



# Town of Griswold

**Board of Finance  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 15, 2015  
7:00 pm  
Town Hall Meeting Room**



## **APPROVED MINUTES**

**1. Roll Call/Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM**

**Board of Finance Members Present:**

Steve Merchant Sr. – Chairman  
Gail Rooke-Norman  
Scott Davis  
Peter Dorff

**Members Absent:**

Brian Baker  
Gary Levy  
Dan Webster

**Also Present:**

Erik Christensen, Director of Finance  
Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman  
2 Other People

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** P. Dorff made a **motion** that was seconded by S. Davis to approve the minutes from August 18, 2015 as presented. All in favor; **motion carried.**

**3. New Business**

**a. Finance Director monthly report.**

E. Christensen stated it last fiscal year has not yet been finalized but he is expecting the end the year with a small surplus. For the current year revenues are at \$10,199,853 which is 31.11% of budgeted revenues. There are no concerns with revenue at this time. We have recorded \$1,957,014 in expenditures up to this point. E. Christensen stated that that figure does not include Board of Education expenditures for July or August because he is still working with the Board of Education on making sure July and August payments were classified to the correct fiscal year. So far this year Board of Education expenditures have been around \$3,639,779. The Finance Director stated the only line item over expended to date is for Maintenance at the transfer station by \$1,279.42 as a result of DEEP regulations we needed to purchase a new oil tank for containment. We are going

to have to purchase two additional tanks as well. He stated that Todd Babbitt, Public Works Director, indicated that we could possibly transfer money allocated to dumpster replacement to cover the cost of the oil tanks. P. Dorff asked about the status of the school project audits. The Finance Director responded that the Middle School was closed out, all of the paperwork was submitted for the Elementary School and we were waiting for them to audit it and the High School Roof is in the process of being submitted to the State.

**4. Old Business**

**a. Discussion and possible action on line-item transfers between overtime and salaries.**

K. Skulczyck, First Selectman stated that the item was going to be tabled until Union negotiations. A brief discussion followed regarding the hiring of an HR person and why department heads do not belong to a separate union from employees they supervise.

**5. Any Other Business**

There was no other business

**6. Public Forum**

**J. Barnie** – Mr. Barnie stated he does not believe managers should be part of a union. Mr. Barnie also stated he is not anti-union.

**N. Higgins** – Mr. Higgins stated he thinks unions have outgrown their time and does not think we need unions, just people willing to work.

**6. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** P. Dorff made a motion that was seconded by S. Davis to adjourn. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.** S. Merchant Sr. adjourned the meeting at 7:33PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erik Christensen  
Acting Recording Secretary