

GOSHEN BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 24, 2019

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

ATTENDANCE: Allan Walker, Scott Tillmann, Russell Hurley, Ned Bixler, and alternates Alan Booth and Patrick Reilly. Also present was First Selectman, Robert Valentine and Lynn Barker Steinmayer.

Excused: William Lane

SEATING OF ALTERNATES: Scott Tillmann made a motion to seat Alan Booth, motion was seconded by Russell Hurley and carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Scott Tillmann made a motion, seconded by Ned Bixler, to approve the minutes. The motion carried with two abstentions. The abstentions were Ned Bixler and Russell Hurley.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial report for 6/30/19 from Debbie Franklin was received and reviewed.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The report for 6/30/19 from the tax collector was received and reviewed.

Lynn Steinmayer approached the Board of Finance regarding an increase or bonus for one employee who is at the top of the matrix but has an excellent evaluation. Ned Bixler made a motion to give a 2.5% pay increase based on the library rate and the number of hours worked. It was seconded by Allan Walker and the motion carried.

SELECTMAN'S REPORT: was given by Robert Valentine, First Selectman.

- MIRA has responded and the town will need to pay the increased tipping fee. The town has engaged legal counsel to deal with the matter.
- Regional Animal Control Facility bids came in and ranged from a low of \$1,993,123 to \$2,711,000. The next step in the process needs to be discussed, given the architect's estimate was just under \$1,000,000.
- The oil tank was removed at the firehouse and testing found no contamination at the sight. When installing the new oil tank, a power line was nicked causing the transfer switch on the emergency generator to be damaged.
- The bid for the Milton Road contract came in 32% higher than the Engineer's estimate. Only 1 bid was submitted. ConnDot may insist that we proceed with awarding the contract. The increase cost in bid would cost Goshen an additional \$16,000.

- The Highlands Grant application for a conservation easement on East Street North town property has been finalized.
- The Auditor will start their work on 8/6/19. We will close out our books for the 2018-19 fiscal year by the end of the month and bring any contingency adjustment to the Board of Finance next month.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Ned Bixler and seconded by Scott Tillmann to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Becky Burcroff

Board of Finance Clerk

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Attest Barbara Z Brun
Goshen Town Clerk