

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday September 27, 2023

CALL to ORDER: Chairman Allan Walker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance: Allan Walker, William Lane, Scott Tillmann, Robert Valentine, Ned Bixler, and First Selectman Todd Carusillo. Excused: James Korner, Russell Murdock

Others: Eric Warner a reporter from Goshen News; Toby Geiger 429 Sharon Turnpike.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: A motion was made by Ned Bixler and seconded by Bill Lane, to approve the minutes of August 23, 2023, corrected as follows: Scott Tillmann was excused, not absent. It was voted unanimously with Bob Valentine and Scott Tillmann abstaining.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Received and reviewed Financial Reports from Debbie Franklin dated August 2023.

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT: Received and reviewed the Tax Collector's report dated August 2023.

SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Todd Carusillo reports that the town did not meet the threshold to obtain FEMA funds for storm damage caused during the two July rainstorms. On 9/27/2023, Todd Carusillo spoke with Senator Richard Blumenthal who said he would work to find monies from other avenues.

To date, the town has spent \$55,000 on gravel for repairs, and it will add up to well over \$100,000 with new requests from Public Works. The selectmen just received three requests to transfer funds from Town Aid Road (TAR) to Capital line item: Major Road Projects.

- \$25,767.62 for paving of East Street North
- \$32,715.88 for gravel for dirt road repairs
- \$2,688.75 for 2-3" riprap

The new EMD needs a new laptop, and the board agrees the monies can be used from the Capital Non-Recurring account.

Ned Bixler made a motion to seat Pat Reilly who arrived at 7:34 pm, and it was seconded by Scott Tillmann and voted unanimously.

The Fire Company needs a new laptop for their secretary. The Finance Board recommends the Fire Company spend from their current budget and it will be reconciled at the end of the year.

Public Works reports that the backhoe front bearing & sprocket, three teeth broke off the gear in the front axle. JW Tractor is investigating new or used gear for the Backhoe and an estimate for repair costs will be discussed in the future.

The Crime Watch signs cost of \$450.00 will be assigned to the Selectman's budget. Public Act HB59-17 regarding Safety Cameras was passed by the state and goes into effect October 1st, 2023. The selectmen will continue to review and provide a recommendation. Todd reports that he is receiving many complaints about

speeding and mentions that a budget for Public Safety for fiscal year 2024/2025 will be part of the next budget process.

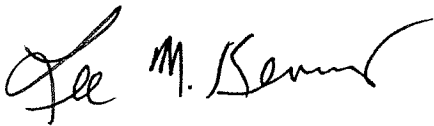
OTHER BUSINESS:

Resident Mr. Toby Geiger of 429 Sharon Turnpike asks Todd to discuss the paving of Lyman Lane and Town Hill Road. Bob Valentine informed the board that Lyman Lane was originally paved with cold asphalt many years ago because part of the hill on Lyman Lane from Rt 63 washed out on a regular basis. Town Hill Road was paved from 85 Town Hill over the bridge to 212 Town Hill due to erosion and complaints from residents. due to the expressed requests of road residents.

The town paved Lyman Lane last week. In 2018 this task was part of the ten year road plan to pave certain roads that are troublesome to maintain and repair. The paving was delayed due to the pandemic. There is no plan to pave Town Hill Road currently.

ADJOURN:

Bill Lane made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Ned Bixler. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m



Lee M. Kennedy
Board of Finance Clerk

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Asst. Goshen Town Clerk