

Town of Goshen
Board of Finance
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Call to Order: Chairman Ned Bixler called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance: Chairman Ned Bixler, Vice Chairman, Robert Valentine, Scott Tillmann, James Korner, Paul Collins, Lorraine Lucas, Alternate: Patrick Reilly (Zoom), Robert Layer. Others: First Selectman, Seth Breakell.

Seating of an Alternate: None

Review of Minutes: **Motion made by** Paul Collins, seconded by James Korner to approve the November 19, 2025 minutes. Voted unanimously with Vice Chair, Robert Valentine abstaining.

Financial Reports - The board received and reviewed.

- Debbie provided a schedule of payments to Non-Profits; this report shows budgets that have requests for funds.
- Robert Valentine questioned the held check of \$55,931.78 made payable to the Town of Litchfield for the FY 23-24 BOE/Goshen share; with the town was waiting on additional information. Seth will follow up with Julia Cardello, RSD 20 Chief Financial Officer.

Tax Collector Report – The board received and reviewed.

Chairman, Ned Bixler suggested changes to the agenda with New Business being discussed before Selectman Report, part of which will require going into executive session.

New Business: Board of Finance Rules and Regulations Handbook - A matter arose in the transition with the previous administration to the current administration as to how the First Selectman pay is to be calculated. The Personal Policy doesn't address elected official for vacation or sick time; there are two elected official that receive vacation/sick time and that is the First Selectman and the Town Clerk. The Board would like to create a sub-committee to review and update the Board of Finance Rules and Regulations Handbook, which is different then the Town of Goshen Personnel Policy (purview of the Board of Selectmen) and Fiscal Policy. Chairman, Bixler asked for volunteer to serve on the subcommittee: Robert Valentine, Paul Collins and Ned Bixler offered to serve on the subcommittee.

Selectman Report:

- Interlocal Agreement Between the Towns of Morris, Warren and Goshen Regarding the former Regional School district No. 6 Retirement Plan – The purpose of the agreement is intended to meet the requirements of CGS § 7-339/as an interlocal agreement and it is intended to meet the requirement of CGS § 7-148 cc. Vice Chairman, Robert Valentine was asking for clarification, presumably there are two components to pension:
 1. Post-retirement benefits via medical insurance
 2. Vested retirement payments.

Selectman Report: (continued):

Further questions from board members regarding actuarial responsibility and trustees and who they would report to? First Selectman, Seth Breakell will solicit information and report back the board. The approval, effective date of the agreement pursuant to CGS § 7-339c, must be reviewed and recommended by the Boards of Finance and Boards of Selectmen of each town, and then approve by a Town Meeting after opportunity for public comment has been duly afforded of each participating Town

- Vice Chairman, Robert Valentine brought up an inquiry from last month's minutes regarding Public Works Capital Line items which were not appropriated, he then references from the Town Meeting call of November 17, 2025 item:

4. "To authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and receive any state or federal grants for the benefit of the Town, provided that any appropriation of municipal funds shall be approved in advance by the Board of Finance, and if the amount exceeds \$20,000, a town meeting."

- First grant is a matching Steap Grant for \$500,000.00 which at a town meeting was move from 190 Sharon Turnpike to Public Works Facility, 38 Torrington Road and at this time hasn't been brought to the board for review, approval or a town meeting approval. The capital line it negative \$7,230.00 with no appropriation. First Selectman was asked to visit this grant.
- Second grant is CTDOT matching Transportation Rural Improvement Program (Trip Grant) for the West Hyerdale Bridge Project. This grant is specific for construction on replacement of a culvert pipe. Vice Chairman Robert Valentine discussed that this project had been approved by Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) to slip line those pipes. The First Selectman will visit the grant file.

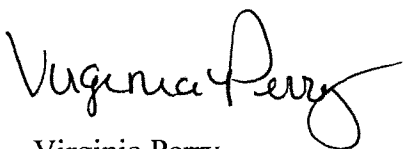
There is a concern with Public Works Department spending monies that aren't appropriated or approved. Monies need to be appropriated before spending.

Motioned made by James Korner seconded Vice Chairman, Robert Valentine by to go into executive session to discuss litigation.

The board came out of executive session at 8:40pm, no action was taken.

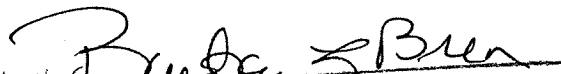
Adjourn - **Motion made by** James Korner to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by,



Virginia Perry
Clerk Pro-Tem

Received Dec. 18, 2025 @ 10:19 AM

Attest: 
Gushen Town Clerk