Village Board Meeting November 28, 2011

Members present: Mayor Roddey, Trustees Char, Mattheus, Smith, and Stewart

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Engineer Tully, and Village Clerk Strobl

Mayor Roddey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to honor the memory of Assemblyman Tom Kirwan, who had passed away earlier in the evening.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, the Agenda was accepted as submitted.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

## Minutes

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Minutes of the November 14, 2011 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the November 21, 2011 Village Board Work Session were accepted as submitted.

Char aye Mattheus aye Smith aye

Stewart abstain (absent on November 21, 2011)

Roddey aye

# Communications

Mayor Roddey read the following letter from Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc.:

Dear Chief Watt, On behalf of Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., I am writing to thank you personally for your leadership and the high level of customer service provided by your department.

In particular, we wish to recognize the efforts made by your officers and staff who provide reports specific to the damage sustained to our facilities as a result of storm and motor vehicle accidents. This information is critical in helping the company arrive at a positive resolution.

Once again thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to continuing to work together.

Mayor Roddey read the following letter from Mattco Equities, Inc.:

Re: Mike Nuzzolese and his water department

Dear Mayor, We manage the Briarwood House Apartments, 18 Craigville Rd., Goshen NY.

About two weeks ago we had a water emergency, Mike and his department were very helpful in resolving what could have been a critical problem. Sincerely, Milton Klein, agent.

The Board reviewed a letter of retirement from Patrolman Anthony J. Pitt, noting that he will be missed, and wishing him well.

Mayor Roddey read a letter from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee announcing an award of \$3,000 to the Village of Goshen to participate in the statewide "Child Passenger Safety" program.

Mayor Roddey read a letter from the Goshen Chamber of Commerce, outlining plans for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual "Discover Goshen Holiday Lighting Festival", to be held Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the event was approved as presented.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

#### Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Char, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2011/2012 numbers 13 and 14, check numbers 2500 through 2610 in the amount of \$616,262.51.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Char, the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a proposal from Lanc & Tully Engineering and Surveying, P.C. to perform an up-to-date topographic survey and mapping of Village of Goshen Tax Lot 117-1-1 and Town of Goshen Tax Lot 10-1-63. The fee for these services, as described in a proposal dated November 9, 2011, is \$5,200.00.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Stewart, authorization is hereby granted for the return of 50 percent of the building permit application received from Donna McAleer on September 14, 2011. The return of \$273.40 is based on the withdrawal of the application following review of the proposed construction.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Char, the Village Board hereby resolves to hold a Public Hearing on December 12, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., for the consideration of adoption of Local Law # 4 of 2011: A Local Law amending Section 54-6 of Article I of the Code of the Village of Goshen, entitled *impoundment*, redemption of vehicles.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, authorization is hereby given to Lanc & Tully Engineering and Surveying, P.C. to perform survey and engineering services for the development of a sewer line profile of the Canal Street sewer system (also known as the siphon) as part of the ongoing Infiltration and Inflow Study, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

## Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Mattheus discussed the recently received DEC permit, which is a consolidation of all prior Village Water Supply Approvals and a new authorization for Crystal Run Village Wells #1 and #2. Discussion will be held at the next Work Session as the Board has 30 days to accept the permit.

Trustee Stewart gave the following DPW report: crews continue to pick up storm damage; the Fall leaf pick up has begun, leaves should be raked to the curb and kept separate from storm damage; crews installed a free 15 minute parking space in front of 100 Greenwich Ave; a "No Parking Any Time" sign was installed on the northeast side of Orange Avenue, 125 feet in either direction from the centerline of Parkway; and there will be free parking in the downtown area from November 25<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Trustee Char noted that the Village was recently awarded two safety awards from AAA of New York. The Village received a community traffic safety award for it's traffic safety efforts including the seat belt and speed enforcement programs. The Village also received a pedestrian safety award for 24 years without a pedestrian fatality.

On November 14<sup>th</sup> the Village was awarded a grant of \$2,695 to schedule extra patrols to target speeding and aggressive driving. Special thanks to Ptl. Ryan Rich for writing the grant.

Mayor Roddey reported that sewer lines were smoke tested recently to identify illegal connections, which cause infiltration within the system.

## Citizens' Comments

Neil Hickok asked if smoke testing was done on West Main Street. He noted that he has noticed the smell of diesel fuel recently. He also remarked that he had recently been in Warwick among lots more people than are seen in Goshen on weekends.

Joel Markowitz discussed bus parking in the County Building parking lot and the fact that no consideration, or notice, was given to the Village prior to the plans being implemented.

Reynell Andrews asked about the status of leaf pick-up and whether an outside company was brought in the assist with storm damage clean up.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Mattheus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye