

TOWN OF GOSHEN

BOARD OF FINANCE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – January 26, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by chairman, Allan Walker. The meeting was a hybrid meeting held both on line and in person.

ATTENDANCE: Allan Walker, Bill Lane, Scott Tillmann, Bob Valentine, and alternates Russell Murdock and Patrick Reilly Also in attendance: Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works; Cynthia Barrett, Henrietta Horvay
Excused: Ned Bixler, Jim Korner

SEATING OF ALTERNATE(S): Bill Lane made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann to seat Patrick Reilly as an alternate for this meeting. Motio

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR DEC. 15, 2021: A motion was made by Bill Lane and seconded by Scott Tillmann to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2021 meeting as corrected. In the Selectman's report, bullet item four, it should have said that the food allowance for Public Works for breakfast was increased from \$6 to \$10 and from \$8 to \$12 for dinners. Also in the third bulleted item of the report the words "increased the purchasing power for the bidding process for Public Works" should be replaced with "modified the dollar threshold for the bid process for Public Works and the Fire Company". The motion passed unanimously.

ELECTIONS: Allan Walker asked the First Selectman to conduct the election of Chairman.

Allan Walker was nominated for chairman by Scott Tillmann and seconded Bill Lane. With no other nominations, nominations were closed and the clerk cast one ballot. The meeting was then turned back to Allan Walker, chairman.

Allan Walker nominated Ned Bixler for vice Chairman. It was seconded by Bill Lane and passed unanimously.

Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works, reported that the Heston mower #1 is scheduled to be replaced. The cost of a new one is estimated to be \$150,000 with a life span of about 20 years. This would be a substantial savings over rental or contracted services. There is currently \$133,029.76 in the Equipment Replacement line item of the capital budget. He requested an additional \$19,000 to cover the cost of the

tractor/mower combination with an extended warrantee. The Heston mowers that we currently have will be put to auction and are expected to bring in about \$12,000. Bob Valentine made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann to appropriate \$19,000 from Undesignated General Fund to Capital Non-Reoccurring in Equipment Replacement for the purpose of purchasing a tractor for the roadside mowing. The motion passed unanimously

BUDGET/FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The financial reports from Debbie Franklin ending on December 31, 2021 were received and reviewed.

The Tax Collector's report was received and reviewed.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGETS: The following budgets were presented for review and receipt by the Board of Finance. Wages will be adjusted later.

ASSESSMENT APPEALS - DEPT. 32

Current Budget 2021-2022 \$2,028.00, Proposed Budget 2022-2023 \$2,606.00 The increase is due to the extra hours for the Re-evaluation.

DEBT SERVICE – DEPT 72

Since the town has no debt there are no expenses.

WELFARE - DEPT. 58

Current Budget 2021-2022 \$7,146.00, Proposed Budget 2022-2023 \$7,146.00 There are other services that help take care of the need of Goshen residents.

WATER POLLUTION CONTORL AUTHORITY - DEPT. 46

Current Budget 2021-2022 \$340.00, Proposed Budget 2022-2023 \$340.00

LAND USE ENFORCEMENT - DEPT. 43

Current Budget 2021-2022 \$19,866.00, Proposed Budget 2022-2023 \$19,866.00

FIRE COMMISSIONERS - DEPT. 27

Current Budget 2021-2022 \$3,078.00, Proposed Budget 2022-2023 \$3,078
Bob Valentine noted that the budget showed a \$3,078 increase which is an error.

FIRE MARSHAL - DEPT 25

Current Budget 2021-2022 \$13,447.00, Proposed Budget 2022-2023 \$13,447.00

TREASURER - DEPT 13

Current Budget 2021-2022 \$9,405.00, Proposed Budget 2022-2023 \$ 9,405

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSIONS - DEPT 45

Current Budget 2021-2022 \$5,054.00, Proposed 2022-2023 \$5,154.00.

MISCELLANEOUS – DEPT55

Current Budget 2021-2022 \$9,971.00, Proposed 2022-2023 \$10,073.00.

REPORT FROM FIRST SELECTMAN: given by Todd Carusillo

- The Town is waiting for CCM to give the results on the salary surveys. We should have them for the next meeting and then Randy Frank will be able to start working on the salary review.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS proper to come before the meeting:

- Henrietta Horvay asked the Selectmen to copy her on letters to the Library Board because she didn't get a letter regarding the budget. She also stated that she feels that any employee with an exemplary evaluation should get the highest level of raise as given to anyone else even if they are on the maximum pay scale.

Bob Valentine stated that he disagreed because if we go above the maximum we are subverting the purpose of the matrix.

- Mrs. Horvay also asked if money for a capital expense, but for which a grant was received, could be used for something else. She was informed that she could send a letter to the Board of Finance or attend one of their meetings.
- Garret Harlow gave some background on Sourcewell, the purchasing cooperative that is available to municipalities. This may save more money than using the competitive bid process on our own. He requested that the Board of Finance review this and decide if they want to add it to the Town's Purchasing Policy. This would be in addition to other tools currently available.

Bob Valentine suggested that the Board of Selectmen to review this as they are already working on revising the Purchasing Policy. There was a consensus on this. Bill Lane asked that the information on Sourcewell also be forwarded to the Board of Finance members.

Todd Carusillo reported that he has talked with Katie Hennessy regarding the bids for the pavilion at Camp There was a bid of \$107,000 for a contractor built structure and a bid of \$26,750 for a community built structure. It is hoped that local tradesmen would help in the building of this pavilion. There was a question of whether or not they would have enough money depending on the type of roof that was put on. There was much discussion. Patrick Reilly suggested that if a metal roof is chosen it should be one with standing seams. Russell Murdock will forward information on new asphalt shingles designed for longevity.

ADJOURNMENT: Bob Valentine made a motion seconded by Bill Lane to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Burcroff
Rebecca Burcroff, clerk

Received Jan 27th, 2022 2:45 PM

Attest Danise A. Kane *TD* Asst.
Goshen Town Clerk

