

Village Board Meeting
April 24, 2023

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

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

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

Mayor O'Donnell removed item of business number one from the agenda and added the scheduling of a public hearing for the Community Block Development Grant application. On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Rouis, the Agenda of the April 24, 2023 Village Board Meeting was accepted as presented.

Gurda aye
O'Donnell aye
Rouis aye
Wohl aye

On a motion by Trustee Wohl, seconded by Trustee Rouis, the Minutes of the April 10, 2023, Village Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

Gurda aye
O'Donnell aye
Rouis aye
Wohl aye

Items of Business

1. Arbor Day 2023

RESOLUTION 50 of 2023

A RESOLUTION THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES APRIL 28, 2023, AS ARBOR DAY

WHEREAS, according to the NYS DEC, Arbor Day is a national observance that celebrates the role of trees in our lives and promotes tree planting and care; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first celebrated in 1872, it was established as a way to encourage farmers and homesteaders to plant trees that would provide shade, shelter, food, fuel and beauty to open areas; and

WHEREAS, in New York, Arbor Day is traditionally celebrated the last Friday in April; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day promotes a better future and this day reminds us to share our knowledge with today's youth of the importance of trees and how to care for them; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby acknowledges April 28, 2023, as Arbor Day.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Wohl and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on April 24, 2023.

2. Wainco Realty, LLC / Village Place License Agreement

Mr. Donovan provided a brief background that this is related to a fence that will be put up at Village Place, the new and old section of the complex. The applicant has gone

before the Planning Board and received approval, and is required that the Village Board approves the plan as well as part of the fence will be in the Village right of way. Mr. Donovan stated that the license could be revoked at any time, and that if there is any damage due to snow plowing, that the Village is not responsible.

RESOLUTION 51 of 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH WAINCO GOSHEN WEST MAIN, LLC and WAINCO GOSHEN 1031, LLC

WHEREAS, Wainco Goshen West Main, LLC and Wainco Goshen 1031, LLC, hereinafter collective referred to as “Wainco,” are the owners of certain improved real property located on West Main Street in the Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York which property is more particularly identified in that certain License Agreement which is annexed hereto and made part hereof; and

WHEREAS, Wainco has previously received Site Plan Approval from the Village of Goshen Planning Board to install fencing in a location that is depicted upon the plans that were approved by the Village of Goshen Planning Board on March 28, 2023 subject to the Village Board approving and entering into a License Agreement allowing the fence as depicted to be installed in certain locations that are within the Village right-of-way ; and

WHEREAS, the Village Attorney has reviewed the License Agreement and represents to the Village Board that it is appropriate as to form and content to allow construction of the fence upon portions of the Village right-of-way subject to the terms of the attached License Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village Mayor is authorized to affix her signature to the License Agreement which is attached to this Resolution.

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 April 24, 2023.

3. Set Public Hearing for Community Block Development Grant

RESOLUTION 52 of 2023

A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROJECTS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ON MAY 8, 2023, AT 7:00PM

WHEREAS, the Village of Goshen intends to submit a CDBG application and one requirement is to hold a public hearing so the community may share projects to consider for the potential funding; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing must be scheduled; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the community can share their ideas at the Village Board Meeting on May 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Rouis and seconded by Trustee Gurda. The vote was 4 ayes to 0 nays with 0 abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on April 24, 2023.

Public Hearing

Local Law #2 of 2023 – OBH Zone

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Rouis, Mayor O'Donnell opened the Public Hearing on Local Law #2 of 2023 regarding the OBH Zone at 7:04 pm.

Public comments were received from Dominique Albano, an attorney at Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna LLP, who represent Alice Ku – an applicant recently seen before the Village of Goshen Planning Board. Ms. Albano also advised that Andrew Fetherston from Colliers Engineering was present for the Public Hearing. Ms. Albano referenced a letter dated April 21, 2023 that was sent to the Village Board for their review. Ms. Albano explained that the local law including “motel” will have implications with the project presented by Ms. Ku. Ms. Albano thanked the Board for their consideration.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:09 pm.

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Gurda reported that the DPW has been busy with spring tasks around the Village including spring clean-up, including parks being cleaned from winter, they fixed the ramp at Village Hall, planted trees, and started mowing around the Village.

Trustee Rouis added that the trees look great.

Trustee Wohl reported that he and Chief Watt met with the PBA last week and had a productive meeting. On the water side, he understands there was a miscommunication regarding the Crystal Run Wells, and knows that needs to be further looked into.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Jonathan Redeker and Mr. Eric Harris from TedX Goshen spoke about their upcoming event being held on June 8, 2023 at the Goshen High School. Mr. Harris explained that TedX Goshen is now their own non-profit and can certainly benefit from additional support in the community. Mr. Redeker thanked the Village for including the information about their event on the Village website, and shared how much they'd appreciate anything additional the Village could do to help promote the event. Mr. Harris shared that all of the speakers have some connection to Goshen and he looks forward to seeing everyone at the event.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Gurda	aye
O'Donnell	aye
Rouis	aye
Wohl	aye