

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday November 15, 2023

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

Attendance: Chairman Allan Walker, Robert Valentine, Bill Lane, Scott Tillmann, Pat Reilly (alternate), and First Selectman Todd Carusillo, Excused: Ned Bixler, Russell Murdock (alternate). **Others:** Paul Collins

Bill Lane motioned to seat Pat Reilly, seconded by Scott Tillmann. The motion passed unanimously. Jim Korner arrived at 7:33pm

APPROVAL of MINUTES: A motion was made by Scott Tillmann seconded by Bill Lane and voted unanimously to receive the minutes of October 25, 2023. Pat Reilly abstained.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The board received and reviewed Financial Reports from Debbie Franklin dated 10/30/2023. Clarity was requested for G/L Account 5245-61 Town Hall Computer Support, \$11,933 annual subscription. Todd reported that was for the Yucatech annual IT support. Todd was asked to verify the frequency of payments.

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT – The board received and reviewed The Tax Collector's report dated 10/30/2023. The board commented that it looks in-line with expectations.

SUSPENSE REPORT: Bob Valentine motions to accept the recommendations of the Tax Collector. Pat Reilly seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The suspense form was signed and returned to the Tax Collector.

2024 BOARD OF FINANCE CALENDER 2024: Bob Valentine recommended that the dates in May noted as tentative be changed to regular meetings. Allan Walker seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SELECTMAN'S REPORT: See Report attached.

Bob Valentine asked if the Dail-a-ride monies of \$ 35,785.98, was booked as receivable in last year's finances.

Todd reports that it was not and will verify. Todd is applying for grants for this year and looking into grants to replace the current bus with a smaller bus. Todd expects to work with Cornwall this year and Warren has expressed interest as they do not have a bus.

Todd reports that The Foundation for Community Health won't pay for medication for seniors after December 31, 2023. The Board recommends that Todd investigate other options to replace the money.

Allan Walker asked if the cost of the purchase of the land at 190 Sharon Turnpike is included as part of the grant. Todd reports that purchase price, our engineering and public work labor can be funded with the grant money. Bob Valentine notes that for FEMA grants, the machine time is reimbursed based on a fee schedule. Bob suggests that this fee schedule could be used to ask the state to cover machine time for this project on Sharon Turnpike.

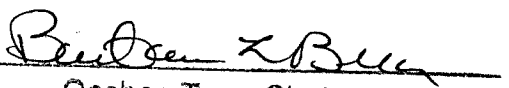
OTHER BUSINESS: Scott Tillmann asked about voting abstention and stated that at the last Selectman's meeting, Selectman Harris read a state statute indicating abstention was not required unless personal enrichment occurred. Bob Valentine explains there is no conflict of interest when the Board of Finance votes on any budget if it does not provide any gain to self or family. There is no legal requirement to abstain, it is a personal decision.

Bill Lane was thanked for his years of service on the Board of Finance. Paul Collins will be joining the Board of Finance as of November 17, 2023.

ADJOURN: Allan Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Pat Reilly. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m


Lee M. Kennedy - Board of Finance Clerk

Received NOV. 17, 2023 @ 12:00 P.M.

Attest 
Goshen Town Clerk

Board of Finance meeting 11-15-2023

Selectman's report:

The Town Clerk had a good week, she handed over a check for \$ 25,914.57 yesterday hopefully it will be part of Debbie's report next month.

We received our FY 22-23 Dail-a-ride monies finally, of \$ 35,785.98 The state had a freeze on the money.

We invoiced Cornwall for their bus monies of \$ 10,700.00

The Board of Selectmen added Bob Valentine to the building committee, a needs assessment will be done to determine, what exactly is needed and cost of this Public Works Storage Facility will cost.

No reports on the backhoe, still looking for parts.

The Auction house Govdeal.com sold our Public Works truck for \$ 10,700. We're waiting on the check, 3-4 weeks for delivery. As of 11/15/2023 it hasn't come in yet.

The Hurst Tool monies will be sent out this week of \$ 60,554.00

The Tax Collector gave me this report on Percentage of Collection as of 11/14/2023