Village Board Meeting July 25, 2022

Members present: Mayor Wohl, Trustees Gurda, O'Donnell, Rouis, Scotto

Also present: DPW Superintendent Birney, Village Clerk Darby, Attorney Donovan, and Police Chief Watt

Mayor Wohl called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Trustee Gurda, seconded by Trustee O'Donnell, the Minutes of the June 27, 2022 Village Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

Gurda aye O'Donnell aye Rouis aye Scotto aye

On a motion by Trustee Scotto, seconded by Trustee Rouis, the Minutes of the July 11, 2022 Village Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

Gurda abstain
O'Donnell aye
Rouis aye
Scotto aye

#### **Communications**

#### 1. Thank you letter from J. Tiller

Mayor Wohl read a letter from J. Tiller thanking DPW Superintendent Scott Birney and his crew for milling and paving Sunrise Heights in a fast, efficient and clean manner.

### 2. Thank you letters from J. and M. laquinto

Mayor Wohl read two thank you letters from Mr. & Mrs. Iaquinto thanking the DPW for repaving Sunrise Heights and Old CraigvIlle Road, and the Police Department for assisting Mr. Iaquinto get home after Mrs. Iaquinto's blood pressure dropped after donating blood during Great American Weekend.

#### 3. Letter from OC Department of Health for Water Filtration Plant Upgrade

A letter from the Orange County Department of Health was read stating that the approved plans for the water treatment filtration plant upgrade of changing from gas to liquid chlorination had been approved.

# 4. Notice of Intent to Act as Lead Agency - BOCES

Mayor Wohl read the Notice of Intent for the Orange-Ulster BOCES Board looks to establish its role as a Lead Agency for carrying out the State Environmental Quality Review process related to a renovations project at Arden Hill and Gibson Road sites. Superintendent Birney asked for contact information as there is a water meter at the Arden Hill site.

#### 5. Blasting on 17M – Royal Wine Project

For informational purposes to the community, Mayor Wohl read information about the blasting taking place on 17M for the Royal Wine project where people can reach out to the blasting company.

## 6. Filming - In the Village vs. Private Property

Mayor Wohl referenced an article in the paper where filming had occurred on private property, and noted that there is a process involving the Village should filming occur in the public.

#### **Items of Business**

#### 1. Abstract of Vouchers

#### **RESOLUTION 64 of 2022**

# A RESOLUTION EXAMINING ABSTRACT NUMBER 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/22 – 5/31/23 FOR CHECK NUMBERS 20721 THROUGH 20814 TOTALLING \$853,592.07

**WHEREAS**, bills as examined by members of the Board were approved in accordance with Abstract 2022/2023 number 1; and

### NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

**RESOLVED**, that the following were approved:

- 1. Check numbers 20721 through 20814; and
- 2. Abstract number 1 in the amount of \$853,592.07.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was  $\underline{4}$  ayes to  $\underline{0}$  nays with  $\underline{0}$  abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on July 25, 2022.

### 2. Designating a Minority Business Officer

## **RESOLUTION 65 of 2022**

# A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A MINORITY BUSINESS OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN

**WHEREAS**, a requirement for the Filter Plant Upgrade Project is to designate a Minority Business Officer;

#### NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

**RESOLVED**, that Mayor Scott Wohl has been designated as the Village of Goshen's Minority Business Officer.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Scotto and seconded by Trustee O'Donnell. The vote was  $\underline{4}$  ayes to  $\underline{0}$  nays with  $\underline{0}$  abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on July 25, 2022.

#### 3. Agreement for Pitingaro & Doetsch's Engineering Planning Services

#### **RESOLUTION 66 of 2022**

# A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PITINGARO & DOETSCH CONSULTING ENGINEERS PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE FILTER PLANT UPGRADE PROJECT

WHEREAS, related to the Filter Plant Upgrade Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Pitingaro & Doetsch are the water/sewer consultants for the Village of Goshen:

# NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Goshen accepts Pitingaro & Doetsch's proposal dated 7/8/22 to provide engineering planning services for the project for a total amount of \$775,200 for three phases.

Motion to adopt by Trustee O'Donnell and seconded by Trustee Scotto. The vote was <u>4</u> ayes to <u>0</u> nays with <u>0</u> abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on July 25, 2022.

