

TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION

BUDGET COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Cone Meeting Room
January 11, 2006

Present:

Committee: Stephen Walko, Chairman
Edward Krumeich, Michael Mason, Larry Simon

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Gieger, Budget Director; Sue Wallerstein, Schools Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ed Gomeau, Town Administrator; Deborah Flynn, Health Department; Robert Kalm, Acting Director, DPW, Amy Siebert, DPW; James Lavin, Retirement Board Administrator

Board: Nancy Barton, Jim Himes, Alma Rutgers, Robert Stone,
Leslie Tarkington, Peter Tesei

Board Ex Officio: James A. Lash, First Selectman

Other: Graham Schmidt, E.F.I.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

The committee voted unanimously to enter into executive session at 6:30 to discuss a settlement of legal claims.

In attendance were:

Roland Gieger: Budget Director

Peter Mynarski: Comptroller

Wayne Fox: Law Department

Ed Gomeau: Town Administrator

Mssrs. Himes, Krumeich, Mason, Simon, Stone, Tesei, and Walko: current BET

Mmes: Barton, Rutgers, and Tarkington: current BET

James A. Lash, Ex Officio BET

The committee voted unanimously to conclude the executive session and resume the regular meeting at 6:52 PM.

SE-1 First Selectman- Additional Appropriation-\$18,000

Request for additional appropriation:

\$18,000	to	P935-57350	Settlement
\$18,000	from		Fund Balance

The First Selectman's office requests an appropriation of \$18,000 for the settlement of a personal injury and property damage lawsuit entitled, Cruz v. Ederling and Town of Greenwich

The committee voted unanimously to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

SE-2 First Selectman- Additional Appropriation- \$6,066

Request for additional appropriation:

\$6,066	to	P935-57350	Settlement
\$6,066	from		Fund Balance

The First Selectman's office requests an appropriation of \$6,066 for the settlement of an automobile property damage claim.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

ED-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION- Transfer - \$200

Request for Transfer:

\$200	to	A6201668-58500	Advances to Increase GHS Petty Cash
\$200	from		Teaching Supplies

Sue Wallerstein presented the application to the Committee. The BOE requests authorization to increase Greenwich High School Petty cash from \$200 to \$400, pursuant to the charter.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

PW-1 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS- Additional Appropriation-\$170,000

Request for additional appropriation:

\$170,000	to	J36159650-26122	Force Main Reconstruction
\$170,000	from		Fund Balance

The Sewer Division requests replacement of funds used to address the Old Greenwich Force Main break, which occurred October 14, 2005. Repair dollars have been taken from the Force

Main Reconstruction Account J36159650-26122. A summary of the event, its cause, the associated costs and a brief background of the main were presented to the Committee by Robert Kalm and Amy Siebert.

The force main break took place on South Shore Drive, underneath the I-95 overpass near the Cos Cob train station parking area. At the time, the flow rate was approximately 12-13 million gallons per day, due to heavy rains and associated high flows at that time. Immediate action was taken by the Sewer Division and emergency repairs began. Emergency bypass pumping was set up at the three pump stations (Old Greenwich, Chapel Lane, and Cos Cob) that share this main. Repairs were complete by the morning of October 16 and all three pump stations were put back into service. After investigation, a 20 foot section of 24 inch cast iron pipe was found to have a 15 foot 2 inch crack along the bottom. The crack was the result of a point load.

The costs associated with this reconstruction included contractors fees, pipe fittings and other repair materials, bypass equipment rentals, chemicals for pretreatment of the bypass area, process for road repair and employee overtime salaries.

Mr. Kalm and Mr. Lash both had high praise for the actions of the Sewer Division. All of the emergency agencies involved worked together and quickly to fix the problem.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

HD-1 HEALTH DEPARTMENT- Approval To Use-\$40,913

Request for approval to use:

\$37,783	to	F4031-51300	Pymnts Temp Serv-GPP
\$ 3,130	to	F4031-57050	Social Security
\$40,913	from		Public Health Bioterrorism/Emergency Preparedness Planning Grant

This request is being made to accept the first of six contract grant payments of State funds over a two year period (8/05-8/07) for local Public Health/Bioterrorism Emergency Preparedness. The total amount of allocated funds (\$163,652) is to be used in part to hire a public health emergency assistant/coordinator with benefits (Social Security expense). This request of funds (\$40,913) will be used for personnel purposes.

Deborah Flynn from the Health Department presented the application to the Commission.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mr. Walko, the committee voted 2-0-2 (Krumeich, Mason abstaining) to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2005 Budget Committee Hearing, with the deletion of an administrative sentence.

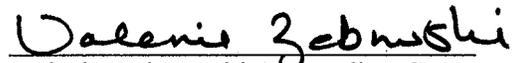
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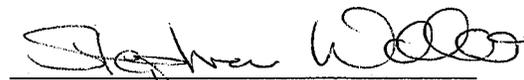
Ed Gomeau, James Lavin and Graham Schmidt, from E.F.I presented a review of the actuarial report for the Retirement Plan. In summary, the pension valuation which is as of July 1, 2005 and determines the contribution for FY 2006-07, costs went from just under 1% of pay to 5.2% of pay, or just under \$4 million. Most of that increase is due to plan changes.

The OPEB actuarial report is expected to be completed by January 20, 2006.

There being no further business before the committee, upon a motion by Mr. Krumeich, seconded by Mr. Mason, the committee voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Valerie Zebrowski, Recording Secretary


Stephen Walko, Chairman