GOSHEN BOARD OF FINANCE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 26, 2019

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

ATTENDANCE: Allan Walker, Jim Korner, Scott Tillmann, William Lane and Alternate Alan Booth. Also present was First Selectman, Bob Valentine and Library Director, Lynn Barker Steinmayer.

Excused: Ned Bixler, Patrick Reilly

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jim Korner made a motion, seconded by William Lane to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2019 meeting with Allan Walker's name spelled Allan corrected. The motion carried.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT: The Financial Report for May from Debbie Franklin was received and reviewed.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

The Tax Collector's report for June was received and reviewed.

SELECTMAN'S REPORT: was given by Bob Valentine.

- Prices for heating oil, diesel fuel, and gasoline have been locked in for the coming year.
- A draft agreement between Regional School District 6 and the Town of Goshen for leasing land near the tennis courts for solar panels has been forwarded to Attorney Chip Roraback.
- Two active appeals of property assessment are currently in Superior Court in Torrington.
- Attorney Chip Roraback is working on ordinances for the Shane Moorehouse Kinsella Memorial Fund as well the Economic Development Commission.
- A Memorandum of Understanding has been executed with Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation for scheduling the Goshen/Cornwall senior bus. The agreement will become effective July 1, 2019.
- The Board of Selectman recently received a letter from MIRA concerning the interpretation of Force Majeure within our contract. MIRA is insisting on an increase of the tipping fee because of an issue with a jet turbine being taken out of service for repairs. We may be required to pay their increased fee which could amount to approximately \$13,000 for the coming year. This is now in the hands of Town Attorney Chip Roraback.

CORRESPONDENCE: A suspense list was received from the Tax Collector. It will be signed by Allan Walker, Chairman of the Board of Finance and filed with the Town Clerk.

OTHER BUSINESS: Lynn Steinmayer informed the Board of Finance that she has one employee who is at the top of her pay matrix and has received an excellent evaluation. She asked if there is some kind of merit raise or bonus that could be given to this employee. After discussion the consensus was that First Selectman, BobValentine, should consult Randi Frank Consultants to see how this might be handled.

A committee of three people to review the purchasing policies was formed. William Lane said that he has been selected from the Fire Commissioners and Ned Bixler was selected from the Board of Finance, Bob Valentine will represent the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Lane questioned if there was any conflict by having both members on the Board of Finance. It was agreed that there was no problem with these appointments.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Jim Korner and seconded by William Lane to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Burcroff, clerk

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