

Town of Goshen
Board of Finance
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 24, 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 (zoom), Scott Tillmann, James Korner, Paul Collins, Russell Murdock. Excused: Carl Contadini Patrick Reilly.

Others: First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, Fire Chief Barry Hall and Fire Commissioner Chairman, Seth Breakell.

Seating of an Alternate: None

Review of Minutes: **Motion made by** Scott Tillmann, seconded by James Korner **to approve the August 27, 2025 minutes.** Voted unanimously with the following changes:

- The Cemeteries amount listed was a typo and corrected from \$995.24 to \$955.24. The totals were reviewed and were accurate when submitted.
- Under New Business: The first line reading “*payment of outstanding Region 6 invoices and unemployment expenses will be tabled*”, should be moved to under the Selectman report paragraph 1.
- Paragraph 3 under Selectman report should read a “*potential law suit from Chris Leone*”.
- Paragraph 2 under Selectman report the auditor first name spelling should be corrected to *George*.
- Under paragraph 1 additional wording was added to the end to explain the reason for tabling the “Payment of outstanding Region 6 invoices and unemployment expenses will be tabled”, “*waiting for further information from the First Selectman*”.
- Paragraph 4 clarification should read “*although the board questioned the unforeseen cost, it was clarified that the July 23rd minutes had \$6000.00 allocated for the air boat repairs/replacement.*”

Motion made by Paul Collins, seconded by James Korner **to add New Ambulance Purchase to New Business** and move the order of business for discussion.

New Business - Fire Commissioner, Seth Breakell discussed the purchase of the new ambulance for fiscal year 2026-2027. The Fire Company 2025-2026 capital has \$216, 000.00 and ARPA has \$129,000.00 with a total of \$345,000.00. The pricing for the new ambulance and Stricker Power Stretcher is \$362,465.00, which will be \$17,465.00 short. The vendor will have an 10% to 12% increase for the ambulance after January 1, 2026 and 10% increase on the stretcher after October 1, 2025, which will be \$7,000.00. The Fire Commissioners are asking permission to order before October 1, 2025 to lock into the cost. There is a 12 to 14 months lead time. No deposit needed, the vendor would like a certified check upon delivery in the total amount.

Vice Chair, Robert Valentine, stated that since the town uses modified accrual accounting, we incur a liability immediately upon ordering, so the auditor would take issue if the money isn't available. He also asked if the Fire Company used a bidding process. Fire Chief Robert Hall responded that they use Source One which is same purchasing process Public Works uses.

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The board agreed an appropriation before year-end from unassigned for \$17,000.00 would be appropriate.

Robert Hall, Fire Chief, spoke on the completion of the air boat repairs/replacement, stating that it will be delivered soon.

Financial Reports - The board received and reviewed. Vice Chairman, Robert Valentine, discussed his concerns that 60% of line items were over budget in Public Works, and that this month's report is showing equipment tires line item over 217.38%. He feels when working on the upcoming budget we need correct the problem.

Tax Collector Report – The board reviewed and received the Tax Collector report with a correction to heading dates on the report: it should read 2024 Grand List Collection Information Not 2023 Grand List Collection Information.

Selectman Report:

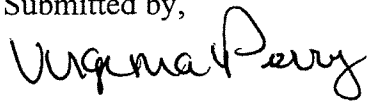
- The board voted to approve the appropriation for the Rsd6 debt of \$159,570.07, Rsd6 invoices paid by Litchfield for \$55,931.78 and Goshen's share of 47.26 % of the liabilities for pension debt cost of \$141,720.00. Vice Chairman, Robert Valentine stated that the board needs to know actuarial numbers for future budgets. First Selectman state that the first of the MOU \$162,933.00 was paid to region 20.
- The board agree with the library request to change to the name on account number 5813-21 to Streaming Purchase.
- The Board questioned if a decision was made on the Torrington transfer station. First Selectman, Carusillo, stated that the decision was expected by the end of the month. He also said that out of the 11 towns, 7 towns are creating an ordinance to join the Northwest Resource Recovery Authority (NWRRA).

Correspondence: None

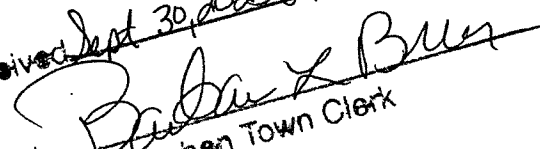
Old Business: None

Adjourn - **Motion made by** James Korner to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by,



Virginia Perry
Clerk Pro-Tem

Received Sept 30, 2025 @ 9:20 A.M.
Attest 
Goshen Town Clerk