

Town of Goshen  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday June 08, 2021**

This meeting held in-person and recorded via Zoom.us and is available as a recording

**PRESENT:** Robert P. Valentine, Dexter S. Kinsella

**EXCUSED:** Mark S. Harris

**OTHERS:** Cindy Barrett, Todd Carisullo

**1. Call to order:** Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 1, 2021:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of June 1, 2021 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

**3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes:** None

**4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – June 10, 2021**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of June 10, 2021 in the amount of \$98,058.42. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$29,479.57 and the warrant in the amount of \$68,578.85. Voted unanimous. Invoices highlighted: Dime Oil (gasoline): \$1,369.66; Northwest Crack Filling, Inc.: \$40,278.00; R.T. Sterns (water tank for PW ): \$2,103.00.

**5. Public Comment:** None

**6. First Selectman's Report:**

Jim Bernard has tendered his resignation as Treasurer for the Town of Goshen, effective June 30, 2021. "Jim has been a great asset to Goshen; he is a true gentleman" Bob stated. "We will always be grateful for his many years of dedication and service to our town." He further stated that he will be putting forward Matthew Sweet, currently Deputy Treasurer, to replace Jim Bernard.

Application has been made to the state for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant. Per a meeting with Martin Heft, (State Office of Policy and Management) Goshen's portion is now \$423,653.86 (one half of the total of \$847,307.72) and we may see these dollars by the end of June. *These funds will be used as allowed per the federal govt, Dept. of the Treasury*, namely to offset lost revenue from FY 20/21. For the second payment, next year, some of these funds may be used for non-profits. As such, in that our Fire Company is a 501-C3 (non-profit) some of the funding may be used toward the purchase of a fire truck or ambulance. Perhaps some funding can be used for Tyler Lake or West Side Pond in their efforts toward weed control.

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For the past two weeks, COVID-19 cases have remained at only one or two cases in the hospitals in Litchfield County. Bob displayed a map of CT indicating the cases: grey area indicates less than 5 cases per 100,000 or less than 5 reported cases; (all of Litchfield County) the yellow area indicates 5-9 cases per 100,000 and only one orange colored area (very small Waterbury) which indicated 10-14 cases per 100,000.

Bob, with agreement of the Selectmen, announced that Goshen Town Hall will be opened for in-person and hybrid meetings for boards and commissions starting Monday June 14th. This follows current executive orders and a Bill currently in the Legislature allowing for hybrid meetings, which is likely to pass. In that Town Meetings require voters to be qualified, the "hybrid" may be extended to 2022 but the issue will be studied by ACIR and others. A memo will be sent to all boards and commissions accordingly clarifying in-person and hybrid meetings.

Town Hall's annual "closing of the books" for year end will be Jun 30, 2021. A memo will be distributed to all departments to forward any outstanding current year invoices to accounting to "close our books" by July 31<sup>st</sup> 2021. The formal auditing will begin August, 2021.

**7. Correspondence:** None

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under item 8, Old Business, 8c. Bid Selection – 9-GO Truck Body & Plow Package. Voted unanimous.

**8. Old Business:** None

**a. Town Continuation of Operations RE: COVID-19 Governor Lamont's Executive Orders:**

There have been no changes to the current Governor's Executive Orders.

**b. Appointments:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to reappoint George S. Szydlowski for Alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals to expire on April 23, 2023. Voted unanimous.

**c. Bid Selection – 9GO Truck Body & Plow Package:**

Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works has submitted his letter of recommendation for Universal Body and Equipment of Oakville, CT for their bid, as revised to eliminate a strobe light control system not listed as part of the bid specification. Total Rugby Mild Steel Bid Price: \$33,200.00.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to accept the recommendation from the Supervisor of Public Works, Garret Harlow, to purchase the 9-GO Truck Body and Plow Package from Universal Body and Equipment of Oakville, CT in the amount of \$33,200.00, as specified in his letter of June 4, 2021. Voted unanimous.

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9. New Business: None

10. Any Other Business: None

11. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 p.m. Voted unanimous.

*Lucille A. Paige*

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide

Received June 10, 2021 @ 2:25 P.M.

Attest *B. A. & B. A.*  
Goshen Town Clerk