. Promotion of C. Slesinski

RESOLUTION 83 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE CRAIG SLESINKI FOR THE POSITION OF MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR (MEO) AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$59,308.00

WHEREAS, Craig Slesinski is a current VOG DPW employee; and

WHEREAS, there is a position of MEO available; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Birney interviewed Mr. Slesinski and found that he is an excellent candidate for the role of MEO as he has proven to be reliable, he is a proficient equipment operator, and able to learn more technical tasks, and has received his water distribution license and roadside pesticide application license; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the promotion of Mr. Craig Slesinski for the position of MEO;

and it is further

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

1. In accordance with the current contract between the Village of Goshen and the CSEA, Craig Slesinski will be placed on the 2022/2023 Step Two of the pay scale for Motor Equipment Operator, with an annual salary of \$59,308.00, effective October 26, 2022; and
2. A six-month probation period.

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 October 24, 2022 .

2. Resolution to Promote B. Morgiewicz

RESOLUTION 84 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE BRYAN MORGIEWICZ FOR THE POSITION OF WORKING LEADER AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$64,225.00

WHEREAS, Bryan Morgiewicz is a current VOG DPW employee; and

WHEREAS, there is a position of Working Leader available; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Birney interviewed Mr. Morgiewicz and found that he is the most suited for the role of Working Leader as he has proven to be reliable. Mr. Morgiewicz has been able to learn more technical tasks and has received both his water distribution license and roadside pesticide application license. Mr. Morgiewicz has also shown an additional willingness to lead and good team communication skills with his fellow employees, and was sought for guidance by his co-workers during a month-long McNally Street sidewalk project.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the promotion of Mr. Bryan Morgiewicz for the position of Working Leader;

and it is further

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

1. In accordance with the current contract between the Village of Goshen and the CSEA, Bryan Morgiewicz will be placed on the 2022/2023 Step One of the pay scale for Working Leader with an annual salary of \$64,225.00, effective October 26, 2022; and
2. A six-month probation period.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Scotto. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on October 24, 2022 .

3. Resolution to Hire R. Pasiut

RESOLUTION 85 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO HIRE RICHARD PASIUT FOR THE POSITION OF SKILLED LABORER WITH A CDL AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$43,799.00

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy of Skilled Laborer with a CDL; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Birney conducted interviews and found that Mr. Pasiut is the best candidate for the role of Skilled Laborer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the hiring of Mr. Richard Pasiut for the position of Skilled Laborer

and it is further

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

1. In accordance with the current contract between the Village of Goshen and the CSEA, Richard Pasiut will have an annual salary of \$43,799.00, effective upon hire;
2. Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment paper work, and drug screening; and
3. A one-year probation period.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee O'Donnell. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on October 24, 2022 .

4. Resolution to Hire T. Predmore

RESOLUTION 86 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO HIRE THOMAS PREDMORE FOR THE POSITION OF LABORER AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$39,799.00

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy for Laborer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Birney conducted interviews and found that Mr. Predmore is the best candidate for the role of Laborer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the hiring of Mr. Thomas Predmore for the position of Laborer

and it is further

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

1. In accordance with the current contract between the Village of Goshen and the CSEA, Thomas Predmore will have an annual salary of \$39,799.00, effective upon hire;
2. Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment paper work, and drug screening; and
3. A one-year probation period.

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 October 24, 2022 .

5. Resolution to Hire G. VonPentz

RESOLUTION 87 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO HIRE GROVER VON PENTZ FOR THE POSITION OF LABORER AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$39,799.00

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy for Laborer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Birney conducted interviews and found that Mr. Grover von Pentz is the best candidate for the role of Laborer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the hiring of Mr. Grover von Pentz for the position of Laborer

and it is further

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

1. In accordance with the current contract between the Village of Goshen and the CSEA, Grover von Pentz will have an annual salary of \$39,799.00, effective upon hire;
2. Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment paper work, and drug screening; and
3. A one-year probation period.

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 October 24, 2022 .

6. Tax Exempt Water Supply Properties

RESOLUTION 88 of 2022

A RESOLUTION FOR EXEMPTION FROM COUNTY TAXATION FOR THE YEAR 2024 ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF GOSHEN AND TOWN OF WALLKILL FOR THE VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, The Village of Goshen owns property designated as:

13-1-32.61	Town of Goshen
15-1-8	Town of Goshen
15-1-48	Town of Goshen
15-1-50	Town of Goshen
61-1-43	Town of Wallkill

AND, WHEREAS, the above-described properties are used by the Village of Goshen for water supply purposes for its residents and others who use State and County facilities within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature has exempted the described properties from County Taxation in years past;

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen is requesting the Legislature of Orange County to exempt the described properties from County taxation, for the year 2024, in view of its use for municipal purposes.

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 October 24, 2022 .

7. Abstract of Vouchers

RESOLUTION 89 of 2022

A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBERS 2 THROUGH 4 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/22 – 5/31/23 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 20815 THROUGH 21171 TOTTALLING \$1,858,911.93

WHEREAS, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2022/2023 numbers 2 through 4; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the following were approved:

1. Check numbers 20815 through 20907; and
2. Abstract number 2 in the amount of \$395,894.61; and
3. Check numbers 20908 through 21051; and
4. Abstract number 3 in the amount of \$651,088.90; and
5. Check numbers 21052 through 21171; and
6. Abstract number 4 in the amount of \$811,928.42.

Motion to adopt by Trustee O'Donnell and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on October 24, 2022.

