

Village Board Meeting
February 13, 2023

Members present: Mayor Wohl, Trustees Gurda and Rouis

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.

Mayor Wohl reported that Trustees O'Donnell and Scotto are excused from this evening's board meeting.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Agenda of the February 13, 2023 Village Board Meeting was accepted as presented.

Gurda	aye
O'Donnell	absent
Rouis	aye
Scotto	absent
Wohl	aye

Communications

1. Vietnam Era Veterans & Surviving Family Members Event

Mayor Wohl referred to a Welcome Home event for Vietnam Era Veterans and surviving family members on April 1, 2023 from 2pm – 4pm at the Newburgh Armory. Additional information can be obtained from the Village Clerk's office.

2. CDBG FY 2024 Grant Application Open

Mayor Wohl read a letter from the Orange County Office of Community Development announcing the start of the Fiscal Year 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Municipal Grant Application process. Mayor Wohl said that a public meeting would be scheduled for public input. Grant applications are due 6/23/23.

3. 466-a Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Exemption

Mayor Wohl referenced a letter from Paul Wiley, Director of Orange County Office of Real Property regarding the 466-a volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers exemption. In summary, Orange County did not meet the deadline for this year and they are continuing to work on gathering information for Legislature. Mayor Wohl advised that the Village of Goshen will still provide exemptions.

4. Body Worn Camera Funding Notice

Mayor Wohl read a memorandum from Commissioner Rossana Rosado, Division of Criminal Justice Services, about funding received for the Body Worn Cameras by the Village of Goshen Police Department. The funding is in the amount of \$50,000.00, which will fund the current program for 5 years. Chief Watt commended Detective Kozlowski for all of his efforts with helping to apply for the funding.

Items of Business

1. Appointment of Part-time Clerk

RESOLUTION 12 of 2023

**A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT VIJAI “DONNA” TULARAM AS PART-TIME
CLERK/TYPIST IN THE VILLAGE CLERK’S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, a part-time position is available in the Village Clerk’s office; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the hiring of Ms. Donna Tularam for the position of Part-Time Clerk/Typist;

and it is further

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

1. An hourly rate of \$22.00 per hour for 20 hours per week

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 13, 2023

2. Peddlers Permit Application

RESOLUTION 13 of 2023

**A RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE VILLAGE CLERK TO ISSUE A PEDDLERS’
LICENSE TO MR. DRAGUNOFF AS HE FULFILLED ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR
SUCH A PERMIT**

WHEREAS, Howard Dragunoff, of Action Enterprises, Woodbridge CT, has applied for a permit for the peddling of balloons and novelties on March 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dragunoff has fulfilled the requirements for obtaining such a permit, and has paid the applicable fees and posted the required bond, as required by Chapter 14, Article II of the Code of the Village of Goshen;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board of the Village of Goshen directs the Village Clerk to issue the requested Peddlers’ License to Mr. Dragunoff.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 13, 2023.

3. Award Recommendation for Replacement of Dehumidification Unit

Superintendent Birney explained that the dehumidification unit at the sewer plant helps to prevent deterioration from moisture from the large open tanks at the sewer plant.

RESOLUTION 14 of 2023

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE POOL PAK DEHUMIDIFICATION UNIT AT THE
SEWER PLANT TO C.R. WOLFE HEATING CORP. WITH A BID OF \$117,880.00**

WHEREAS, Pitingaro & Doetsch created a bid packet for a Pool Pak Dehumidification Unit at the Sewer Plant; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen Board accepted the bid packet at the December 12, 2022 Village Board Meeting; and

WHEREAS, two contractors submitted completed bid packets on January 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Pitingaro & Doetsch reviewed the bid packets for thoroughness; and

WHEREAS, Pitingaro & Doetsch recommend the contract be awarded to C.R. Wolfe Heating Corp. as the lowest bidder at \$117,880.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, the Village Board of the Village of Goshen approves to award the Pool Pak Dehumidification Unit at the Sewer Plant to C.R. Wolfe Heating Corp. with a bid of \$117,880.00.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 13, 2023.

4. Additions to Fee Schedule

RESOLUTION 15 of 2023

A RESOLUTION SETTING AND ADJUSTING FEES FOR DUMPSTER APPLICATION; BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR FENCES; SHORT TERM RENTAL FEES; FIRE INSPECTION FEES; AND ESCROW

WHEREAS, prior resolutions have been approved to allow the Village Board to set and adjust fees to the Village Fee Schedule; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, the Village Board of the Village of Goshen approves the following fees:

- **Dumpster Application and Fees:** \$500.00 deposit (REFUNDABLE) required at the time of application and \$25.00 per day charge for each day, or part thereof, that the dumpster remains on a public street. Charge to be deducted from the deposit.
- **Building Permit for Fences:** \$75.00 application fee and \$0.25 per linear foot with, which would also include Certificate of Compliance fee like all permits
- **Short Term Rental Fees:** \$250.00 Application fee (owner occupied dwelling only, non-owner occupied not permitted) and an annual inspection fee of \$50; if the property fails inspection there will be no fee for the first reinspection, and then \$25 thereafter
- **Fire Inspection Fee:** \$150.00 per inspection
- **Escrow Fees:**

In addition to Planning Board fees, an initial escrow amount to cover the costs of obtaining and securing professional consultations, hearing notices and other services deemed appropriate by the board as necessary to assure proper review of proposals before the board. The following professional escrow fees shall be established at the time of filing of the application;

- Residential:
 - \$300.00 per dwelling unit or subdivision lot as applicable.
- Nonresidential:
 - \$300.00 minimum plus \$0.15 per square foot of building area, plus
 - \$300.00 per acre of any part thereof
 - Nonresidential subdivision: \$250.00/lot;
- Flood plain development (FPD) permits: \$350.00
- Architectural design district (ADD) permits: \$400.00
- Conditional use: \$400.00

Additional fees for detailed SEQR, ADD, FDP or other reviews are to be anticipated for complex projects and projects located in environmentally or historically sensitive areas. The applicant/project sponsor is responsible for all fees charged by the board.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 13, 2023.

