



MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) held on Monday, January 23, 2023 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Greenwich, CT.

Chairman Dan Ozizmir called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

Board members in attendance:

Dan Ozizmir, Chairman  
Nisha Arora, Clerk  
William Drake  
Laura Erickson  
Karen Fassuliotis  
Harry Fisher  
Miriam Kreuzer  
Leslie Moriarty  
Jeffrey S. Ramer  
Stephen Selbst  
Leslie L. Tarkington  
David Weisbrod

Staff: Roland Gieger, Director, Budget & Systems Management, Finance Department; Peter Mynarski, Comptroller, Lauren Elliott, Assessor, Courtney George, Marino, Zabel & Schellenberg, PLLC Attorney, Barbara Schellenberg, Town Attorney, Andrew M. McPherson, Goldstein and Peck, P.C. Attorney, James Heavey, Greenwich Police Chief

Other: Don Conway, GCTV

## **1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

## **2. Executive Session**

The BET held an Executive Session to discuss the following legal cases:

- Smith-Morton v. Town of Greenwich
- Kordick v. Town of Greenwich

Upon a motion by Mr. Selbst, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, to enter into Executive Session at 6:33 P.M. to discuss the above noted legal cases, the Committee voted 12-0-0. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Ms. Tarkington to close the Executive Session at 7:38 P.M., the Committee voted 12-0-0. Motion carried.

**3. Request for Budget Adjustments**

**NON-ROUTINE APPLICATIONS**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
SE-11	First Selectman	\$xxxxxx	Settlement
	P935-57350		Smith-Morton v. Town of Greenwich

This matter was discussed in Executive Session and no action taken at this time.

**ROUTINE APPLICATIONS**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
FD-2	Fire Dept.	\$45,000	Transfer
	A202 52090		Tuition & Mileage
PD_6	Police Dept.	\$35,000	Approval to Use
	F2173 51100		State of CT Grant

The Board Clerk, Ms. Arora, read the Routine Applications into the record.

Ms. Arora made a motion to approve the Routine Applications, seconded by Ms. Tarkington. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

**4. Assessor's Report**

Ms. Elliott presented the Assessor's Report. She stated that the Grand List for 2022 has been completed and it has been sent to Quality Data Systems (QDS) for printing. The increase notices will be printed by QDS be sent out at the end of January 2023 and the Grand List will be signed by January 31, 2023.

The Board of Assessment Appeals (BAA) will start accepting appeal applications beginning February 1, 2023.

Ms. Elliott also reported that Senior and Disabled Homeowner Property Tax Relief filings will begin on February 1, 2023.

She also told the Board that Mr. Howard Richman has resigned from the BAA, as he now resides in Florida. He has been replaced by a former member, Mr. Joseph Huley.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Board voted 12-0-0 to accept the Assessor's Report. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

**5. Comptroller's Report**

Mr. Mynarski presented the Comptroller's Report and highlighted the following areas:

- The monthly American Rescue Plan (ARP) update on expenditures was presented. He stated that earnings on ARP monies invested has reached a total

of \$251,362 and that, per the Final Ruling of the U.S. Treasury, the monies are unrestricted.

- Also reported was an update that the Town has received a Triple AAA rating from both Moody's Investor Services, Inc. and S & P Global Ratings. The Town will be going to market for a \$35 million General Obligation Bond and \$75 million Bond Anticipation Notes issue on Thursday, January 26, 2023.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Board voted 12-0-0 to accept the Comptroller's Report. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Mynarski presented the Treasurer's Report highlighting and commenting on individual balances for a number of the different funds as of December 31, 2022

Upon a motion by Ms. Weisbrod, seconded by Mr. Tarkington, the Board voted 12-0-0 to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

## **7. BET Standing Committee Reports**

The Audit Committee Report was presented by Mr. Fisher. He reported that there will be a BET Audit Committee Special Meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2023. Two items will be covered; 1) an update on the Nathaniel Witherell outstanding receivables issue and 2) the reporting on the two Purchasing Audits for the Town and Greenwich Public Schools.

He also told the Board that they can call in by telephone to the meeting if they are unable to attend the meeting in person.

Ms. Tarkington gave a Budget Committee report. She alerted everyone that the Budget Committee process will start on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 with presentations from the First Selectman, followed by the Board of Education. There will be a Public Hearing immediately after those two presentations.

She also reported that the Budget Committee calendar covering topics to be discussed is now available on line and in the BET Calendar.

## **8. BET Liaison Reports**

No reports were presented.

## **9. BET Special Project Team Reports**

No reports were presented.

## **10. Old Business**

No Old Business discussed.

**11. New Business**

Chairman Ozizmir reported that the Annual Report for the period covering July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 has been compiled by Ms. Shira Davis and sent to the BET for a first read with a vote in February 2023.

**12. Chair's Report**

No report given.

**13. Approval of BET Meeting Minutes**

Upon a motion by Mr. Tarkington, seconded by Ms. Moriarty, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the Minutes of the BET Regular Meeting held on December 14, 2022. Motion carried.

**14. Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Ms. Kreuzer, to adjourn the meeting, the Board voted 12-0-0 to adjourn at 7:58 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peter Mynarski, Recording Secretary

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Nisha Arora, Clerk of the Board

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Dan Ozizmir, Chairman