

**TOWN OF GOSHEN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday April 16, 2019**

PRESENT: Robert P. Valentine, Dexter S. Kinsella

EXCUSED: Steven M. Romano

OTHERS: Colleen Kinkaide, Recreation Director

**1** Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to add to the agenda, under item 9.New Business, **9a. Library Aide**. Voted unanimous.

**Item 9a. Library Aide** was taken up at this time.

Ms. Lynn Steinmayer reported that she has compiled a short list of candidates to fill the position of part-time Library Aide. These candidates have previous experience, good references and appear to be qualified for this position. In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to allow Ms. Steinmayer the latitude to hire a Library Aide accordingly. Voted unanimously.

**2. Approve the minutes of the April 9, 2019 regular meeting:**

Tabled to meeting of April 23 (for Steve Romano vote)

**3. Matters Arising out of the minutes:** None

**4. Approval of Payroll and Warrant of April 18, 2019:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll for April 18, 2019 in the amount of \$34,437.07. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$10,679.23 and warrant in the amount of \$23,757.84. Included in this warrant was an invoice for Stirling Benefits (Employee Health Benefits) \$18,547.60

**5. Public Comment:** None

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

Bob Valentine and Virginia Perry have dedicated the majority of their hours this past week working on finalizing the town budget(s). Consideration has been given to every item from all departments. Their work has been made more difficult this year due to the uncertainty of what may or may not come from the State Legislature as it pertains to state grants to municipalities.

Bob attended a meeting in Torrington last Thursday regarding the new Regional Animal Control Facility. The final building plans are nearing completion. Goshen's share of the cost of this facility is \$60,000.

Bob attended the meeting of the Northwest Council of Governments (NWCOC) last Friday, held at the former UCONN campus in Torrington. Governor Ned Lamont was the invited guest speaker. He gave opinions on how to bring back a good working budget for Connecticut and showed interest in the opinions of the audience. Bob felt this was a refreshing posture from a sitting Governor to

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garner feedback from municipal leaders. He learned that Teacher Retirement System bill did not get out "committee", but cautioned that this does not mean this bill is dead. The Governor still would like the municipalities to pay 25% of the ongoing costs

Bob reported that CCM (**C**onnecticut **C**ouncil of **M**unicipalities) and COST (**C**ouncil of **S**mall **T**owns) held a joint meeting to create a list of state budget priorities for towns in Connecticut. The **C**onnecticut **E**ducation **A**ssociation (CEA) has shown an interest in what these municipal councils' issues are regarding the Teacher Retirement System.

Bob advised that Senator Martin Looney is still pursuing the \$50K homestead exemption and 1 mill State tax which would be added on to every municipality's mill rate. Senator Looney's elimination of the town "car tax" and moving it onto the State vehicle tax plan is still being pursued. This action will result in a 4.2 mill rate increase to Goshen.

Recognition was given to the passing of Ernest (Ernie) Barker of Goshen. Mr. Barker's service to Goshen's Library and other organizations will certainly be missed.

**7. Correspondence:** None

**8. Old Business:**

**8a. Appointments** – None

**8b. Budgets 2019:**

**Recreation**

Colleen Kinkaide, Recreation Director, distributed Recreation projected budget materials for 2019-2020. The Selectmen discussed several items.

**Town Office Building**

**Fire Protection**

**Employee Benefits**

**Public Works**

The above listed budgets will be reviewed again and brought back to the Board of Selectmen's meeting next week on April 23, 2019.

The Selectmen reviewed materials involving capital budgets noting that they, so far, show an increase of 29.19%. They realize that there is a need to prioritize capital expenditures. The Capital request will also be reviewed again next week before being presented to the Board of Finance.

**9. New Business:**

**9a. Library Aide (see page 1)**

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**10. Any Other Business:**

**11. Adjournment:**

**In a motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide