

GOSHEN BOARD OF FINANCE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2019

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

ATTENDANCE: Allan Walker, Ned Bixler, Jim Korner, William Lane and alternates Alan Booth and Patrick Reilly. Also present was First Selectman, Bob Valentine and Public Works Supervisor, Garret Harlow

Excused: Scott Tillmann

A correction to the 2020 calendar changing the May meeting from May 22 to May 20<sup>th</sup> will be made and resubmitted to the Town Clerk.

SEATING OF ALTERNATES: Ned Bixler made a motion, seconded by Jim Korner to seat both Patrick Reilly and Alan Booth as regular members for this meeting. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jim Korner made a motion seconded by Ned Bixler to accept the minutes of the October 23<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented. The motion carried with two abstentions, (William Lane & Jim Korner).

THE FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial report for October 2019 from Debbie Franklin was received and reviewed. There was a question about the increase for Street Lights. Mr. Valentine explained that the Carlisle Fund reimburses the town for approximately 80% of the cost of the street lights and that is not reflected in these numbers.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

The Tax Collector's report for October 31, 2019 was received and reviewed.

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

- A sample of a spreadsheet that the Selectman's office will provide as budgets are presented was provided for the Board of Finance members. This will help the board members see the total budget as each department presents its budget requests.
- The student population in Warren and Morris has declined while it has increased in Goshen. Goshen now has the largest student population and this will be reflected in the increase in cost for Goshen's share of the Region #6 budget. This increase will be about \$553,251.00 which will be almost a mil.

- The state has presented its report on the bridges in town. There are two which will require some work in the near future.
- One of the trucks at Public Works has blown an engine. Garret Harlow was asked to present information he has on this issue. The truck is 18 years old. Mr. Harlow said that it would cost about \$8,000.00 to have the engine repaired. A truck like this might bring \$4000.00 in running condition. The truck also has other issues that would need to be addressed. He received prices on three trucks. The lowest price was for an International HV507 (4x2) at \$157,349.72. There is \$141,287.73 in the Capital Non-Recurring Replace Trucks line. If they were to purchase this truck they would need another \$16,000+ appropriated.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OTHER BUSINESS: Jim Korner made a motion seconded by William Lane to appropriate \$10,000 from Unassigned Capital Non-Recurring and \$10,000 from Unassigned General Fund Balance for the replacement of a truck for Public Works.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Jim Korner and seconded by Ned Bixler to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Burcroff

Board Clerk

Received November 21, 2019 11:18 AM

Attest Megan Samson  
ASST. Goshen Town Clerk