

TOWN OF GOSHEN

BOARD OF FINANCE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – February 23, 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, Scott Tillmann, Bob Valentine, Ned Bixler(late), Jim Korner and alternates Russell Murdock and Patrick Reilly. Also in attendance was First Selectman, Todd Carusillo and Scott Olsen, chairman of EDC  
**Excused:** Bill Lane,

**SEATING OF ALTERNATE(S):** Jim Korner made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann to seat Patrick Reilly and Russell Murdock as alternates for this meeting. Motion carried. When Ned Bixler arrived Patrick Reilly was unseated and Russell Murdock served as a regular member.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JAN.26, 2022:** A motion was made by Bob Valentine and seconded by Scott Tillmann to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2022 meeting as corrected. Under Seating of Alternates "motio" should have been "motion carried". Todd Carusillo should have been noted as in attendance. Also in the sixth paragraph concerning the funds for the tractor "Balance" needs to be added after "Undesignated General Fund" The motion passed with one abstention (Jim Korner)

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

The financial reports from Debbie Franklin ending on January 31, 2022 were received and reviewed. Bob Valentine noted that Liberty Shield was at 167% because the town received grant funds in FY21 and hadn't realized they had to expend those funds. They are working to expend those funds and so it shows up in this fiscal year.

The Tax Collector's report for Jan. 31, 2022 was received and reviewed. Mr. Carusillo noted that he has received an updated report with the percentage of total collectible taxes received.

**CONSIDERATION OF BUDGETS:** Mr. Walker requested a calculation of the running total amount compared to the total budget. Bob Valentine offered to work with Virginia Perry to get this information. Mr. Valentine also requested the actual amounts for each line item in the 2020-21fiscal year. These have all been audited.

Mr. Valentine requested the information from Randy Frank concerning the update on the pay matrix and recommended merit pay increase so they can be input for all budgets going forward. Mr. Carusillo will forward Randy Frank's email to board

members. It was the consensus that the Board will decide on the increase at the next meeting after having a chance to review Randy Frank's report.

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

BOARD OF ASSESSORS - DEPT 31

Current Budget 2021-2022 \$84,014.00, Proposed Budget 2022-2023 \$90,024.00 The increase is due to the extra hours for the Re-evaluation.

CIVIL PREPAREDNESS – DEPT 29

Current Budget 2021-2022 \$7,681.00, Proposed Budget 2022-2023 \$7,675.00

CONSERVATION COMMISSION - DEPT. 44

Current Budget 2021-2022 \$1,364.00, Proposed Budget 2022-2023 1,364.00

CONSERVATION OF HEALTH - DEPT. 51

Current Budget 2021-2022 \$73,519.00 Proposed Budget 2022-2023 \$80,061.00  
The increase is due mainly to an increase in 911 calling.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Current Budget 2021-2022 \$1,577.00, Proposed Budget 2022-2023 \$1,540.00

ELECTIONS - DEPT. 14

Current Budget 2021-2022 \$28,403.00, Proposed Budget 2022-2023 \$28,199  
The state elections are this year and we are now only one district so the cost should be less. This budget needs to be revisited.

PLANNING & ZONING - DEPT 41

Current Budget 2021-2022 \$2,627.00, Proposed Budget 2022-2023 \$3,327.00  
The increase is due to increased cost of meetings and dues.

STREET LIGHTS

Current Budget 2021-2022 \$15,147.00, Proposed Budget 2022-2023 \$15,147.00

SELECTMEN - DEPT 01

Current Budget 2021-2022 \$143,888.00, Proposed 2022-2023 \$145,384.00.  
This increase is due to an increase in cost of administrative wages.

TAX COLLECTOR – DEPT 12

Current Budget 2021-2022 \$43,459.00, Proposed 2022-2023 \$51,021.00.  
The increase is due mainly to the increase in computer support including Cloud based software.

TOWN CLERK – DEPT 11

Current Budget 2021-2022 \$87,815.00, Proposed 2022-2023 \$87,865.00.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – DEPT 42

Current Budget 2021-2022 \$1,640.00, Proposed Budget 2022-2023 \$1,640.00

REPORT FROM FIRST SELECTMAN: given by Todd Carusillo

- There has been a recent increase in tax collections.
- The issue of the Regional Animal Control Facility is at a standstill. The First Selectman needs to meet with the leaders of Litchfield and Torrington to find out what part each town will have in it. Personnel is a big issue.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS proper to come before the meeting:

- Bob Valentine asked where we stand with the ARPA funds, particularly in regard to the money for the firetruck and ambulance. How will this use of ARPA funds affect the mil rate?
- Bob Valentine also asked if services had been contracted for repairing the stones in the cemeteries, and if so, at what cost?

The First Selectman will look into these questions.

ADJOURNMENT: Jim Korner made a motion seconded by Bob Valentine to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm

Respectfully Submitted,

*Rebecca Burcroff* VP.  
Rebecca Burcroff, clerk 2/28/22

Received February, 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 10:40 PM

Attest *Jaime H. Kneib* Asst.  
Goshen Town Clerk