8. Flags for our Heroes

RESOLUTION 90 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE VILLAGE GREEN FOR FLAGS FOR HEROES FROM OCTOBER 30, 2022 THROUGH NOVEMBER 19, 2022

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Goshen, NY requested permission from the Village Board to use the Village Green from October 30, 2022 – November 19, 2022 for Flags for Heroes; and

WHEREAS, this event has been held on the Village Green in the past and is a way for the community to pay tribute to heroes in our lives – past and present; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves the use of the Village Green for Flags for Heroes from October 30, 2022 – November 19, 2022, with a few additional days prior to October 30 to setup up the flags, with the understanding that all Village Codes and Laws will be adhered to;

and it is further

RESOLVED, that The Rotary Club of Goshen, NY has already provided the necessary paperwork for use of Village property.

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 October 24, 2022.

9. Local Law Referrals

RESOLUTION 91 of 2022

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO PREPARE FOUR LOCAL LAWS

WHEREAS, currently, there are needs to modify existing local laws; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby allows the Village Attorney to prepare four local laws

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the following laws to be prepared:

- i. School Zone along Murray Ave.; and
- ii. OB Zone modifications to allow for second/third floor residential use; and
- iii. Sign ordinance modifications; and
- iv. Roll-off/Portable Storage regulations.

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 October 24, 2022.

Department Head Reports

Superintendent Birney reported on the following:

The following represents the major activities of the Department of Public Works from September 27, 2022 through October 24, 2022.

ROADS

1. Mutual assistance- Hamptonburg fall cleanup
2. Mowed and trimmed Village Hall, village parks/properties and Fire Departments
3. Collected yard waste throughout Village
4. Continued sweeping of various Village streets
5. Setup/takedown for Fall Festival event
6. Trimmed/ removed and swept vegetation and trash from sidewalks around Police Department, West Main Street, sections of Greenwich and parks
7. Removed and stored watering baskets/ planters throughout Village
8. Milled and paved Garden Terrace and Ridgeway
9. Hamptonburg and Town of Goshen assisted with trucks and drivers in the hauling of millings from the Garden Terrace and Ridgeway repaving project
10. Crack sealing various streets in Village
11. Started bulk leaf collection

WATER

1. Relocated fire hydrant at the end of Garden Terrace
2. Conducted hydrant flushing throughout Village
3. Repaired water main break on Scotchtown Avenue
4. Repaired water main break on South Street

SEWER

1. Worked with NYRWA televising sewer mains
2. Replaced Manholes on South Street and Harriman Drive with gasketed type to reduce/eliminate local odor complaints

The Mayor thanked Superintendent Birney and his team on their recent work with the water main breaks.

Chief Watt commended Trustee O'Donnell on the success of Fall Fast. In addition, the Chief reminded everyone of the Halloween curfew and for motorists to use caution while driving on Halloween as there is a lot of pedestrian traffic. Lastly, he commended Mr. D. Slesinski on all of his work.

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
 - b. Reviewing initial website from designer – hopes to have initial review to the Board by the end of the week for review and feedback

3. Submitted claims to insurance company
4. Grants – completed paperwork for Downtown Revitalization Grant and submitted information for DPW Roof Replacement
5. Continue to work with Building Department during their transition

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Scotto reported that Pitingaro & Doetsch has the plans and specs completed in order for well 3 to go online, and they are waiting on final approval from the DEC, who sees this as imminent project. In regards to the reservoir filtration plant, he is pleased with the conceptual drawings as they are looking to the future.

Trustee Gurda congratulated Mr. D. Slesinski on his retirement, and expressed his gratitude for the DPW’s hard work with the water main break at the County Building. In regards to JRC, Trustee Gurda heard the Town of Goshen was looking to have the Salesian ruins removed, and Trustee Gurda advised that further discussion is required, and a meeting has already taken place.

Trustee O’Donnell reported that the Fall Festival went really well and thanked the DPW and PD for their support. She also thanked the police department for all of their efforts with the recent issues at the schools.

Trustee Rouis advised that he received a thorough explanation on flows at the WWTP from Pitingaro & Doetsch.

Citizens’ Comments

In regards to Murray Avenue, Mr. Leonard LoBreglio of 183 Murray Avenue, commented that the traffic has significantly changed since Harness Estates has become more populated. He expressed his concerns for the children’s safety as they’re walking to and from school, as well as other pedestrians. Mr. LoBreglio did say that there has been police presence and the radar sign for a couple of days, and then the cars are speeding again only after a short time.

Mr. Joe Paoli of 180 Murray Avenue also echoed Mr. LoBreglio’s concerns about the traffic on Murray Avenue. Mr. Paoli reiterated the amount of traffic from Scotchtown Avenue to McNally Street, the primary entrance used for Goshen Intermediate School. Mrs. Rachel Losee of 166 Murray Avenue expressed the same concerns and suggested painting the roads with crosswalks. The Mayor asked Chief Watt and Superintendent Birney to look at the area and offer suggestions.

The residents are looking to have a school zone, additional stop signs and sidewalks installed in the high traffic areas on Murray Avenue. Mayor Wohl appreciated people coming out to the Board meeting and understood the concerns of the residents. He did advise those present that the Village does not own a certain portion of Murray Avenue yet, but when they do, the Village will look to add additional stop signs. Mayor Wohl also discussed that the Board can look into sidewalks and curbing for the next budget year. Mayor Wohl thanked Chief Watt for recommending the addition of a school zone in the area as well.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee O’Donnell, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Gurda	aye
O’Donnell	aye
Rouis	aye
Scotto	aye