



MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) held on Monday, February 27, 2023 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Greenwich, CT.

Chairman Dan Ozizmir called the meeting to order at 6:45 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: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller, Lauren Elliott, Assessor, Aamina Ahmad, Assistant Town Attorney

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:

- Desgraves v. Town of Greenwich
- Palosz v. Town of Greenwich
- Zackson v. Town of Greenwich

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Selbst, to enter into Executive Session at 6:50 P.M. to discuss the above noted legal cases, the Committee voted 12-0-0. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Ms. Moriarty to close the Executive Session at 7:19 P.M., the Committee voted 12-0-0. Motion carried.

### 3. Request for Budget Adjustments

#### ROUTINE APPLICATIONS

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
SE-14	First Selectman	\$18,000	Settlement
	P935-57350		Smith-Morton v. TOG, BOE
PS-1	Parking Services	\$1,000,000	Release of Conditions
	G219 Various		Parking Services Budget

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.

#### NON-ROUTINE APPLICATIONS

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
SE-17	First Selectman	\$930,831.13	Settlement
	P935-57350		Palosz v. TOG and BOE

Ms. Fassuliotis made a motion and gave the report of the Law Committee stating the Palosz v. Town of Greenwich legal case was approved 2-0 for an amount of \$930,831.13 as part of a \$5 million-dollar settlement, whereas the insurance carrier will cover the balance of the settlement above the Town's Self-Insured Retention (SIR) limit. Mr. Weisbrod seconded the motion and the matter passed 11-0-1 (Ms. Moriarty abstained).

### 4. Assessor's Report

Mr. Ramer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, to take the Assessor's Report out of order. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Ms. Elliott presented the Assessor's Report. She stated that the Grand List for 2022 has been completed and signed by January 30, 2023. All increase notices have been sent out by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Elliott reported that the 2022 Grand List increased by \$353,006,895 before Board of Assessment Appeals (BAA) reviews. She estimated a \$75 million-dollar reduction by the BAA. They only have tax 80 appeals to date. Ms. Elliott updated the Board on the remaining tax appeals from the 2015 Grand List Revaluation.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Selbst, 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, Cash balances and interest income was presented. He stated that earnings on ARP

monies invested has reached a total of \$315,558 and the cash balance at January 31, 2023 was at \$18,303,344.

- The Year-ending audit for June 30, 2022 was extended for a final time to March 31, 2023.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Ms. Moriarty, 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 several the different funds as of January 31, 2023.

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

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

No reports were presented.

## **8. BET Liaison Reports**

No reports were presented.

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

### **Julian Curtiss Building Committee Report**

Written report submitted by Mr. Fisher.

### **Old Greenwich Building Committee Report**

Written report submitted by Mr. Selbst.

## **10. Old Business**

### **Acceptance of the 2021-2022 Town Annual Report**

Mr. Mynarski reported that a substitute page was being submitted for The Nathaniel Witherell report contained within the Town Annual Report for FY 2021-2022.

Ms. Fassuliotis made a motion to amend the previously submitted First Read of the Annual Report for FY 2021-2022, seconded by Mr. Drake. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Ms. Fassuliotis made a motion to accept the amended Town Annual Report for FY 2021-2022, seconded by Mr. Weisbrod. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

## **Vote on the Procedure to Engage a Construction Estimator**

Chairman Ozizmir reported that the vote to engage a Construction Estimator would be deferred until final language could be agreed upon regarding the process. He added that there would be a BET Special Meeting to address the issue in a very quick manner.

## **11. New Business**

### **Approval to use up to \$45,000 of funds for Management & Confidential (M&C) Salary Study**

Mr. Drake reported that the BET Human Resources Committee voted 4-0-0 to release up to \$45,000 to do a study of the Management and Confidential compensation structure.

Mr. Drake made a motion to release up to \$45,000 of BET consultant funds to do a M&C Compensation Study, seconded by Mr. Selbst. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Ozizmir stated that Mr. Fisher and Ms. Kreuzer will monitor the process.

### **Board of Education – Discussion and Approval of Table of Organization changes for FY 2023**

Mr. Drake reported that the BET HR Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the requested organizational changes for the Board of Education Table of Organization (TOO), reducing two part-time workers to one full-time worker.

Ms. Tarkington reported that the BET Budget Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the aforementioned organizational changes to the Board of Education TOO.

Mr. Drake made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tarkington to approve the BOE TOO. Motion passed 11-0-1 (Ms. Fassuliotis abstained).

## **12. Chair's Report**

No report given:

## **13. Approval of BET Meeting Minutes**

Upon a motion by Ms. Moriarty, seconded by Mr. Drake, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the Minutes of the BET Regular Meeting held on January 23, 2023. Motion carried.

## **14. Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Mr. Selbst, seconded by Mr. Fisher, to adjourn the meeting, the Board voted 12-0-0 to adjourn at 8:01 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