

**TOWN OF GOSHEN**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
Regular Meeting  
**Tuesday, January 07, 2020**

PRESENT: Mark S. Harris, Robert P. Valentine, Dexter S. Kinsella

OTHERS: Jim Withstandley; Allan D. Walker, Chr. Board of Finance; Marty Harris

**1** Call to order: Robert P. Valentine, First Selectman called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**2. Approve the minutes of the December 17, 2019 Regular Meeting:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 17, 2019, as presented. Voted unanimous.

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

**4. Approval of Payroll and Warrant – December 26, 2019:**

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll for December 26, 2019 in the amount of \$68,394.70. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$25,989.37 and the warrant in the amount of \$42,405.33. Voted unanimous. Included were payments for: Firematic (SCBA Equip) \$15,266.90; Lenard Engr. (Tyler Dam, Milton Rd.) \$5,503.97; Oddo Print Shop (Town Topics) \$4,895.00.

**Approval of Payroll and Warrant – January 2, 2020:**

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll for January 2, 2020, in the amount of \$1,386,836.91. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$19,922.06 and the warrant in the amount of \$1,375,914.85. Voted unanimous. Included were payments for: Litchfield CTY Dispatch (911) \$16,649.32; MIRA (Tipping fees) \$8,796.34; Reg. 6 (1/6 assessment) \$1,339,264.00.

**Approval of Payroll and Warrant – January 9, 2020:**

In a **motion** made by Mark H. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll for January 9, 2020, in the amount of \$41,520.69. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$28,052.67 and the warrant in the amount of \$13,648.02. Voted unanimous. Included were payments for Dime Oil (heal, diesel) \$4,795.62; Eversource \$3,051.38.

**5. Public Comment:** None

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

Bob is reviewing employees' medical insurance quotes combining Region 6, Town of Litchfield and Woodridge Lake. There appears to be some savings with Connecticut Care verses our current carrier Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield. However, our agent is still reviewing with best options available.

Referring to Bob Valentine's attendance at the Northwest Hills Council of Governments meeting recently wherein the members were advised of a grant – *Regional Performance Incentive Program* – available to the towns. (Ref. min. 12/17/19) A meeting took place in Torrington recently with Mayor Elinor Carbone, Denise Rapp, First Selectman of Litchfield; Police Chief, William Baldwin, and Katlin Neild wherein an application was

submitted for the balance of the funds need to construct a facility. (Lowest bid came in at \$1,900,000. Total dollars appropriated \$1,000,000.)

Bob Valentine reported that Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant dollars (\$10,000,000.) have been approved by the legislature and Bonding Commission. While priorities for these grant dollars have not been set, it is hoped that Goshen will be able to make application for playground equipment at Camp Cochipianne. Recreation Director, Colleen Kinkade, will be preparing information regarding the new playground equipment and potential request.

Bob Valentine will attend a meeting by MIRA (**M**aterials **I**nnovation & **R**ecycling **A**uthority) in Hartford. This meeting will bring an update on the efforts to create a process for updating the current MIRA facility in line with DEEP selection of Sacyr Rooney as a contractor for the facility. All indications are costs for trash and recycling will be increased substantially.

**7. Correspondence:** None

**8. Old Business:**

**8a. Appointments:** None

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under item 9. New Business, 9a. Budgets 2020-2021. Voted unanimous.

**9. New Business:**

**9a. Budgets 2020-2021**

The following budget requests were reviewed by the Board of Selectmen:

Inland Wetlands	Welfare
Land Use Enforcement	Miscellaneous
Treasurer	Fire Marshal
Water Pollution Control	Assessment Appeals

Bob Valentine reported that the employee evaluations are currently being done. Bob will be approaching the Board of Finance with a suggestion for a merit increase budget to be used in conjunction with the evaluation for employee increases next year.

**10. Any Other Business:** None

**11. Adjournment:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,