

**GOSHEN BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 22, 2019**

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

ATTENDANCE: Allan Walker, Ned Bixler, Russell Hurley, Jim Korner, William Lane and alternates Alan Booth and Patrick Reilly.

Others: First Selectman, Bob Valentine and several concerned citizens

EXCUSED: Scott Tillmann

SEATING OF ALTERNATES: William Lane made a motion seconded by Jim Korner to seat Alan Booth as a regular member for tonight. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jim Korner made a motion seconded by William Lane to accept the minutes of the April 24, 2019 meeting as presented. The motion carried.

Jim Korner made a motion seconded by William Lane to accept the minutes of the May 1, 2019 special meeting as presented. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Lynette Miller expressed her concern that the townspeople would be excluded from decisions made in regard to the Economic Development Plan once outside entities become involved. She wants transparency and doesn't want to lose local control. Doreen Deary stated that it is all exploratory at this point and no commitments have been made. Amy Tobin reminded Ms. Miller that all the documents have been shared with members of the Goshen Business circle and recommended that Ms. Miller go back and read those emails.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial report for April 2019 from Debbie Franklin was received and reviewed.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Tax Collector's report for April 2019 was received and reviewed

BUDGET APPROVAL: Allan Walker moved that the budget as presented at the budget hearing May 15, 2019 be given to the town for a vote at the Annual Town Budget Meeting to be held May 29, 2019. The motion was seconded by Jim Korner and the motion passed.

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

- Mr. Valentine reported that most of the current year's budgets are coming in under budget and the Tax Collector has done a very good job on tax collection. Therefore instead of the estimated 470,000.00 use from the Fund, only about \$195, 000.00 will be used.
- Michael Ecstein asked a question regarding the condition of the road, specifically, Beach St. Mr. Valentine explained that the chip and seal recently applied to Beach Street is a

maintenance treatment intended to extend the life of a road but it does not alter the underlying asphalt material.

- Alan Rothfeld asked if someone is checking on overhanging branches in danger of falling. Mr. Valentine said that they do monitor, but if someone sees a dangerous situation they should report it.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr Walker received a letter from George Zeidenstein with his resignation from the Board of Finance. Mr. Walker instructed the clerk to send Mr. Zeidenstein a letter of thanks for his service.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Korner and seconded by Ned Bixler. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Burcroff, clerk

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Attest Megan Scanlon
ASST. Goshen Town Clerk