

Village Board Meeting
April 25, 2016

Members present: Mayor Roddey, Trustees Char, Gurda, and Smith

Member absent: Trustee Nuzzolese

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

Mayor Roddey called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. At the Mayor's request, Chief Watt led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Roddey called for a moment of silence to honor the memory of recently deceased former Village Justice Thomas Cione.

Village of Goshen Police Department Officers of the Year

Chief Watt introduced the recipients of the 2015 Officer of the Year Awards: Ptl. Robert A. Kozlowski, Ptl. Basil M. Komondorea, and Ptl. Christopher S. Smoulcey.

Ptl. Kozlowski was named in two categories, one for Exceptional Police Duty for his arrest of the Quick Chek robber, and the second for Lifesaving for his apprehension of a suicide jumper on the Greenwich Avenue overpass of Route 17.

Ptl. Komondorea was named for Lifesaving, along with Ptl. Kozlowski, for his apprehension of the suicide jumper on the overpass.

Ptl. Smoulcey was named for Lifesaving for his use of Narcan to save an opioid overdose victim.

Following speeches by Chief Watt, Mayor Roddey, and Police Commissioner Char, the three Officers were presented with Award Bars and Certificates of Appreciation.

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

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	absent
Smith	aye

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Char, the Minutes of the April 11, 2016 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	absent
Smith	aye

Items of Business

Mayor Roddey thanked the Village Treasurer, Department Heads, and Village Trustees for their attention to keeping the 2016/2017 budget below the tax cap.

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

Whereas, the preliminary budget for the year 2016/2017 has been duly presented to the Village Board of Trustees, and a duly advertised public hearing has been held on April 11, 2016;

Resolved: pursuant to Section 5-508(4) of the Village Law, that the said preliminary budget, as changed, altered, and revised, be and hereby is adopted as the budget of the Village of Goshen for the year 2016/2017.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	absent
Smith	aye

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

WHEREAS, Millpond Management, Inc and Karan Garewal have heretofore filed a proceeding in the Supreme Court of Orange County pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law seeking to contest the assessment imposed on the real properties located in the Village of Goshen, which properties are designated on the tax map as Section 108, Block 6, Lot 18 or 14 Montgomery Street, and Section 108, Block 6, Lot 17 or 18 Montgomery Street; and;

WHEREAS, the duties of assessing real property in the Village for purposes of real property taxation are vested with the Assessor's office for the Town of Goshen; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Goshen and their Assessor have heretofore determined that it is in the best interests of all parties that the proceeding commenced by Millpond Management, Inc and Karan Garewal, be settled and compromised; and

WHEREAS, the Village is in receipt of a Consent Judgment duly signed and approved by the attorneys representing the Town of Goshen, the attorneys representing the Petitioner and the Office of the Orange County Attorney which Consent Judgment has been approved by the Honorable Catherine M. Bartlett, Supreme Court Justice; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms and provisions of said Consent Judgment the Village is obligated to refund certain tax amounts heretofore paid by Millpond Management, Inc and Karan Garewal;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that pursuant to said Consent Judgment the Village Board hereby directs the Village Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$921.97 and to deliver the same to Bleakley Platt & Schmidt, LLP, as attorneys for Petitioners, as provided for in said Consent Judgment.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	absent
Smith	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2015/2016 number 11, check numbers 10388 through 10515, in the amount of \$407,158.95, and wire transfers in the amount of \$500,068.75, for a grand total of \$907,227.70.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	absent
Smith	aye

The following was moved by Trustee Gurda, and seconded by Trustee Char:

WHEREAS, GAM Property Corp. is the owner of certain improved real property located at 17 Police Drive which property is designated on the Tax Map as Section 122, Block 1, Lot 5.22; and

WHEREAS, the said premises are serviced by municipal water and sewer provided by the Village of Goshen Municipal Water and Sewer Systems; and

WHEREAS, the Village has discovered an error in the billings that have been assessed to GAM Property Corp. resulting in an excess payment by GAM Property Corp. in the amount of \$6,172.44; and

WHEREAS, it is the determination of the Village Board that under the circumstances presented with respect to this specific property that it is appropriate to refund the overpayment,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Goshen shall issue a refund check to GAM Property Corp. in the amount of \$6,172.44 representing the amount that has been overbilled and paid by GAM Property Corp. to the Village of Goshen in connection with the water and sewer service provided by the Village to the said property.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	absent
Smith	aye

Trustee Gurda offered the following Resolution, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED: To re-levy on the 2016-2017 Village of Goshen Property Taxes, the amount of \$334,644.32, reflecting the total amount of unpaid water/sewer bills for 2015.

The foregoing Resolution was seconded by Trustee Smith, and a vote resulted as follows:

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	absent
Smith	aye

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Char, Scott Birney, Cynthia Ceconello, Manuel J. Orellana, Brian Ritchings are hereby authorized to attend the New York Rural Water Association's Wastewater Treatment Management Seminar on June 9, 2016, at the Maybrook Senior Center. It is understood that the total cost of this training is \$72.00, and that the NYS DEC will grant 6.0 contact hours toward license recertification.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	absent
Smith	aye

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Gurda reported the following recent activities of the Water Department: crews repaired a failed water valve at Route 207 and Matthews Street; completed repair of water valve boxes in preparation for the Route 207/Main Street paving; and completed hydrant flushing.

Trustee Char reiterated his former comment that the Police Department is running better than it has in decades.

Trustee Smith reported for the Department of Public Works that Spring bulk pick-up was completed without incident, and that Saturday's Earth Day clean-up was very successful with approximately 40 residents participating. Entrances to the Village were enhanced, and a new flower bed was installed across from an exit ramp off Route 17.

Mayor Roddey noted the first Noah Webster weekend, which will be held the 6th and 7th of May, and will include a Literary Art Walk, Lectures, a spelling bee, and a Webster-themed play.

Citizens' Comments

Comments were received from Marcia Mattheus, Therese Urato, and Heather Larsen.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Char	aye
Gurda	aye
Nuzzolese	absent
Smith	aye