

TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2020

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

OTHERS: Jim Withstandley; Pat Reilly, John McKenna, Republican American

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 January 7, 2020 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 January 7, 2020 as presented. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising out of the minutes: None

4. Approval of Payroll and Warrant – January 16, 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 January 16, 2020 in the amount of \$87,980.41. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$14,579.27 and the warrant in the amount of \$73,401.14. Voted unanimous. Included were payments for: MIRA (tipping fees): \$10,004.82; Morton Salt, (winter): \$19,411.60; Sterling Health Ins. \$17,469.20; USA Hauling (recycling): \$7,330.50.

5. Public Comment: None

6. First Selectman's Report:

Bob Valentine attended a meeting in Hartford, wherein Tom Kirk, President of MIRA, clarified the elements of the contract (to upgrade the MIRA facilities), as required by State of Connecticut Department of Energy and environmental Protection, (DEEP) with Sacyr Rooney. (see minutes of 1/7/2020).

This contract will have a substantial financial impact on the tipping fees from MIRA imposed on Connecticut municipalities. Currently, Goshen is under contract with MIRA until June, 2027. Under this contract, MIRA is obligated to dispose of MSW (**M**unicipal **S**olid **W**aste) and recycling materials at a "cost of operation" to municipalities; Goshen is a Tier 1 municipality.

This contract/process was created by the legislature and made into law. Therefore, MIRA was *required* to work with Sacyr Rooney. Goshen's cost is \$83.00/ton out to June 30, 2020 and will increase to \$91.00/ton on July 1, 2020; and may escalate to \$145.00/ton. The new contract will require \$330 million capital investment by MIRA. We will be receiving a "Memorandum of Understanding" from MIRA for a 30-year contract. This will require a Town Meeting to be ratified.

The board will have further discussion on the subject after Dexter and Mark have had time to view a CTN recording of Mr. Kirk's power point presentation next week.

Bob Valentine attended his first meeting at ACIR (**A**dvisory **C**ommission on Intergovernmental **R**elations). This is a state government agency. Discussions were had on a previous draft report on municipal efficiencies, unfunded mandates and future proposals for enhancements.

Bob reported that much of his time this week has been spent conducting employee evaluations.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments: None

8b. Budgets:

The following budgets were reviewed and discussed among the Board members.

Fire Commissioners, Fire Marshal, Miscellaneous, Welfare. These were added to those budgets discussed at last week's meeting of 1/7/2020 – Inland Wetlands, Land Use Enforcement, Treasurer, Water Pollution Control, Assessment Appeals.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to receive the above listed budgets, including modifications and forward them onto the Board of Finance for their consideration. Voted unanimous.

9. New Business:

9a. Resolutions: Regional Performance Incentive Program

Resolutions to be acted upon by the Board of Selectmen:

1. Construction of Litchfield Hills Animal Shelter Facility.

RESOLVED, that the Legislative Body* of the Town of Goshen endorses the proposal for the project entitled "Construction of Litchfield Hills Animal Shelter" under the Regional Performance Incentive Program referenced in Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-124s, (2014 supplement). See attached.

2. Regional Produce Processing Service:

RESOLVED, that the Legislative Body* of the town of Goshen endorsed the proposal for the project entitled, "Regional Produce Processing Service" under the Regional Performance Incentive Program referenced in Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-123s, (2014 supplement). See attached.

10. Any Other Business: In reporting on the Shane Morehouse Kinsella Fund, Dexter Kinsella, reported that the members are in the process of creating guidelines for the distribution of funds.

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,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide