GOSHEN BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 26, 2020

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

The meeting was called to order by Allan Walker, chairman, at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Allan Walker, Chairman; Ned Bixler, Vice Chair; Scott Tillmann; Jim Korner; Russell Hurley; and alternates Alan Booth and Patrick Reilly. Also present were: Bob Valentine, First Selectman; Mark Harris, Selectman; Garret Harlow, Superintendant of Public Works

Excused: Bill Lane

SEATING OF AN ALTERNATE: Jim Korner made a motion, seconded by Ned Bixler to seat Alan Booth as a regular member for this meeting. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jim Korner made a motion, seconded by Ned Bixler to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Financial Report from Debbie Franklin ending July 30, 2020 was received and reviewed.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Tax Collector's report was received and reviewed.

YEAR END REVIEW: Based on the unaudited numbers, we anticipate using $157,655.74 from the fund balance. This would leave approximately $2,660,885 in fund balance.]

CONTINGENCY ADJUSTMENT:

In Contingency the major adjustment comes from MIRA's increase in fees.

Jim Korner made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann to take $2,833.39 from Contingency and put it in the **Building Official**'s budget. The motion passed.

Scott Tillmann made a motion seconded by Jim Korner to take $435.24 from Contingency to fund **Civil Preparedness**. The motion passed.

Ned Bixler made a motion seconded by Jim Korner to $634.09 take from Contingency and put it in the **Fire Commissioner**'s budget. The motion passed.

Allan Walker made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann to take $1,317.48 from Contingency and put it in the **Fiscal Office** budget. The motion passed.

Jim Korner made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann to take $2,118.59 from Contingency and put it in the **Newsletter budget**. The motion passed.

Scott Tillmann made a motion seconded by Jim Korner to take $778.68 from Contingency and put it in the **Land Use Officer** Budget. The motion passed.

Ned Bixler made a motion seconded by Jim Korner to take $551.96 from Contingency and put it in the **Town Office Building**. The motion passed.

Allan Walker made a motion seconded by Jim Korner to take $17,473.57 from Contingency and put it in **Waste Removal.** The motion passed.

Jim Korner made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann to take $496.32 from Contingency and put it in the **Fire Marshall** budget. The motion passed.

CAPITAL EXPENSES: Bob Valentine shared his proposal for allocation of Capital Expense dollars. A special meeting will be held September 9, 2020 to decide on how Capital Expenses will be allocated.

SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

- **Tax collections:** Tax collections are slightly ahead of past years. Most of this is from taxpayers paying both property tax installments in July.
- **Spending freeze:** Last Tuesday the Board of Selectmen lifted the spending freeze but cautioned everyone to be careful with their spending given the uncertainly going forward.
- **FEMA:** In addition to the potential COVID-19 reimbursements we will most likely have an opportunity for some reimbursement due to the recent tropical storm. Most of our costs were for overtime hours. However if past storm reimbursements are any indication, we would also be able to get some funds for the equipment we used such as chipper and loader for removing trees. FEMA reimbursement would be 75% of allowed expenses.
- **Audit:** Auditors have begun their work and should be on schedule.
- **Shared work program:** is now being used for Library staff. Library staff who are unable to work their regular hours because of COVID restrictions are paid un-employment wages for those unworked hours.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT: Jim Korner made a motion seconded by Ned Bixler to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Burcroff

Rebecca Burcroff, clerk

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Attest Barbara L Bixler

Goshen Town Clerk