Village Board Meeting September 12, 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 those lost on September 11, 2001, and in the ensuing wars.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Agenda was accepted with the addition of Communications #4 – Filming Request, Luca Spensieri.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

Mayor Roddey announced the continuation of the Public Hearing on a proposed Local Law to amend Section 5.2 of Appendix A of the Code of the Village of Goshen entitled Supplementary regulations applying to nonresidential buildings by the repeal of Section 5.2.3.3, Lighting and signage.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Public Hearing was opened at 7:35 p.m.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

Resident Joel Markowitz stated that any choice of style of lighting should be up to a developer, and that Board members were exceeding their mandate by determining the street lights to be used.

There was no further public comment.

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Char, the Board voted to continue the Public Hearing to October 24, 2011.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of August 22, 2011 were accepted as submitted.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

Communications

Mayor Roddey read a letter requesting permission to block off a section of McNally Street and Crescent Drive for the residents' 22nd annual block party on Sunday, September 18, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, permission was granted for the temporary street closing.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

Mayor Roddey read the following letter to the Front Desk Manager of the Holiday Inn Express in Chester, NY:

I would like to express my thanks to you and your staff for providing rooms to two of my officers during the recent state of emergency caused by hurricane Irene. These officers had responded for duty during the state of emergency and were unable to return home due to flooding. Your generosity allowed the officers to get much needed rest and kept them available to return to duty. I am informed that staff members Brett Carter and Nick Davino were particularly helpful and understanding of the situation, so please extend my personal thanks to them.

It is a great comfort for me to know that we can rely on local businesses such as yours to support our public safety efforts during a crisis. On behalf of all of the members of the Village of Goshen Police Department and a grateful community of Goshen, please accept my thanks for your generosity and assistance during a critical time.

Yours, most respectfully and sincerely, James C. Watt, Chief of Police

Mayor Roddey reviewed an Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal from 170 West Main LLC.

Mayor Roddey read a letter from Luca Spensieri regarding filming in several areas of the Village.

On a motion by Trustee Mattheus, seconded by Trustee Smith, provisional permission for the filming was granted, pending adherence to Village regulations and insurance requirements.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Smith, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2011/2012 number 8; check numbers 2194 through 2259 in the amount of \$378,385.98.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

Trustee Char moved the following, which was seconded by Trustee Smith:

The Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby authorizes the Advertisement for Bid for the Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project, and sets the bid opening for Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 276 Main Street, Goshen NY.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

Trustee Char moved the following, which was seconded by Trustee Stewart:

The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Village of Goshen and the County of Orange for funding, in the amount of \$1000, for the purchase of a radar unit, on behalf of Orange County Stop-DWI.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Board hereby schedules a Public Hearing for October 24, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, for amending of the Village Code by the following addition to Chapter 54, Article V, Division 2, Section 54-205 entitled "No Parking at any Time": Orange Avenue, the northeast side, 125 feet in either direction from the center line of Parkway.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Mattheus acknowledged the recent passing of long-time resident Margo George.

Trustee Mattheus noted a visit to the reservoir by the DEC for the purpose of identifying storm damage. Engineer Tully further described impacts to the dam area.

Trustee Stewart stated that the Department of Public Works had obviously been very busy dealing with the worst flooding ever to hit Goshen.

Trustee Char offered thanks to the DPW and Police Departments for all their hard work in connection with Tropical Storms Irene and Lee.

Trustee Smith informed the Board that the Senior Center was used by approximately 50 Red Cross volunteers who were in the area to assist residents following the hurricane. He also thanked the DPW, Police Department, and Fire Department for all their efforts during and after the storms.

Mayor Roddey acknowledged all the efforts expended during the very challenging recent few weeks.

A discussion was held regarding Grant identification and assessment, the topic of a recent Work Session.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Board authorized the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Laberge Group, for an amount not to exceed \$4500.00, for Grant assessment.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

Citizens' Comments

Gary and Gail Stellato and Donna Stipo addressed the Board regarding a drainage issue on Old Minisink Trail.

Chris Levendos provided the Board with a design for a sign to be placed on Erie Street, noting the "Harold Innocent Memorial Field".

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the sign was approved pending approval by the Joint Recreation Commission.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye

Comments relating to issues involving the recent storms were received from Joanne Muldoon and Roberta White.

Lyle and Linda Shute addressed the Board regarding property damage from the storms.

Neil Hickok spoke about the possibility of contamination following the recent storms.

Joel Markowitz discussed his prediction of the downtown flooding.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Char aye
Mattheus aye
Smith aye
Stewart aye