

TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Cone Room
Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Committee:

Present: Michael S. Mason, Chairman; William R. Finger, Laurence B. Simon,
Leslie L. Tarkington

Board: Nancy Barton, Jim Campbell, Randall Huffman, Art Norton, Joseph
Pellegrino, Jeffrey Ramer, Stephen Walko

Ex-Officio

Board Member: First Selectman Peter Tesei

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Geiger, Budget Director
John Crary, Town Administrator
John Wayne Fox, Town Attorney; Aamina Ahmad, Assistant Town
Attorney
Chief David Ridberg; Lt. Mark Kordick; Greg Hannigan, Director, Police
Department

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon a motion by Mr. Finger, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the committee voted unanimously to enter into executive session at 6:30 P.M. to discuss litigation matters.

In attendance were:

Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Geiger, Budget Director
John Wayne Fox; Aamina Ahmad
Peter Tesei, First Selectman
BET Members: Mason, Finger, Simon, Tarkington, Barton, Campbell, Huffman,
Norton, Pellegrino, Ramer, and Walko

The committee voted unanimously to leave executive session at 6:43 P.M. to discuss litigation matters.

Requests for Budget Adjustments

SE-8 First Selectman – Additional Appropriation - \$25,000

Additional Appropriation:

\$ 25,000	to	P935-57350	Settlement Sherry vs. Hone
\$ 25,000	from		Risk Fund Balance

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

NEW BUSINESS

Police Department Blue Payroll Discussion

This item was taken out of order upon unanimous consent.

Lt. Kordick explained that Blue Payroll expenditures are reimbursed to the Police Department from either another Departmental Operating account (i.e. Board of Education or Department of Health) or are part of a specific Capital project (i.e. Traffic control for Road Paving). These costs are reimbursed through either payroll or journal vouchers processed through the Finance Department.

Chief Ridberg stated that there are many Police Department services that the Town that are paid from the Police Department Budget, such as extra officers at Island Beach over the summer, and the fireworks show. These recurring annual events are included in the Police Department's budget.

In response to Mr. Mason, Chief Ridberg stated that the officers are paid at the overtime rate by the other departments and there is a hiring process to ensure fairness. Chief Ridberg gave an overview of the various jobs that may require police coverage. In response to Mr. Finger, Chief Ridberg stated that the number of officers required is either determined by historical precedent or negotiated with the department. A discussion followed regarding parade coverage, equitable overtime, payment by outside contractors, potential liability, and inclusion in the Capital projects budget.

Report of Status of Current Economic Conditions

Mr. Geiger presented the Selected Revenues and Spending Rate February 2010 report to the Committee. Mr. Geiger stated that building permits revenues in February were the second highest month for this year, the conveyance tax has dropped slightly, and interest is running along the way it has been. Total revenue for these three items continue to show a \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000 shortfall. This revenue shortfall is anticipated to be offset by unanticipated revenue items.

A discussion followed regarding anticipated fund balance and expenses.

Budget Committee Monthly Discussion Topics

In April, the Budget Committee will discuss the oversight and management of the 401k and 457 Plans. Any questions should be sent to Mr. Mynarski in advance. Mr. Simon proposed that the Senior Tax Relief should be discussed in June. A discussion followed changes to the schedule

and additional topics. Various revenues will be discussed in May, The Senior Tax Relief will be discussed in June, and the OPEB Assumptions are to be presented for approval in July.

Budget Committee Annual Budget Message

Mr. Simon will distribute a draft of the Budget Committee's Annual Budget Message to the Committee for suggestions regarding the Capital projects and highlights to be included in the message, and comments on the outlook for FY12.

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Budget Committee Regular Meeting, January 20, 2010

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Simon, the committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2010, Regular Budget Committee Meeting.

Budget Committee Regular Meeting, February 9, 2010

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Finger, the committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2010, Regular Budget Committee Meeting.

Budget Committee Operational & Capital Review FY11 Meeting, February 11, 2010

Upon a motion by Mr. Simon, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2010, Board of Education Operational & Capital Review FY11 Budget Committee Meeting.

Budget Committee Capital Budget Review except BOE FY11 Meeting, February 17, 2010

Upon a motion by Mr. Finger, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2010, Capital Budget Review except BOE FY11 Budget Committee Meeting.

Budget Committee Departmental Review FY11 Meeting, February 18, 2010

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Simon, the committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2010, Departmental Review FY11 Budget Committee Meeting.

Budget Committee Departmental Review FY11 Meeting, February 19, 2010

Typographical errors were noted.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Finger, the committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2010, Departmental Review FY11 Budget Committee Meeting, as amended.

Budget Committee Consolidation Day FY11 Meeting, February 23, 2010

Typographical errors were noted.

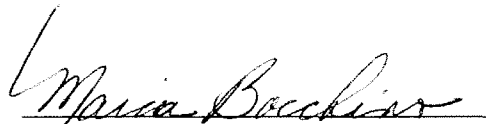
Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Finger, the committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2010, Consolidation Day FY11 Budget Committee Meeting, as amended.

Discussion of FY2011 Budget Conditions upon Department Requests

Mr. Mason presented the FY2011 Budget Conditions upon Departmental Requests to the Committee. A discussion followed regarding GEMS, the Central Fire Station, and the animal control shelter. Mr. Walko stated that suggestions for language changes be sent to Mr. Gieger.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Maria Bocchino, Recording Secretary



Michael S. Mason, Chairman