**Town of Goshen-Board of Fire Commissioners**

**Special Meeting-Goshen Fire House**

**February 24, 2020 6:00PM**

**Present:** Commissioners William Lane, Don Sage, and Tony Damiani

**Excused:** Lisa Foster

**Call Meeting to Order:** William Lane called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

**A) Budget discussion-** Barry Hall and Dexter Kinsella attended the meeting. The Capital budget was discussed with focus on the Engine 1 and Engine 2 line items. The difference in Engine 1 and Engine 2, which is technically a tanker, was reviewed. Engine 1 and Engine 3 are multitasking trucks equipped with foam suppression systems which require less water. Options for replacement of Engine 2 was discussed. The option of combining the Engine 1 and 2 replacement lines to be a general truck replacement line was discussed. The SCBA line item was reviewed and it was determined that beginning in FY 22/23 $3,000 would be requested to be appropriated to fund the replacement of tanks in the future. The remaining line items were reviewed with no major discussion. Dexter presented the information he found on the replacement of the vinyl siding, roofing and finish for the concrete floors in the bays. The Commission will review this information at the next meeting to determine appropriations for the Exterior Building Maintenance line item before presenting the final budget to the Selectmen and Board of Finance.

The operating budgets for Protection and Rescue were reviewed with Barry and Dexter. The values proposed are based on the review of the 3 year average of the budgets. The numbers were reviewed to determine if any items can be trimmed based on those figures. There was discussion about concerns that the budgets are being trimmed too much as some of the line items are unpredictable or are unforeseen expenses. The general consensus was that if those unforeseen instances occur and monies are needed to cover expenses a request can be presented to the Board of Finance at that time. The Commissioners, Barry and Dexter agreed that the budget will be reviewed one more time at the regular March meeting and presented to the Board of Selectman and Board of Finance as requested.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Reilly

Commission Clerk