

TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 25, 2020

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

OTHERS: Cynthia Barrett; Chris Sanders; Amy Tobin; Dawn Wilkes; Jim Withstandley; Pat Reilly; John McKenna, Republican American

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

2. Approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020 Regular Meeting:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 18, 2020 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising out of the minutes: Greg Mitchell will work with all parties relative to the Boy Scouts Plaque being on display in the main hall area at Camp Cochipianne. Mr. Mitchell is working with representatives for the Boy Scouts and the Recreation Commission in this endeavor.

4. Approval of Payroll and Warrant – February 27, 2020:

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll for February 27, 2020 in the amount of \$53,351.39. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$23,725.99, and the warrant in the amount of \$29,625.40. Voted unanimous. Included were payments for: Anthem Dental \$1,421.52; Morton Salt (winter salt) \$13,809.54; USA Hauling & Recycling (recycling pick-up)\$7,330.50.

5. Public Comment: Jim Withstandley asked if more information was available regarding the CITs (Counselor in Training) at summer camp receiving compensation relative to the new minimum wage law. Bob contacted Representative Maria Horn, who then contacted the Dept. of Labor for clarification on summer camp employees - “minors between the ages of sixteen and eighteen employed at summer camps that are open less than six months of the year are *not subject to the 85% minimum wage....*”. Recreation Director, Colleen Kinkade also was in contact with the Dept. of Labor for clarification and recently received a different opinion. In addition, some of the CITs hired in previous years have been 14 and 15 yr. olds - not the 16 to 18 yr. olds mentioned in the opinion received by Representative Horn. Bob will be contacting the Dept. of Labor for clarification before taking any action on hiring CIT for this summer’s program.

Chris Sanders representing the Goshen Housing Trust (GHT) announced that the *Community Development Block Grant* dollars that GHT was considering for an application to renovate the commercial space of the Village Marketplace, have been prioritized for low income housing and therefore will not be suitable for their purposes. (See BOS Minutes February 18, 2020). Therefore, the GHT no longer is seeking the support of the Selectmen for a grant application. The GHT would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Board of Selectmen for rendering their support for this project.

6. First Selectman's Report:

Bob Valentine reported on his attendance at COST (Connecticut Council of Small Towns) meeting last week wherein Governor Lamont was the keynote speaker. Bob had the opportunity to present his question directly to the Governor regarding the State grants to Connecticut municipalities, mainly TAR, (Town Aid Road grant) and LOCIP (Local Capital Improvement Program). He also asked the Governor for help in determining the applicability of the new minimum wage laws as it relates to summer camp at Camp Coch. The Governor agreed to have his staff assist in finding answers to the minimum wage questions.

Bob Valentine reported good news in that the Steve Nadeau, insurance representative from CIRMA, reported that liability property and casualty (LAP) insurance costs for Goshen for the coming year will have a "0%" increase. And that the town's worker's compensation insurance would have a 5% decrease in the coming year. "

Selectman Dexter Kinsella reported on his attendance at the meeting of the Fire Commissioners wherein the Commission members were working diligently to craft next year's budget.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments: None

8b. Budgets: 2020-2021: None

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to the agenda item 9a. Tax Collector's Report – January 31, 2020. Voted unanimous.

9. New Business:

9a. Tax Collector's Report – January 31, 2020

Review of the report showed Collection Rate- collected less refunds vs. total budgeted at 95.41% which is in line with the past three years collection rates.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to receive the *Tax Collector's Report- January 31, 2020* as submitted. Voted unanimous.

10. Any Other Business: None

11. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Mark Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide