

**Goshen Board of Finance
Special Meeting
May 19, 2016**

Goshen Board Of Finance
Minutes Special Meeting
Thursday, May 19, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Ned Bixler called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Ned Bixler, Edward Davidson, Scott Tillmann, alternates Russell Hurley and George Zeidenstein. Also present First Selectman Robert Valentine

Excused absence: Allan D. Walker, James Korner and Richard Reis

SEATING OF ALTERNATE: A MOTION WAS MADE BY Scott Tillman seconded by Edward Davidson to seat alternate George Zeidenstein as a regular member, SO VOTED. A MOTION WAS MADE BY George Zeidenstein and seconded by Edward Davidson to seat alternate Russell Hurley as a regular member, no discussion, SO VOTED.

Ned Bixler stated that the purpose of the Special Meeting of the Board of Finance was called so that the board could take consideration of adding \$100,000.00 to Public Works Major Road Project Capitol Non-recurring. At the previous Board of Finance meeting there was some concern as to monies being taken from the Major Roads Project in order to balance the proposed budget, due to the reduction in State funding. The Board of Finance had not taken into consideration at its last budget meeting that the State Of Connecticut would restore approximately \$130,000.00 in State Grants in Aid.

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Bob Valentine went on to explain that in anticipation of balancing the budget and being sensitive to the mil rate the Board of Selectmen and the Public Works Department decided to cut \$100,000.00 out of the Major Roads Project. The town had been on schedule over the past several years to be a little over \$300,000.00 using a 2% inflation factor as we go forward in our projection. \$100,000.00 was then taken out of that budget in order to stay balanced. Bob Valentine went on to say that the reason for tonight's Special Meeting was to restore the Major Roads Project appropriation from \$208,040.00 to \$308,040.00, which would restore the \$100,000.00 we had taken out. The town still has a healthy fund balance in Town Aid Road funds that allows Public Works to maintain an upward trajectory with the road quality and roadwork. It is, however, acknowledged that we can sustain our road quality for a few years but it starts to erode our ability to keep our roads maintained without keeping Major Road Projects fully funded.

Ned Bixler asked if there were any questions or concerns, there were none.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Edward Davidson and SECONDED BY George Zeidenstein to restore \$100,000.00 to Public Works Major Road Project Capitol Non-recurring due to the increase State Grants in Aid, SO VOTED.

Bob Valentine said that his office will adjust the budget projections sheet accordingly and will be made available at town hall.

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There was no further business to come before the board. A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY Russell Hurley and SECONDED BY George Zeidenstein, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectively submitted,



Nell Glass

Board of Finance Clerk

Received MAY 20, 2016 ^{10:47} AM

Attest Megan Scanlon
ASST. Goshen Town Clerk