1. APPROVED_BET Budget Comm. Decision Day 1 Minutes_03-02-2020

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Ms. Tarkington called the meeting to order at 9:12 A.M.

Ms. Tarkington remarked that the BET Budget Committee’s Decision Day process begins with a Public Hearing on the FY2020-2021 Budget on January 23rd followed by 8 days of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm meetings with Departments Heads, and a Consolidation Day. The Budget Guidelines approved by the BET unanimously last fall frame discussions. This was not to be a status quo budget and includes new initiatives. The BET requested that the First Selectman, BOE Chairman, GPS Superintendent and other Appointing Authorities review all areas of their operations and staffing tables to identify possible areas of service reduction and reallocations.

Thanks were extended to the Budget Committee members and to Roland Gieger, Peter Mynarski, and Angela Gencarelli who assisted the BET Budget Committee as it considered projects. Ms.
Tarkington expressed appreciation for their support as well as that of many others who support them.

**MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED BUDGET**

Ms. Hess made a motion to adopt the First Selectman’s Budget as proposed subject to amendments. Motion seconded by Mr. Ramer. The following amendments were then introduced:

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING BUDGET**

**REVENUE**

The Committee discussed amounts to attribute to the various sources of Revenue including interest income, state grants and cancellation of prior year encumbrances. The First Selectman’s initiative, Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) revenue, is listed but is requested to be replaced with estimated Tipping Fee revenue. Since the State Budget has been presented, the amounts of state and federal LOCIP, unrestricted municipal, educational cost sharing (ECS) and PILOT-Hospital are predictable and anticipated as listed.

Ms. Tarkington noted that the Committee will not be voting on Conditions to Release as they will be addressed during the full BET’s Decision Day voting.

**State Aid**

44344 Local Capital Improvement Projects
Ms. Moriarty made a motion to decrease 44344 LOCIP revenue from $325,000 to $320,381, seconded by Mr. Ramer. The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

43493 Unrestricted Grants/Municipal
Ms. Moriarty made a motion to accept 43493 Grants/Municipal revenue as $89,022. Motion seconded by Mr. Ramer. The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

43451 Educ Cost Sharing (ESC) Grant
Ms. Moriarty made a motion to increase 43451 Educational Cost Sharing (ECS) revenue from zero to $378,649. Motion seconded by Mr. Ramer. The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

43457 Pilot – Hospital
Ms. Moriarty made a motion to increase 43457 PILOT revenue from zero to $674,786. Motion seconded by Mr. Ramer. The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**Public Works (DPW) – Waste Disposal**

Ms. Hess made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tarkington to remove PAYT and add Tipping Fees (presented below). Ms. Tarkington seconded the motion. The Committee voted 2-2-0 (Opposed: Moriarty, Ramer). Motion failed.

**DPW 321-44750 Pay As You Throw.**
Decrease Revenues by $2,786,385

**DPW 321-52510 Pay As You Throw**
Increase $934,680 expense for Waste Removal
DPW 321-2030 Tipping Fee
Increase $100,509 Expense for Bank Fees

DPW 321-51490 Tipping Fee
Increase $50,000 Expense for Consult/Waste

DPW 321-44730 Tipping Fee
Increase Revenues by $3,589,600 – Hauler

DPW 321-447XX Tipping Fee
Increase Revenues by $90,000 – Stickers

DPW Waste Disposal 44750 Revenues/DPW/PAYT
Mr. Ramer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Moriarty to remove PAYT revenues of $2,786,385 only. The Committee voted 2-2-0 (Opposed: Hess, Tarkington). Motion failed.

Finance 130-46110 Interest Earned on Investment
Ms. Moriarty made a motion to increase 46110 Interest Income by $500,000 to $2,500,000. Motion seconded by Mr. Ramer.
The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Parks & Rec 219-Misc Fees
Ms. Moriarty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hess to increase miscellaneous fees by $130,000. The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Misc. Rev. 49040 Not Otherwise Classified
Ms. Moriarty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ramer, to reduce revenue by $1,000,000 to zero. The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

General Government

Finance 130-52030
Mr. Ramer made a motioned to increase 52030 bank fees by $110,000 to $198,700. Motion seconded by Ms. Moriarty. The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Finance 130-51490
Mr. Ramer made a motion to increase 51490 Professional Services by $75,000 to $250,000. Motion seconded by Ms. Moriarty. The Committee voted 2-2-0 (Opposed: Hess, Tarkington. Motion failed.

Law 140-51400
Mr. Ramer made a motion to reduce 51400 Law Department Town Attorney salary to $150,000. Motion seconded by Ms. Moriarty. The Committee voted 2-2-0 (Opposed: Hess, Tarkington). Motion failed.

Law 140-51400
Mr. Ramer made a motion to add a new Object Code, 51401 Service of Outside Counsel, with expenses of $800,000. Motion seconded by Ms. Moriarty. The Committee voted 2-2-0 (Opposed: Hess, Tarkington). Motion failed.
Commission on Aging 195-51300
Mr. Ramer made a motion to increase 51300 Part Time salary by $10,000 to $15,500. Motion seconded by Ms. Moriarty. The Committee voted 2-2-0 (Opposed: Hess, Tarkington). Motion failed.

