Village Board Meeting

March 9, 2020

Members present: Mayor Nuzzolese, Trustees Gurda, Henderson, and Scotto

Member absent: Trustee Smith

Also present: Attorney Donovan, Village Clerk Strobl, Chief Watt, Building Inspector Lewis, Superintendent Birney, and Village Planner O’Donnell

Mayor Nuzzolese called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Henderson, the Agenda was accepted with the addition of Items of Business #3: Hiring Resolution – Harrison.

Gurda aye

Henderson aye

Scotto aye

Smith absent

Public Hearing – Local Laws #1 – 9, 2020

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 March 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon after as may be heard, to consider the adoption of the following Local Laws:

Local Law #1 of 2020: A LOCAL LAW AMENDING VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 42 ENTITLED “STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES” TO THE EXTENT OF AMENDING CHAPTER 42-57 ENTITLED “OBSTRUCTION, ENCUMBRANCE BY COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS”.

Local Law #2 of 2020: A LOCAL LAW AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED “ZONING” TO THE EXTENT OF MODIFYING ARTICLE XXI ENTITLED “PLANNED ADULT COMMUNITY FLOATING ZONE”.

Local Law #3 of 2020: A LOCAL LAW AMENDING APPENDIX A [ZONING] SECTION 6.1 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED “SUPPLEMENTARY PARKING AND LOADING REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL DISTRICTS”.

Local Law #4 of 2020: A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 46 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED “SUBDIVISIONS” TO THE EXTENT OF AMENDING SECTION 46-141 ENTITLED “LOTS”.

Local Law #5 of 2020: A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED “ANIMALS” TO THE EXTENT OF AMENDING SECTION 6-1 ENTITLED “FISHING IN RESERVOIRS; PERMIT REQUIREMENTS”.

Local Law #6 of 2020: A LOCAL LAW AMENDING APPENDIX A [ZONING], ARTICLE XV111, SECTION 18.1 [DEFINITIONS] TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF HOME OCCUPATION IN THE VILLAGE CODE AND FURTHER AMENDING ARTICLE X11 ENTITLED “CONDITIONAL USE STANDARDS” AS RELATED TO HOME OCCUPATIONS.

Local Law #7 of 2020: A LOCAL LAW AMENDING APPENDIX A [ZONING] ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4.2 ENTITLED “BULK TABLE” TO THE EXTENT OF MODIFYING THE MINIMUM SIDE YARD, MAXIMUM BUILDING COVERAGE AND MAXIMUM DEVELOPMENT COVERAGE IN USE GROUP “G”.

Local Law #8 of 2020: A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 18 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED “ENVIRONMENT”.

Local Law #9 of 2020: A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 54 OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO THE EXTENT OF AMENDING SECTION 205 TO DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL “NO PARKING” AREAS IN THE VILLAGE.

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.

By Order of the Village Board of Trustees

Margaret G. Strobl, Village Clerk

On a motion by Trustee Scotto, the Public Hearing on Local Laws #1 – 9, 2020 was opened at 7:05 p.m.

Gurda aye

Henderson aye

Scotto aye

Smith absent

Mayor Nuzzolese turned the Meeting over to Planner Kristen O’Donnell for comments on the proposed Local Laws.

Ms. O’Donnell noted that the Village Code needed some modifications, and that the only change since the Board’s last review was the addition of some “no parking” areas in proposed Local Law #9.

The Hearing was opened to public comments.

Chief Watt questioned proposed Local Law #2, which deals with the Planned Adult Community Floating Zone, (PAC), with concerns about seniors living on a second floor. He noted that elevators should be mandated, with which Ms. O’Donnell agreed.

On a motion by Trustee Henderson, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

Gurda aye

Henderson aye

Scotto aye

Smith absent

On a motion by Trustee Henderson, seconded by Trustee Scotto, the Minutes of the February 24, 2020 Village Board Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Gurda aye

Henderson aye

Scotto aye

Smith absent

Communications

Amador C. Laput, of Fellenzer Engineering LLP addressed the Board on behalf of the current owners of 144 South Street, (120-1-2), who are requesting a zone change from OB (Office Building) to DS (Designated Shopping), in order to build a motel.

Attorney Donovan explained the process to move the request forward to Mr. Laput.

Ofer Avgush and Eli Ram, owners of the property, spoke to the Board about their plans to build a small boutique hotel with the same footprint as the previously approved office building.

Items of Business

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

The Village Board of the Village of Goshen hereby schedules the Public Hearing on the proposed 2020/2021 budget for April 6, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard.

Gurda aye

Henderson aye

Scotto aye

Smith absent

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

WHEREAS, the County of Orange, by and through its Department of Emergency Services, is the recipient of DWI Enforcement Crackdown grants funds from the New York State STOP-DWI Foundation, Inc., for the purpose of administering a STOP-DWI Crackdown Enforcement Program for the municipalities in the County of Orange in an effort to reduce alcohol-related traffic injuries and fatalities by increasing policing efforts during peak holiday periods; and

WHEREAS, as a recipient of STOP-DWI Crackdown Enforcement Program funds, the County is responsible for dispersing such funds to those municipalities located within the bounds of County of Orange who wish to conduct additional crackdown police patrol enforcement campaigns during peak holiday season; now, therefore, be it resolved:

That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Village of Goshen and the County of Orange for participation in the 2020/2021 STOP-DWI Enforcement Crackdown Campaign, for an award in the aggregate amount of $2260.

Trustee Gurda aye

Trustee Henderson aye

Trustee Scotto aye

Trustee Smith absent

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Scotto, Erin M. Harrison is conditionally appointed to the Civil Service title of Water/Wastewater Treatment Operator. In accordance with the current contract between the Village of Goshen and the CSEA, Erin M. Harrison will be placed on the 2018/2019 Step One of the pay scale for Water & Sewer Operator 3, with an annual salary of $54,381.

This appointment shall be contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment paperwork, medical clearance, and approval from Orange County Civil Service. A probationary period of fifty-two weeks shall apply and may be extended as necessary for completion of required licensure, but not beyond seventy-eight weeks.

Gurda aye

Henderson aye

Scotto aye

Smith absent

Mayor/Trustee Comments

Trustee Scotto noted that, all in all, things are running smoothly at the sewer plant.

Trustee Gurda, reporting for the Department of Public Works, spoke of some seasonal changes as tree trimming and Spring maintenance of parks has been done.

Trustee Henderson offered congratulations to Ptl. Jeremy M. Harter on his graduation from the Police Chiefs’ Association of Orange County Police Basic Training Academy.

Citizens’ Comments

Comments were received from Marcia Mattheus.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee Henderson, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Gurda aye

Henderson aye

Scotto aye

Smith absent