

TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Cone Meeting Room

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Committee:

Present: Joseph L. Pellegrino, Chairman; William R. Finger, Jeffrey S. Ramer, Leslie L. Tarkington

Board: Robert Brady, Randall Huffman, Marc Johnson, Mary Lee Kiernan, Michael Mason

Selectmen: Peter Tesei, First Selectman; David Theis

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Gieger, Budget Director; John Crary, Town Administrator; Amy Siebert, Commissioner; Alan Monelli, Superintendent, Building Construction and Maintenance; Bill McCormick, Business Services Manager, Public Works; Joseph Siciliano, Director; Tom Greco, Assistant Director, Parks & Recreation; Peter Sicienski, Chief; Robert Kick, Assistant Chief, Fire Department;

Other: Steven Slusarz, Chief, Amogerone Fire Department; Sean Turpin, Chief, Volunteer Hose & Chemical; Rick Strain, Chief, Round Hill Fire Department; John Pagni, Chief, Cos Cob Fire Department

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

REQUESTS FOR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

ED-4 Board of Education – Approval to Use \$11,000

Approval to Use:

\$ 10,000	to	F6051641-53100	Teaching Supplies
\$ 1,000	to	F6051641-52100	Travel Expense
\$ 11,000	from		Asia Society Grant

Mr. Pellegrino gave an overview of the request to use Grant funds for Chinese language teaching activities.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

PD-4 Police – Additional Appropriation \$155,272

Additional Appropriation:

\$ 155,272	to	A217-51101	Overtime Services
\$ 155,272	from		General Fund Balance

Mr. Pellegrino explained that this request is for overtime due to Hurricane Sandy, which will be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

GM-3 GEMS – Additional Appropriation \$47,111

Additional Appropriation:

\$ 47,111	to	A440-57225	Contribution to GEMS
\$ 47,111	from		General Fund Balance

Mr. Pellegrino explained that this request is for a temporary trailer to house GEMS Station 4 personnel at King Street, whose building was destroyed during Hurricane Sandy. This item was also discussed during the FY 2014 Budget Review on Monday, February 11, 2013.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a non-routine application.

PW-4 Public Works – Additional Appropriation \$100,000

Additional Appropriation:

\$ 100,000	to	Z345-59560-13211	1327 King Street Demolition
\$ 100,000	from		Capital Non-recurring

Mr. Monelli explained that this request is for demolition of the GEMS building at 1327 King Street.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a non-routine application.

PW-5 Public Works – Additional Appropriation \$20,000

Additional Appropriation:

\$ 20,000	to	J361-59120-13192	Crane Truck
\$ 20,000	from		Capital Non-recurring

Ms. Siebert explained that this request is for replacement of a Crane Truck, and gave an overview of returned funds from various machinery purchases. A discussion followed regarding frequency of use.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

PW-6 Public Works – Additional Appropriation \$1,945,000

Additional Appropriation:

\$ 375,000	to	A312-51100	Overtime Services
\$ 40,000	to	A321-51100	Overtime Services
\$ 15,000	to	A345-51100	Overtime Services
\$ 15,000	to	A351-51100	Overtime Services
\$ 55,000	to	J361-51100	Overtime Services
\$ 60,000	to	A312-51300	Temporary Services
\$ 20,000	to	A312-52300	Equipment Rental
\$ 810,000	to	A321-52510	Waste Removal Services
\$ 25,000	to	A345-53700	Building Materials

\$ 25,000	to	A312-53750	Highway Materials
\$ 30,000	to	G318-53750	Highway Materials
\$ 50,000	to	A302-54350	Bridge Repair
\$ 20,000	to	A312-54350	Roadway Repair
\$ 400,000	to	A345-54050	Building Repair
\$ 5,000	to	G315-54200	Traffic Equipment Repair
\$1,945,000	from		General Fund Balance

Ms. Siebert gave an overview of the request to cover costs related to Hurricane Sandy, which will be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement. A discussion followed regarding storm damage, and reimbursement.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a non-routine application.

PW-7 Public Works – Additional Appropriation \$220,000

Additional Appropriation:

\$ 220,000	to	Z345-59560-13xxx	Generator Program
\$ 220,000	from		General Fund Balance

Ms. Siebert gave an overview of the DPW Generator Program. A discussion followed regarding types of generators, necessity, and use.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a non-routine application.

PR-5 Parks & Recreation – Release of Conditions \$785,810

Release of Conditions:

\$ 785,810	to	Z809-59840	Storm Sandy – Infrastructure
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Mr. Siciliano gave an overview of the Hurricane Sandy damages and repairs. A discussion followed regarding progress and timeline, and requirements.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a non-routine application.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Report of Status of Current Economic Conditions

Mr. Gieger gave a report of the status of current economic conditions, highlighting decreases in revenues and increases in expenditures due to storm damages and pension costs. The Committee reviewed the Spending Summary and Summary of Fund Balances.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Budget Committee Regular Meeting, January 16, 2013

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2013, Budget Committee Regular Meeting.

Fire Department Operations Discussion

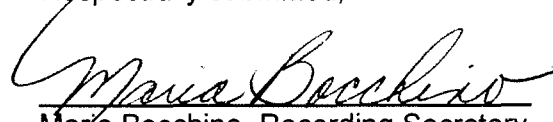
Due to the anticipation of a lengthy discussion, this item was moved to the end of the Agenda.

Mr. Pellegrino shared comments regarding the professionalism of the Fire Department. Mr. Tesei shared the 2011 Greenwich Fire Services review and comments regarding Fire Department operations, issues, community perception, and conflict resolutions over the past two years. Mr. Mason shared comments regarding the Fire Departments costs, and the BET liaisons' review of operations, staffing, and Volunteer requirements. Mr. Finger shared concerns regarding the Northwest Greenwich Fire Station initiative, response times, and coverage.

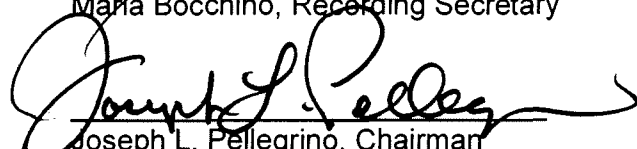
A lengthy discussion followed regarding response times, dispatch and paging equipment issues, staffing, recruitment and use of volunteers.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Maria Bocchino, Recording Secretary



Joseph L. Pellegrino, Chairman