



MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Greenwich, CT.

Chairman Dan Ozizmir called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.

Board members in attendance:

Dan Ozizmir, Chairman
Nisha Arora, Clerk (via telephone)
William Drake
Laura Erickson
Karen Fassuliotis
Miriam Kreuzer
Leslie Moriarty
Jeffrey S. Ramer
Stephen Selbst (absent)
Leslie L. Tarkington
David Weisbrod

Staff: Roland Gieger, Director, Budget & Systems Management, Finance Department;
Peter Mynarski, Comptroller, Lauren Elliott, Assessor, Jackie Budkins, Town Clerk

Others: Harry Fisher

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Fill the Vacancy on Board of Estimate and Taxation Pursuant to Section 3 of the Town Charter

Mr. Michael Basham, Vice Chairman and BET member, resigned from the BET, effective at 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 21, 2022. Mr. Ozizmir presented Mr. Harry Fisher as a candidate to fill the vacancy of Mr. Basham. Chairman Ozizmir expressed his appreciation for Mr. Basham's extraordinary services for the Town of Greenwich over the years.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Ms. Moriarty, to nominate Harry Fisher to fill the vacancy on the BET, the Board voted 10-0-0 (Selbst absent). Motion carried.

3. Oath of Office of Newly Elected Member

Ms. Budkins administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Fisher as a new member of the Board of Estimate and Taxation.

4. Election of Vacant Officer Position

Ms. Fassuliotis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, to defer filling the Vice Chairman vacancy and carry over the item until the July 2022 meeting. The Board voted 11-0-0. Motion carried.

5. Request for Budget Adjustments

ROUTINE APPLICATIONS

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
SE-12	First Selectman	\$45,000	Settlement
	P935,57350		Jackson v. TOG
CA-1	Commission on Aging	\$40,000	Transfer
	A196 53400		Lunch Program
GM-2	GEMS	\$2,391,152	Release of Conditions
	A440 57225		Contribution to GEMS
HC-1	Harbor Commission	\$2,000,000	Continue-in-Force
	B834 59710 20199		Greenwich Harbor Dredging
PD-2	Police	\$19,050	Approval to use
	F213 21322		State JAG Grant
TA-4	TAG	\$154,000	Release of Conditions
	A440 57221		Contribution to TAG

Mr. Drake volunteered to fill in as Clerk to the Board for Ms. Arora at this meeting and presented the Routine Applications. The items came from a Committee and Chairman Ozizmir called for a unanimous consent vote. The items passed 11-0-0.

6. ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Ms. Elliott presented the Assessor's Report and stated that the tax bills for the 2021 Grand List were printed and mailed out on June 15, 2022. She told the Board that her office has begun receiving complaints about the tax increases for some taxpayers and surprisingly the majority were for car taxes, not residential taxes.

Ms. Elliott updated the Board by stating that, as of May 2022, there were 23 court cases pending, including 6 from the 2015 Revaluation and 82 tax appeals were filed on the 2021 Grand List.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Board voted 11-0-0 to accept the Assessor's Report. Motion carried.

7. COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

Mr. Mynarski presented the Comptroller's Report and he highlighted reimbursements from various storms and a water damage settlement by Risk Manager, Megan Damato. They included, 1) Storm Isaias (\$539,485), 2) North Mianus School Water Damage (\$398,699, 3) FEMA Reimbursements for COVID-19 (\$397,785) and 4) Super Storm Sandy (\$141,854).

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Board voted 11-0-0 to accept the Comptroller's Report. Motion carried.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Mynarski presented the Treasurer's Report and highlighted the cash balances for the period ending May 31, 2022.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Ms. Moriarty the Board voted 11-0-0 to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

9. BET Standing Committee Reports

No reports were scheduled for reporting.

10. BET Liaison Reports

No reports were scheduled for reporting.

11. BET Special Project Team Reports

No reports were scheduled for reporting.

12. Old Business

- **BET Professional Fees – FY 22 – Vote to Approve**

Mr. Mynarski crafted a detailed request for encumbering year-end funds from the Finance Department's Account A130 51490 (Consultant's Fees) and presented it to the Board.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Board voted 11-0-0 to encumber \$42,982 for consultant's fees for the year ending June 30, 2022. Motion carried.

13. New Business

- **OPEB Trust Board Vote to Fill Vacancies and Re-Appointments**

The following appointment and reappointments were accepted and recommended by the BET Investment Advisory Committee:

- Chairman – Joseph Pellegrino – (1-year term)

By unanimous consent, the Board voted 11-0-0 to re-appointment Joseph Pellegrino to another 1-year term as Chairman of the OPEB Trust Board.

By unanimous consent, the Board voted 11-0-0 for new member, Ms. Miriam Kreuzer to fill a vacancy and be reappointed to an additional 3-year term ending June 30, 2025.

By unanimous consent, the Board voted 11-0-0 for new member Mr. Bill Drake to fill a vacancy ending June 30, 2023.

- **Acceptance of the Federal and State Compliance Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021**

The annual Federal and State Compliance Report for the year ending June 30, 2021 was accepted and recommended by the BET Investment Advisory Committee:

By unanimous consent, the Board voted 11-0-0 to accept the annual Federal and State Compliance Report for the year ending June 30, 2021

14. Chair's Report

Chairman Ozizmir reported that Harry Fisher would assume the previous roles assigned to Michael Basham, who resigned. They include; 1) Chairman of the Audit Committee, 2) member on the Investment Advisory Committee and 3) liaison to the Parks and Recreation department.

Chairman Ozizmir assigned Ms. Arora to serve on the Central Middle School Building Committee.

15. Approval of BET Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Board voted 10-0-1 (Selbst absent, Mr. Fisher abstaining) to approve the Minutes of the BET Regular Meeting held on May 2, 2022. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Board voted 10-0-1 (Selbst absent, Mr. Fisher abstaining) to approve the Minutes of the BET Regular Meeting held on May 16, 2022. Motion carried.

16. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Weisbrod, to adjourn the meeting, the Board voted 11-0-0 to adjourn at 7:16 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Peter Mynarski, Recording Secretary



Nisha Arora, Clerk of the Board



Dan Ozizmir, Chairman