Police 217-51010
Mr. Ramer made a motion to increase 51010 Uniform Patrol by $265,184 to add 3 Uniform Patrol. Motion seconded by Ms. Moriarty. The Committee voted 3-1-0 (Opposed: Hess). Motion carried.

External Entities – 440-57221 TAG
Mr. Ramer made a motion to report 57221 TAG and Safe Rides contribution on combined line. Motion seconded by Ms. Moriarty. The Committee voted 2-2-0 (Opposed: Hess, Tarkington). Motion failed.

Human Services- 501-57210
Ms. Hess made a motion to reduce 57210, Contribution to External Entities by $15,000. Motion seconded by Ms. Tarkington. The Committee voted 2-2-0 (Opposed: LM, JR). Motion failed.

BOE – 600-5100s MOC
Ms. Tarkington made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hess to reduce BOE 100’s MOC by $400,000 due to reduced enrollment. The Committee voted 1-3-0 (Opposed: DH, LM, JR). Motion failed.

BOE – 680 – 51490
Mr. Ramer made a motion to increase 51490 by $40,000 for SPED consulting and condition. Motion seconded by Ms. Moriarty. The Committee voted 2-2-0 (Opposed: Hess, Tarkington). Motion failed.

BOE – 680-51490
Ms. Hess made a motion to reduce Administration by $60,000 for consulting for SPED for move to capital. Motion seconded by Ms. Tarkington. The Committee voted 2-2-0 (Opposed: Moriarty, Ramer). Motion failed.

BOE – 600-51490
Ms. Hess made a motion to delete 51490 Cyber Security by $198,500 and move the amount to Capital. Motion seconded by Ms. Tarkington. The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

BOE -620-52120
Ms. Moriarty made a motion to increase 52120 SPED Transportation out of district by $800,000. Motion seconded by Mr. Ramer. The Committee voted 2-2-0 (Opposed: Hess, Tarkington). Motion failed.

Libraries 701
Ms. Tarkington made a motion to reduce by $100,000 for reduction of two headcount. Motion seconded by Ms. Hess. The Committee voted 2-2-0 (Opposed: Moriarty, Ramer). Motion failed.
**FIXED CHARGES**

**TOG Employee Benefits- 901-57950**
Ms. Tarkington made a motion to reduce 57950 Healthcare by $1,500,000. Motion seconded by Ms. Hess. The Committee voted 4-0. Motion carried.

**TOG Self-Retention - 902 -56800**
Ms. Tarkington made a motion to reduce 57950 Self-Retention by $100,000 to $200,000. Motion seconded by Ms. Hess. The Committee voted 4-0. Motion carried.

**Unemployment Insurance 902-57300**
Ms. Tarkington made a motion to reduce 57300 Hospital Medical by $175,000 to $125,000. Motion seconded by Ms. Hess. The Committee voted 4-0. Motion carried.

**Insurance Coverage 902-57110**
Ms. Tarkington made a motion to reduce 57110 Group Life insurance Coverage by $100,000 to $4,986,000. Motion seconded by Ms. Hess. The Committee voted 4-0. Motion carried.

**Transfers - Nathaniel Witherell 450**
Ms. Moriarty made a motion to increase 57128 by $1,600,000 to $3,100,000. Motion seconded by Mr. Ramer. The Committee voted 2-2-0 (Opposed: Hess, Tarkington) Motion failed.

**Transfers – Nathaniel Witherell 450**
Mr. Ramer made a motion to increase 57XXX by $4,100,000 for TNW FY2019 audited financial statement loss. Motion seconded by Ms. Moriarty. The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**Sewer Maintenance Fund – 51460**
Ms. Hess made a motion to increase 51460 Professional Services by $77,787 for Cyber Security. Motion seconded by Ms. Tarkington. The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**Nathaniel Witherell – 450-51XXs MOC**
Ms. Tarkington made a motion to reduce Temporary and Overtime Salaries by $1,500,000. Motion seconded by Ms. Hess. The Committee voted 2-2-0 (Opposed: Moriarty, Ramer). Motion failed.

**Nathaniel Witherell – 450-43155**
Ms. Moriarty made a motion to increase 43155 Medicare Revenue by $327,118 to $7,773,118. Motion seconded by Mr. Ramer. The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**Nathaniel Witherell – 450 – 51000s MOC**
Ms. Moriarty made a motion to reduce 51000s by $763,117 to $4,504,315. Motion seconded by Mr. Ramer. The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**Parking Fund – 219 - Expenses**
The Committee requested that an Expense Line be added for Taxes. No vote on conditions.
Parking Fund 219-42270 & Various
Ms. Tarkington made a motion to increase 51980 and Various Parking Fund Revenue by $38,000 to $1,288,780 for permit fee increase. Motion seconded by Ms. Hess. The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Retirement Fund – 131-51980
Ms. Moriarty made a motion to reduce 59180 Retirement Fund contribution by $750,000. Motion seconded by Mr. Ramer. The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

The BET Budget Committee Decision Day #1 meeting adjourned at 3:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary

Leslie Tarkington, BET Budget Cmte Chair