

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday April 23, 2019**

PRESENT: Robert P. Valentine, Steven M. Romano, Dexter S. Kinsella

OTHERS: Allan D. Walker, Chair. Board of Finance

1 Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

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

In a **motion** made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of the April 9th, meeting as corrected. The motion to approve adjournment stated the name of Dexter S. Kinsella as having made the motion-Mr. Kinsella was excused from this meeting, Motion made by Steven Romano Motion carried with Dexter S. Kinsella abstaining.

Approve the minutes of the April 16, 2019 regular meeting.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of the April 16th meeting as presented. Motion carried with Steven M. Romano abstaining.

3. Matters Arising out of the minutes: None

In a **motion** made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to add to the agenda, under item 9 New Business: 9a Tax Collector's Report – March 31, 2019 and 9b Special Event – Goshen Stampede. Voted unanimous.

4. Approval of Payroll and Warrant of April 25, 2019:

In a **motion** made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll for April 25 2019, in the amount of \$47,504.78. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$24,567.99 and warrant in the amount of \$22,936.79. Included in this warrant were invoices for MIRA (trash/recycling) fees \$5,934.96 and USA Hauling \$7330.50.

5. Public Comment: None

6. First Selectman's Report:

Bob Valentine reported that he attended the meeting of the Northwest Council of Governments, (NWCOG) today. US Rep. Johana Hayes, 5th District was featured guest. Transportation, a food hub, the opioid crisis, Broadband and cell phone service and Opportunity Zones were some of the issues she spoke about. The heads of the member municipalities were given an opportunity to voice their concerns that they feel need to be addressed.

The final "OK" from the ConnDot to bid work on Milton Road has been received by Bob Valentine. Funding under the Rural Minor Collector Grant – 80% from federal government, 10% from the State of Connecticut and 10% from Goshen.

7. Correspondence: None

9a. Tax Collector's Report – March 31, 2019:

At this time, the BOS moved to address items 9a Tax Collector's Report – March 31, 2019:

Careful review was given to this report: Collection rate-collected less refunds vs. total budgeted was 104.58%.

In a **motion** made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to receive the Tax Collector's Report – March 31, 2019. Voted unanimous.

9b. Special Event – Goshen Stampede:

The Selectmen reviewed the Special Event Application from Goshen Stampede, Inc. June 14, 15, 16, 2019. The legal ad has been run in the Republican American and other requirements were reviewed.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was **voted** to approve the Special Event for the Goshen Stampede on the dates listed contingent upon Meeting the requirement of Torrington Area Health District, Troop B State Police and the submitted Event plan. Voted unanimous.

8. Old Business:

8a Appointments: Announcement was made of the resignation of George Zeidenstein from the Board of Finance. A replacement will be found.

8b. Budgets:

Bob Valentine distributed budget documents for review. He began with an **Estimated Year End for fiscal year 2018-2019**. This 10 page document showed each department in the Town budget with their listings of categories under each. Debbie Franklin, Accounting Consultant and Bob created this detailed document inclusive of projections for year end. This showed a projected \$252,441.00 of use of fund balance, compared to the \$486,251 budgeted.

Another document showed the *Budget Projections for 2019-2020* (estimates) submitted by all Boards and Commissions as submitted at **8.11% increase over current year including operating and Capital requests**. Also included was an alternative budget, **Plan B**, with **and 3.22% increase over current year including operating and Capital requests**. Neither of the budgets include increases for elected officials or contract services or i Bob explained all of the calculations to arrive at in both budgets.

Items that were reduced in the Plan B budget were:

In operating budget,

a of Finance, reduction in legal notices to reflect past expenses of \$100

Civil Preparedness, reduction in the emergency wages of \$864

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Elections budget, an adjustment in the registrars salary line item to better reflect the registrars request and estimated need for the up-coming year. reduction of \$3,492.

Public Works budget in various line items totaling a reduction of \$4,995

Recreation Budget, an adjustment to camp custodian's fee \$1,199 to eliminate a duplication in dollars, an adjustment to the camp salaries and wages of \$5000 to reflect a revised staffing schedule.

Rescue Budget, ambulance repairs & maintenance of \$2,500 to better reflect past history in this line item.

Waste Removal budget an adjustment to the MIRA fees of \$15,147 to reflect a fee of \$72.00 a ton for tipping fees instead of an \$83.00 per ton cost.

Total operating budget reductions of \$33,302

Capital request reductions were;

Fire Company, Ambulance replacement, \$2,000, building maintenance, \$10,000, replacement of Engine 1 \$80,000, fire fighting equipment \$5,000.

Public Works, \$18,000 equipment replacement.

Recreation, exterior painting \$2,500, pavilion \$5,000, playground \$12,375, sealcoating/line paint parking lot \$4,750

Selectmen - Town Hall budget, cemeteries \$7,000, furniture and fixtures \$1,500 and general town hall maintenance \$3,500.

Total Capital request reductions of \$151,625.

Also submitted was a detail 10 year capital budget for Public Works and use of Town Aid Road funds

In reporting the necessity for a reduction in Goshen's budgets request due to the large increase, Bob also reported and emphasized that CT General Statutes, Sec. 4-66L – Municipal Revenue Sharing Account Grants would reduce Goshen's Revenue Sharing Grant by \$0.50 for every dollar over a 2.5% budget increase. T In addition to the above budget proposal, a spreadsheet showing the effect both budgets would have on the future mill rate.

In a **motion** made by Steven M. Romano, and Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to put forth to the Board of Finance for their consideration at their meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, **Plan B**, as presented Voted unanimous.

10. Any other Business - None

11. Adjournment:

In a motion made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide