

GOSHEN BOARD OF FINANCE

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021

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

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

ATTENDANCE: Allan Walker, Ned Bixler, Russell Hurley, Scott Tillmann, William Lane and alternate, Patrick Reilly.

Also present was First Selectman, Bob Valentine, Virginia Perry, Mark Harris, Chris Sanders, Michele Fitzpatrick, Simon Ellis, Deborah Ellis, Pat Flynn, Doreen Deary, Lida Exstein, Joe Welsh, Barry Hall, Philip Olivetti, Barry Hall, and Todd Carusillo.

ABSENT: Jim Korner

SEATING OF AN ALTERNATE: Ned Bixler made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann, to seat Patrick Reilly as a regular member for this meeting. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ned Bixler made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann to accept the minutes of the March 24, 2021 meeting as presented. The motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: A motion was made by Bill Lane and seconded by Russel Hurley to accept Debbie Franklin's reports. The motion passed.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Tax Collector's report was received and reviewed by the Board of Finance. Russell Hurley made a motion to allow the Tax Collector to put the listed accounts on the Suspense List. The motion was seconded by Patrick Reilly and passed.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGETS:

PUBLIC WORKS – DEPT. 02: Current Budget 2020-2021 \$1,102,537.00, Proposed Budget 2021-2022 \$1,010,800.00. To help avoid a 2.4 mil rate increase, \$100,000 was removed from the Chip Seal line item and \$150,000 from Major Roads Project. These funds will be replaced with Town Aid Road funds.

RECREATION – DEPT 22: Current Budget 2020-2021 \$192,540.00, Proposed Budget 2021-2022 \$186,934.00. We have hired a new Recreation Dept. Director.

TOWN OFFICE BUILDING – DEPT 01: Current Budget 2020-2021 \$70,802.00, Proposed Budget 2021-2022 \$69,581.00

CONTINGENCY- DEPT 59: Current Budget 2020-2021 \$40,000.00, Proposed Budget 2021-2022 \$40,000

NEWSLETTER – DEPT 55: Current Budget 2020-2021 \$21,050.00, Proposed Budget 2021-2022 \$22,170.00. Approximately \$3,800 in revenue from ads is anticipated.

WASTE REMOVAL – DEPT 03: Current Budget 2020-2021 \$215,646.00, Proposed Budget 2021-2022 \$248,161.00. The largest part of the increase is due to an increased cost of the contract with MIRA. The recycling contract also had a large increase.

INSURANCE Current Budget 2020-2021 \$101,767.00, Proposed Budget 2021-2022 \$111,389.00. Most of the increase is due to a 5.8% increase in the Property & Casualty insurance for the Fire Company

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS- DEPT 71: Current Budget 2020-2021 \$420,042.00, Proposed Budget 2021-2022 \$383,644.00

CAPITAL REQUESTS:

Animal Control: \$74,000 for Goshen's 6.7%,

Recreation: \$26,5000 for pavilion and sheds

Public Works: \$345,001.00 with \$150,000.00 from Town Aid Road

Selectman: \$21,000.00 Patrick Reilly made a motion seconded by Bill Lane to approve a 2.5% increase for elected officials, election workers and contract workers. The motion passed.

Scott Tillmann made a motion seconded by Patrick Reilly to include all contractors in the 2.5% increase. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chris Sanders requested a chance to speak for the Lake Weeds Committee. He gave a comprehensive report on the progress and future plans to control the weeds in Tyler Lake, West Side Pond, and Dog Pond. He reported that they had received an \$11,000 grant from DEEP to help with the cost of the West Side Pond project. Mr. Sanders urges the town's continued financial support at the \$15,000 per lake level.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Scott Tillmann and seconded by Bill Lane to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Burcroff V.P.

Becky Burcroff, clerk

Received May 7, 2021 @ 10:48 A.M.

Attest Barbara Z. Breen
Goshen Town Clerk