

**GOSHEN BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

February 26, 2020

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

ATTENDANCE: Allan Walker, Ned Bixler, Jim Korner, Scott Tillmann, Russell Hurley, and Alan Booth

Others: First Selectman, Bob Valentine

EXCUSED: William Lane

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jim Korner made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann to accept the minutes of the January meeting as amended. The election of officers was omitted. Included should be **“Chairman Allan Walker relinquished the chair to First Selectman, Robert Valentine for the purpose of elections. Scott Tillman nominated Allan Walker as chairman. The nomination was seconded by Jim Korner and passed. Patrick Reilly made a motion seconded by William Lane to close nominations and cast one ballot for Allan Walker. The motion passed. Allan Walker nominated Ned Bixler for Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded by William Lane and passed. Patrick Reilly made a motion seconded by Allan Walker to close nominations and cast one ballot for Ned Bixler. The motion passed. Allan Walker resumed the chair.”**

The motion carried with one abstention (Russell Hurley).

THE FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial report for January 31, 2020 from Debbie Franklin was received and reviewed.

TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT: The Tax Collector’s report for January 31, 2020 was received and reviewed.

SUMMARY OF GRAND LIST INCREASES: The summary of the Grand List Increases from Assessor, Lucy Hussman was received and reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chris Sanders thanked the town for supporting the Lake Weed Project and gave a summary of the work done and plans for the future.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGETS: The following budgets were presented for review and receipt by the Board of Finance.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION The Current Budget 2019-2020 \$1,000.00 Proposed Budget 2020-2021 \$1,051.00

PLANNING & ZONING – Dept. 41 Current Budget \$2,800.00, Proposed Budget 2020-2021 \$2,589.00

BOARD OF ASSESSORS – Dept. 31 Current Budget 2019-2020 \$74,091.00, Proposed Budget 2020-2021 \$76,577.00. There is an increase due to an increase in computer support based on contracts from software vendors.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – Dept. 42 Current Budget 2019-2020 \$1,838.00, Proposed Budget 2020-2021 \$1,615.00

BUILDING OFFICIAL – Dept. 05 Current Budget 2018-2019 \$52,718.00, Proposed Budget 2020-2021 \$53,139.00

CIVIL PREPAREDNESS – Dept. 29 Current Budget 2019-2020 \$7,525.00, Proposed Budget 2019-2020 \$7,525.00

CONSERVATION COMMISSION – Dept. 44 Current Budget 2019-2020 \$1,364.00, Proposed Budget 2020-2021 \$1,364.00

CONSERVATION OF HEALTH – Dept. 51 Current Budget \$74,477.00, Proposed Budget 2020-2021 72,621.00

ELECTIONS – Dept. 14 Current Budget \$31,216.00, Proposed Budget 2020-2021 \$30,251.00
Patrick Reilly made a motion seconded by Russell Hurley to increase the wages of the non-elected elections workers by 2.5%. The motion passed with two abstentions (Ned Bixler and Scott Tillmann).

SELECTMEN – Dept. 01 Current Budget \$134,076.00, Proposed Budget 2020-2021 \$135,491.00

STREET LIGHTS – Current Budget \$15,147.00, Proposed Budget 2020-2021 \$15,147.00.

TAX COLLECTOR – Dept. 12 Current Budget \$38,833.00 2018, Proposed Budget 2020-2021 \$38,754.00.

TOWN CLERK – Dept. 11 Current Budget \$83,995.00, Proposed Budget 2020-2021 \$84,215.00. The increase in the budget is due to the cost of land record duplication and the Assistant Town Clerk's wages. Ned Bixler made a motion, seconded by Scott Tillmann, to receive the Town Clerk budget. The motion passed.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES REQUESTS

- Assessor \$14,200.00 Revaluation
- Lake Weed \$45,000.00 Weed Control
- Selectmen 20,5000.00 Cemeteries, Computer/hardware Replacement, Furniture & Fixtures, General Town Hall Maintenance-(Items cut from last year's budget were put back this year.) Update Salary Matrix
- Town Clerk \$8,000.00 Historic Preservation, Map Scanner/copier, PA146

This is a total of \$87,700.00 in Capital Expenditures for these Departments.

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

- He reported that MIRA is asking the towns to sign a 30 year contract. The selectmen are looking into options,
- Minimum Wage- The town has received two different answers on the new minimum wage law as it pertains to CIT's at camp. They are working to get a written opinion from the Dept. of Labor.
- ADM – The current proposal before the towns of Warren, Morris, and Goshen is to cap any increase due to student enrollment to 5% annually.
- Money donated for the use of the Economic Development Commission should be put in Capital Non Recurring Economic Development Commission

Ned Bixler made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann to allocate all money privately donated for the use of the EDC be transferred to Capital Non Recurring Economic Development Commission.

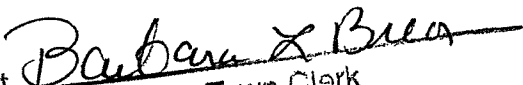
CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Korner and seconded by Patrick Reilly. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Burcroff, clerk

Received Feb 21, 2020 @ 11:44 AM.
Attest 
Goshen Town Clerk

