GOSHEN BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
May 1, 2019

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, Alan Booth, William Lane
Others: Virginia Perry, Administrative Assistant; Patrick Reilly; andRecreation Commission Chairman, Don Patterson as well as representatives from the Goshen Business Circle.
SEATING OF ALTERNATES: Ned Bixler made a motion seconded by Jim Korner to seat alternate William Lane. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY: Ned Bixler made a motion seconded by Russell Hurley to fill the position vacated by George Zeidenstein with William Lane. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF AN ALTERNATE: Ned Bixler made a motion seconded by Russell Hurley to appoint Patrick Reilly as an alternate to the Board of Finance. The motion carried.

Both William Lane and Patrick Reilly will see the Town Clerk to be sworn in before the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Carl Contadini, Amy Tobin, and Tom Cary gave a comprehensive presentation on the need to have an economic development plan to bring in more business and keep the mill rate steady.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGETS for FY 2019-2020:

Allan Walker made a motion seconded by Ned Bixler to approve the **Animal Control** budget request of $20,000.00. The motion passed.

Ned Bixler made a motion seconded by William Lane to approve the **Assessment Appeals** budget request of $2,265. 00. The motion passed.

William Lane made a motion seconded by Russell Hurley to approve the **Board of Assessors** budget request of $74,091.00. The motion passed.

Russell Hurley made a motion seconded by Jim Korner to approve the **Board of Finance** budget request of $17,504.00. The motion passed.

Jim Korner made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann to approve the **Building Official** budget request of $52,718.00. The motion passed.

Scott Tillmann made a motion seconded by Allan Walker to approve the **Cemeteries** budget request of $3,571.00. The motion passed.

Allan Walker made a motion seconded by Ned Bixler to approve the **Civil Preparedness/EOC** budget request of $7,525.00. The motion passed.

Ned Bixler made a motion seconded by William Lane to approve the **Conservation Commission** budget request of $1,364. 00. The motion passed.

William Lane made a motion seconded by Russell Hurley to approve the **Conservation of Health** budget request of $74,477.00. The motion passed.

Russell Hurley made a motion seconded by Jim Korner to approve the **Contingency** budget request of $40,000.00. The motion passed.

Jim Korner made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann to approve the **Economic Development Commission** budget request of $1,000.00. The motion passed.

Scott Tillmann made a motion seconded by Allan Walker to approve the **Elections** budget request of $31,216.00. The motion passed with 1 abstention (Ned Bixler).

Allan Walker made a motion seconded by Ned Bixler to approve the **Employee Benefits** budget request of $421,354.00. The motion passed.

Ned Bixler made a motion seconded by William Lane to approve the **Fire Commissioners** budget request of $2,136.00. The motion passed with 1 abstention (William Lane)..

Russell Hurley made a motion seconded by Jim Korner to approve the **Fire Marshal** budget request of $10,902.00. The motion passed.

Jim Korner made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann to approve the **Fire Protection** budget request of $104,625.00. The motion passed with 3 abstentions (Jim Korner, Scott Tillmann, William Lane).

Scott Tillmann made a motion seconded by Allan Walker to approve the **Fiscal Office** budget request of $46,178.00. The motion passed.

Allan Walker made a motion seconded by Ned Bixler to approve the **Inland Wetlands** budget request of $5,270.00. The motion passed.

Ned Bixler made a motion seconded by William Lane to approve the **Insurance** budget request of $106,133.00. The motion passed.

William Lane made a motion seconded by Russell Hurley to approve the **Land Use Enforcement** budget request of $18,907.00. The motion passed.

Russell Hurley made a motion seconded by Jim Korner to approve the **Library** budget request of $157,760.00. The motion passed.

Jim Korner made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann to approve the **Miscellaneous** budget request of $9,732.00. The motion passed.

Scott Tillmann made a motion seconded by Allan Walker to approve the **Newsletter** budget request of $20,050.00. The motion passed.