5. Referral for the Village Attorney to Prepare a Local Law for Abandoned Properties

Mayor Wohl explained that abandoned properties was a problem in 2008-2010, and now it isn't as big of a problem, but the local law will allow the Village to communicate with financial institutions to be sure properties are well kept while vacant.

RESOLUTION 16 of 2023

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO PREPARE A LOCAL LAW FOR ABANDONED PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, currently, there is a need to address abandoned properties in the Village of Goshen; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby allows the Village Attorney to prepare a local law for abandoned properties.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 13, 2023.

6. Local Law for Warehouse Moratorium

RESOLUTION 17 of 2023

A RESOLUTION FOR THE REFERRAL OF A VILLAGE LOCAL LAW REGARDING A MORATORIUM TO THE VILLAGE PLANNING BOARD AND ORANGE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, currently, there is a need to implement a moratorium in the Village of Goshen that would prohibit new development approvals from the Planning Board but not effect projects that have Planning Board approval; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby allows the referral of the proposed local law to the Village of Goshen Planning Board and Orange County Planning Department for their review.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 13, 2023.

7. Use of Village Property Application – Great American Weekend

RESOLUTION 18 of 2023

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE GOSHEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE USE OF VILLAGE SQUARE FOR GREAT AMERICAN WEEKEND 2023

WHEREAS, an application was received from the Goshen Chamber of Commerce requesting use of the Village Square for Great American Weekend; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby accepts the request for the Goshen Chamber of Commerce to use Village Square for Great American Weekend

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the following are specific to the request:

1. Setup will begin on 6/30/23;
2. Great American Weekend is scheduled for July 2nd and 3rd, 2023;
3. Vendors, musical acts and crafts for children are planned; and
4. Vendors have been instructed to submit a Certificate of Liability indemnifying the Village of Goshen, First Presbyterian Church, the Goshen Central School District, and the Goshen Chamber of Commerce once approved.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 3 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on February 13, 2023.

Department Head Reports

DPW Superintendent Birney reported on the following:

The following represents the major activities of the Department of Public Works from January 24, 2023 through February 13, 2023.

STREETS

1. Ice Control Roadways: for 1/27, 1/31 and 2/8 2023
2. Cut and chipped growth and obstructions from Rio Banks
3. Collected and chipped Christmas trees
4. Collected and maintained parking meters
5. Started DPW bathroom renovations
6. Faded stop sign replacements throughout Village
7. Started Renovation of DPW04 Truck Body
8. Moved Furniture and filing cabinets from and around building department office
9. Completed painting in Mayor's office and started painting, doing repairs and preparation in Meeting Room

WATER

1. Repaired main leak on Court Lane
2. Read and re-read water meters for March billing
3. Removed tree stumps

SEWER

1. Continued Bi-annual Sewer Jetting
2. Performed camera inspections of sewer mains throughout Village with Rural Water association

Village Clerk Darby reported on the following:

1. Website is LIVE!
2. Completed relevy process
 - a. Total of \$246,020, decrease from last year (approximately \$279K)
3. Working on 1st period water/sewer billing
4. Planning to coordinate training for Village employees through worker's comp insurance
5. Tomorrow is the last day to submit petitions – attending meeting at OC Board of Elections on 2/15/23
6. Personnel
 - a. Hired PT Clerk
 - b. Trish Sherlock – thanks to E. Tourish Coleman
7. 2023-2024 Budget
 - c. Preliminary work on budget
 - d. Sara has been working on budget
8. Many thanks to staff for all of their continued efforts

9. Out of office the week of 2/20/23
10. Worked on two grants: LoCAP and Orange County Tourism
11. Shout out to the Police Department for an incident with a driver not stopping for a bus that was picking up a student

Chief Watt thanked Andrew Contarino and Trish Sherlock for their efforts with creating the dumpster application. Chief Watt reported that Patrolman Rocco Giovanniello started Police Basic Training at the Rockland County Police Academy on February 6th, where he'll undergo six months of intensive training. The Chief wished Rocco luck! Chief Watt expressed the importance of No Parking on Montgomery Street on March 12, 2023 for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The route is different than year's past so the Chief really wants to reiterate the importance to residents that parking will not be allowed on Montgomery Street. There are other streets where parking is not allowed as well.

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Rouis did not have any comments.

Trustee Gurda reported on the Public Hearing the JRC had regarding lighting for the Goshen Soccer Club and Goshen Little League. Trustee Gurda supports the initiative along with much of the public who attended the hearing. Both groups have done some fundraising, and the JRC will be putting together a formal letter to the Village Board about funding.

Mayor Wohl wanted to extend our thoughts to the Scotto Family during this most difficult time.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Gurda	aye
O'Donnell	absent
Rouis	aye
Scotto	absent
Wohl	aye