

GOSHEN BOARD OF FINANCE
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

Date: November 17, 2021

This hybrid meeting was held in person and with Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Allan D. Walker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Allan D. Walker, Scott Tillmann, Ned Bixler, Robert Valentine, William Lane and alternate Patrick Reilly.

OTHERS: First Selectman, Todd Carusillo; Mark Harris, Selectman

SEATING OF ALTERNATE: Scott Tillman made a motion seconded by Ned Bixler to seat Patrick Reilly as a regular member for this meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Valentine and Ned Bixler have been sworn in since the election. Mr. Walker welcomed Bob Valentine as a new member of the Board of Finance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 27, 2021:

Patrick Reilly made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed with one abstention by Bob Valentine.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial report for 10/31/21 from Debbie Franklin was received and reviewed.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The tax collector's report for 10/31/21 was received and reviewed.

DISCUSSION OF CALENDAR: Patrick Reilly made a motion seconded by Scott Tillmann to adopt the 2022 Calendar for the Board of Finance as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF SALARY MATRIX: Selectman Mark Harris apologized for making assumptions at the September 23, 2021 Board of Finance meeting. When the search committee began looking for a new Recreation Director, they realized that the amount budgeted was very low. Bob Valentine negotiated with Katie Hennessy that there would be a review after 6 months and the salary would increase, but still be slightly below the median for that position.

Mr. Harris would like to make two recommendations:

1. If a similar situation should arise in the future, the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance should work together so they each know what is going on.
2. The pay for the First Selectman is too low to allow a person to survive without having a second job. We were fortunate to have two qualified candidates this time, but the job demands too much time and energy for it to be a part-time job. Therefore the salary of the First Selectman should be reviewed.

It was noted that the salary of elected officials does not fall under the Salary Matrix and will be reviewed at budget time. Bob Valentine will work with Todd Carusillo to provide board members with a copy of the salary matrix with the minimum, maximum, and median salaries along with job descriptions before the next meeting.

ENDORSEMENT OF FISCAL POLICY: A motion was made by Bill Lane and seconded by Patrick Reilly to endorse the Fiscal Policy as amended and presented. The motion passed unanimously.

SELECTMAN'S REPORT: Given by Todd Carusillo

- The price of fuels (oil, diesel, and gas) has been increasing. Mr. Carusillo would like to lock in the price for another year now.

The consensus of the Board of Finance was that this would be advantageous and would help with the budgeting process.

- The Tax Collector has recently collected \$10,000.00 in back taxes

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Bill Lane and seconded by Patrick Reilly to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Burcroff

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Board of Finance Clerk

Attest
Nov. 18, 2021 @ 3:18 P.M.
Goshen Town Clerk
Received
Mr. Brandon Z. Breen
Town Clerk