

Town of Goshen
Board of Finance
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 28, 2025

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Ned Bixler called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Attendance:** Chairman Ned Bixler, Vice Chairman, Robert Valentine, Scott Tillmann, James Korner, Russell Murdock, Paul Collins, Carl Contadini, Patrick Reilly. **Others:** First Selectman, Todd Carusillo
3. **Seating of an Alternate:** None
4. **Review of Minutes:**

April 23, 2025 – Motion made by James Korner, seconded by Robert Valentine, to approve the minutes with a correction to attendance, Paul Collins should have been listed. Vote unanimous.

April 30, 2025 – Motion made by James Korner, seconded by Scott Tillmann, to approve the minutes with a correction to attendance, Paul Collins should have been listed. Vote unanimous.

May 14, 2025 Public Hearing - Motion made by Paul Collins, seconded by James Korner, to approve the minutes with a correction to attendance, Paul Collins should have been listed. Vote unanimous.

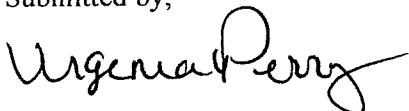
May 21, 2025 Special Meeting - Motion made by James Korner, seconded by Scott Tillmann, to approve the minutes with a correction to attendance, Paul Collins should have been listed. Patrick Reilly mentioned *paragraph 5, second sentence should read Chairman, Ned Bixler, Board members Patrick Reilly and Paul Collins spoke on bringing the Fund Balance down to 12% because debt issues and not to put burden onto the taxpayers.* Vote unanimous.
5. **Financial Report** - The board reviewed and received the report.
6. **Tax Collector's Report** – The board reviewed and received the report.
7. **Budget Projection Review** – None
8. **Selectman Report** – First Selectman, Todd Carusillo had a discussion with State Representative, Maria Horn regarding the new state statute language for towns that are involved in school districts that have been dissolved to pay outstanding expenses.

Board members recessed meeting at 7:55 pm to attend the Annual Budget and Special Town meeting.

Board members returned at 8:15 pm to continue their Board of Finance meeting.
9. **Correspondence** – None
10. **New Business** – Forensic Audit – Vice Chair, Robert Valentine asked members how they felt on spending monies on a forensic audit? First Selectman, Todd Carusillo stated to the board members that under Connecticut General Statute 10-235 members of school district are indemnified and not accountable for expenses. James Korner felt that an audit will bring clarity to the townspeople.

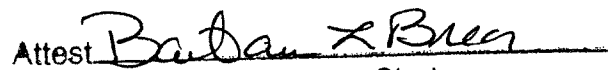
Motion made by Vice Chair, Robert Valentine, seconded by Russell Murdock to add to the agenda, Set the Mill Rate.
11. **Set the Mill Rate** – Board members discussed their decision on where they felt the mill rate should be set. Motion made by James Korner, seconded by Scott Tillmann to set the mill rate to 16.7. The motion passed with Bob Valentine, Scott Tillman, Russ Murdock, and Jim Korner voting yes, while Ned Bixler and Paul Collins voted no.
12. **Adjourn** - Motion made by James Korner to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by,



Virginia Perry, Board of Finance Commission Clerk

Received May 29, 2025 at 11:14 A.M.

Attest 

Goshen Town Clerk