#### 4. Manage Property at Wickham Avenue

#### **RESOLUTION 67 of 2022**

# A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO REMEDY THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS AT 52 WICKHAM AVENUE

**WHEREAS**, the property is currently in violation of Sections 30-84 and 30-116 of the Village of Goshen Code, specifically, the grass and brush in the front and rear of the premises are drastically overgrown, and there is litter and refuse strewn about the property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Code Enforcement Officer has heretofore issued a Notice of Violation to the property regarding these code violations; and

**WHEREAS**, the property owner has failed to remediate the violations as described in the Notice of Violation;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby orders that as a result of the owner's failure to remove the Violations as required, that the Village shall arrange for the remediation of the Violations at actual cost plus an additional five percent for inspection fees; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the amount shall not be timely paid as required, it will become a lien on the homeowner's property and will be added to the homeowners Village taxes; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Goshen is hereby authorized to take any such action as may be required to effectuate this Resolution.

Motion to adopt by Trustee Gurda and seconded by Trustee O'Donnell. The vote was  $\underline{4}$  ayes to  $\underline{0}$  nays with  $\underline{0}$  abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on July 25, 2022.

Mayor Wohl added item of business #5 to the agenda.

<u>5. Village of Goshen Mayor to Sign State and Municipal Facilities Capital Program</u> (SAM) Funding Opportunity.

#### **RESOLUTION 68 of 2022**

# A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN MAYOR TO SIGN A STATE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES CAPITAL PROGRAM (SAM) FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

**WHEREAS**, a funding opportunity has become available for the Village of Goshen Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the signature of an authorized official is required to complete the SAM information sheet;

#### NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Goshen Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the SAM information sheet and any other materials for the Village of Goshen Police Department funding opportunity.

Motion to adopt by Trustee O'Donnell and seconded by Trustee Rouis. The vote was <u>4</u> ayes to <u>0</u> nays with <u>0</u> abstentions. The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted on July 25, 2022.

#### Mayor/Trustee/Department Head Comments

Superintendent Birney reported on his department's activities from 7/12/22 – 7/28/22.

#### **ROADS**

- 1. Completed Paving and Restoration of Sunrise and Old Craigville
- 2. Continued Sweeping of Various Village Streets
- 3. Continued Mowing Village Hall, Parks, Fire Department and other Village properties.
- 4. Continued Catch basin Repairs throughout Village
- Continued Watering Baskets/ Planters throughout Village, Weeded Baskets/ Planters
- 6. Emptied and maintained parking meters
- 7. Picked up Yard waste throughout Village
- 8. Mowed and trimmed unmaintained rights-of-way throughout Village
- 9. Assisted County with VacCon at Thomas Bull Park
- Started Demolition of Curbs and Sidewalks in Poor Condition on McNally for Replacement in kind

#### **WATER**

- 1. Repaired Water Leak on Grand Street
- 2. Raised and Renovated Valve Box to Track on Park Place

# **SEWER**

1. Normal Operations

Mayor Wohl referenced the water quality complaints that may have been received, were because of the water main on Grand Street, which Superintendent Birney concurred.

Trustee Scotto reported that there was a busy weekend with a water main break and gave kudos to the Village DPW crew.

Trustee Gurda reported that summer camp is going well as they just started their 5<sup>th</sup> week, and each week there are approximately 150 kids. The new pavilion has helped during camp, and allowed campers and staff to have a place to go, not only during inclement weather, but for other activities. In addition, Trustee Gurda shared that the Salesian building is down, and debris continues to be picked up and carted away to Pennsylvania. The project is a little behind schedule due to a shortage of trucks and a COVID issue which caused a shutdown for a couple of days. The plan is for Salesian Park to open to the public on August 8, 2022, and the vacant area will need to be blocked off prior to that date.

Trustee O'Donnell advised that a premeeting took place regarding PBA negotiations. Trustee O'Donnell referenced a Facebook post from the Village Concert Series last week where there was an image of a Village Police officer playing with children – Trustee O'Donnell thanked the Village Police Department for being the epitome of community policing. In addition, the weekly concerts are going well, and all of the trotters have been placed throughout the Village.

Trustee Rouis reported that all is going smoothly at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Chief Watt discussed the terrible incident that took place during a Holocaust Commemoration on 7/14/22 at the Chabad. The Chief commended Detective Kozlowski on his persistence and knowledge to identify and locate the suspect to make an arrest. On July 15, 2022, the Chief, Sgt. Rich, SRO Sgt. Smoulcey and Goshen Central School District Superintendent Dr. Kurtis Kotes attended a round table discussion related to school safety plans and active shooter response as part of ongoing training and planning for the school district. Chief Watt discussed a telephone scam soliciting donations on behalf of the Athletic Director for school sports jerseys. Chief Watt asked that people who receive such a call, write the number down and call the Village of Goshen Police Department. Lastly, Chief Watt participated in a Great American Weekend wrap up meeting.

# **Citizens' Comments**

There were not any comments received from the public.

On a motion by Trustee Rouis, seconded by Trustee Gurda, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Gurda aye O'Donnell aye Rouis aye Scotto aye