Allan Walker made a motion seconded by Ned Bixler to approve the **Planning & Zoning** budget request of $2,800.00. The motion passed.

Ned Bixler made a motion seconded by William Lane to approve the **Professional Services** budget request of $25,407.00. The motion passed.

William Lane made a motion seconded by Russell Hurley to approve the **Public Works** budget request of $1,102,672.00. The motion passed.

Russell Hurley made a motion seconded by Jim Korner to approve the **Recreation** budget request of $196,849.00. The motion passed.

Jim Korner made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann to approve the **Rescue** budget request of $32,486.00. The motion passed with 3 abstentions(Jim Korner, Scott Tillmann, William Lane).

Scott Tillmann made a motion seconded by Allan Walker to approve the **Selectmen's Office** budget request of $134,076.00. The motion passed.

Allan Walker made a motion seconded by Ned Bixler to approve the **Street Lights** budget request of $15,147.00. The motion passed.

Ned Bixler made a motion seconded by William Lane to approve the **Tax Collector** budget request of $38,833.00. The motion passed.

William Lane made a motion seconded by Russell Hurley to approve the **Town Clerk** budget request of $83,995.00. The motion passed.

Russell Hurley made a motion seconded by Jim Korner to approve the **Town Office Building** budget request of $69,206.00. The motion passed.

Jim Korner made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann to approve the **Treasurer** budget request of $9,026.00. The motion passed.

Scott Tillmann made a motion seconded by Allan Walker to approve the **Waste Removal** budget request of $191,817.00. The motion passed.

Allan Walker made a motion seconded by Ned Bixler to approve the **Water Pollution** budget request of $340.00. The motion passed.

Ned Bixler made a motion seconded by William Lane to approve the **Welfare** budget request of $6,600.00. The motion passed.

William Lane made a motion seconded by Russell Hurley to approve the **Zoning Board of Appeals** budget request of $1,838.00. The motion passed.

CAPITAL REQUESTS:

Ned Bixler made a motion seconded by William Lane to approve the Animal Control budget request of $60,000.00. The motion passed.

Allan Walker made a motion seconded by Ned Bixler to approve the Assessor budget request of $14,200.00. The motion passed.

Ned Bixler made a motion seconded by William Lane to approve the Fire Company budget request of $125.000.00. The motion passed.

William Lane made a motion seconded by Russell Hurley to approve the Library budget request of $1,600.00. The motion passed.

Russell Hurley made a motion seconded by Jim Korner to approve the Public Works budget request of $504,485.00. The motion passed.

Jim Korner made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann to approve the Recreation budget request of $26,875.00. The motion passed.

Jim Korner made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann to add $5,000.00 to the Economic Development Commission making their total budget $10,000,00. The motion passed.

Scott Tillmann made a motion seconded by Allan Walker to approve the Selectmen budget request, with the added $5,000.00 for the Economic Development Commission totaling $61,000.00. The motion passed.

Allan Walker made a motion seconded by Ned Bixler to approve the Town Clerk budget request of $8,000.00. The motion passed.

Don Patterson petitioned the Board of Finance to keep the line item for Camp Custodian's Fee as it was originally presented. While they did submit an alternate proposal, the board members were under the impression that the Board of Finance could pick and choose which parts they wanted to support. This might allow a little more time to take care of the Sport Court.

Jim Korner made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann to amend the Recreation budget by adding back in the $1,200.00 for the custodian. The motion passed.

Other Considerations:

- The Town Budget Hearing will be May 15, 2019 and the next regular board meeting will be May 22, 2019.
- Recommendations for next year's budgeting process:
    - Capital expenditures is a very large portion of the budget and needs to be presented earlier.
    - A running total for the budgets received would be helpful in recognizing a trend sooner.

A motion was made by Jim Korner and seconded by Scott Tillmann to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Burcroff

Rebecca Burcroff, clerk

Received May 3, 2019 10:42AM

Attest Megan Gaulin

Asst. Goshen Town Clerk