

**GOSHEN BOARD OF FINANCE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

July 29, 2020

This meeting was held via Zoom.us and a recording is available.

The meeting was called to order by Allan Walker, chairman, at 7:01 pm.

Attendance: Allan Walker, Russell Hurley, Bill Lane, Scott Tillmann, Jim Korner, and alternates Alan Booth and Patrick Reilly. Also present was Bob Valentine, First Selectman.

Excused: Ned Bixler

Seating of an Alternate: Russell Hurley made a motion seconded by Bill Lane to seat Alan Booth as a regular member for this meeting. The motion passed

Scott Tillmann, Patrick Reilly, and Jim Korner joined the meeting.

Financial Reports: the financial reports from Debbie Franklin were received and reviewed. It was noted that the report showed an overage due to MIRA's increase in fees.

Tax Collector's Report: The Tax Collector's report was received and reviewed.

Capital Requests: A list of capital requests from each department was reviewed. These requests will need to be prioritized. Bob Valentine thought that Public Works and Fire Company should be the highest priority when the Board of Finance suggests appropriations to Capital. After August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the deadline for property taxes being due, we should have a better indication of tax revenue and funds that could be available for capital expenses.

Selectman's Report: Given by Bob Valentine, First Selectman

- ★ The town has applied to FEMA for reimbursement of those eligible items related Covid-19 expenses. Many expenses such as technology for staff to work from home are ineligible for FEMA reimbursement but should be eligible for the State of Connecticut Corona Relief Fund. The total is approximately \$20,000.
- ★ Debbie Franklin and Bob Valentine had a preliminary meeting with George Sinnamon from Sinnamon Associates LLC, our new auditors. He is planning to start his work on August 11, 2020.
- ★ At the Town Meeting held June 30, 2020 the town's people approved the easement on town property at the end of East St. North. They also approved to putting the Highland Grant funds (\$131,500.00) into the Land Preservation Fund.
- ★ MIRA continues to be an issue. Recently the Governor and the commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection came out in opposition of the state of Connecticut bonding the 330 million to redo the MIRA plant. MIRA's current plan is


to transition to -transfer stations in order to ship the solid waste to out of state landfills, but DEEP says they can't do that. We will have to wait to see what happens.

- ★ Year End – We are awaiting a bill from the City of Torrington for the Regional Animal Control Facility. It is anticipated that under \$200,000.00 of the \$532,598 projected use of fund balance will be needed.
- ★ The Board of Selectmen has applied for and received a \$15,000.00 Affordable Housing Planning grant. State statutes require every municipality to create an affordable housing plan.
- ★ The Town Hall has opened with proper safety procedures in place in order to allow residents to pay taxes in person. The Town Clerk's office is open with a limit of two people in the vault at a time.

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: Jim Korner made a motion seconded by Bill Lane to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rebecca Burcroff* 

Rebecca Burcroff, clerk

Received July 30, 2020 @ 7:31 P.M.  
Attest Barbara L. Burr  
Goshen Town Clerk