Village Board Meeting

August 26, 2013

Members present: Mayor Roddey, Trustees Char, Gurda, 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.

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Agenda was modified by the addition of Items of Business #7: Ethics Board Appointment.

Char aye

Gurda aye

Smith aye

Stewart aye

Public Hearing – Elimination of the Highest Tier (over 500,000 gallons) of the Water/Sewer Fee Schedule

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Goshen, New York, will hold a Public Hearing at Village Hall, 276 Main Street, Goshen, New York, on August 26, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon after as may be heard, to consider the adoption of a resolution to eliminate the highest tier (over 500,000 gallons) of the water/sewer fee schedule.

The Village of Goshen will make every effort to assure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or accommodations should contact the Village Clerk.

Mayor Roddey provided background information leading to the Public Hearing, and credited the Orange County Partnership with the original idea.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Public Hearing to consider the adoption of a resolution to eliminate the highest tier (over 500,000 gallons) of the water/sewer fee schedule was opened at 7:32 p.m.

Char aye

Gurda aye

Smith aye

Stewart aye

There was no public comment.

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:33 p.m.

Char aye

Gurda aye

Smith aye

Stewart aye

Trustees Smith and Gurda spoke in favor of the tier elimination, with the hope that it may stimulate industrial growth.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Minutes of the August 12, 2013 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char aye

Gurda aye

Smith aye

Stewart aye

Communications

Mayor Roddey read a letter from Connie Bouchard and Mackenzie Kurek of Girl Scout Troop 161, regarding their Silver Project: Turn Your Key! Be Idle Free! The aim of the project is to educate people about the negative impacts of unnecessarily leaving vehicle engines running.

The letter contained a request for the placement of a temporary sign, publicizing the project, in the Village square.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Board approved placement of the temporary sign, subject to compliance with the Village Code.

Char aye

Gurda aye

Smith aye

Stewart aye

Mayor Roddey reviewed a letter from the Frank J. Romano Foundation regarding the 4th Annual Rock & Run 5K fundraiser. The Board will request input from Chief Watt prior to approving the plans at the next regular meeting.

Items of Business

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Gurda, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2013/2014 number 5, check numbers 5859 through 5933, for a total of $188,296.01.

Char aye

Gurda aye

Smith aye

Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, Cynthia Cecconello, and Manuel Orellana are hereby authorized to attend the Hudson Valley Water Works Summer Seminar at Harriman Park on August 29, 2013. The total cost of this seminar is $60.00 and the NYS DOH is expected to grant 4 contact hours to water certificates and 2 contact hours to wastewater certificates.

Char aye

Gurda aye

Smith aye

Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Gurda, Cynthia Cecconello, and Manuel Orellana are hereby authorized to attend DMR Electronic Reporting and Proper Completion Training classes on October 29, 2013 at the Monticello Firehouse in Monticello NY. The total cost of this training is $280.00.

Char aye

Gurda aye

Smith aye

Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Char, Court Clerk Leta Jagielski is hereby authorized to attend the New York State Association of Magistrates' Court Clerks Annual Conference, to be held October 6, 2013 through October 9, 2013, in Albany, New York. The total cost for this conference, including mileage and lodging, will be $576.67.

Char aye

Gurda aye

Smith aye

Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, authorization is hereby given for the Village of Goshen Justice Department to apply for a 2013/2014 Justice Court Assistance Program Grant for up to the maximum amount available of $30,000.

Char aye

Gurda aye

Smith aye

Stewart aye

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby eliminates the highest tier, (over 500,000 gallons), of the Water/Sewer Fee Schedule, in an effort to alleviate the financial burden on the largest users, and to stimulate industrial growth.

Char aye

Gurda aye

Smith aye

Stewart aye

On the nomination of Mayor Roddey, Marcello Cirigliano is hereby appointed to the Village of Goshen Ethics Board, for a term of three (3) years.

Char aye

Gurda aye

Smith aye

Stewart aye

Mayor Roddey noted that one more opening remains on the Ethics Board and welcomed inquiries from the public.

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Char reminded those present that school starts on Friday, September 6th, and that patrols will be monitoring school speed zones, which are in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily, and citing violators.

Mayor Roddey offered congratulations to the Goshen Rotary Club for the recent successful “Family Fun Day”, and to Beer World, on the opening of a new building downtown.

Citizens’ Comments

Anthony and Carol Brescia addressed the Board regarding issues associated with Center Street. Mayor Roddey explained that the Village will begin plowing snow, based on the Attorney’s advice, and that the Village would not enact any extraordinary parking restrictions on the property.

Comments were received from Joel Markowitz.

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Char aye

Gurda aye

Smith aye

Stewart aye