TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Cone Room
Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Committee:
Present: Michael Mason, Chairman; Larry Simon, Robert Stone, Edward Krumeich

Board: Leslie Tarkington, Art Norton, Jeff Ramer, Bill Finger, Jim Campbell, Stephen Walko
Ex-Officio Board Member: First Selectman Peter Tesei

Staff: Roland Gieger, Budget Director; Peter Mynarski, Comptroller

Also Present: Michael Pacewicz, Police Department
Kimberly Terrenoire, Chairman Board of Social Services
Victoria Anyikwa, Commissioner, Department of Social Services
James Boutelle, President, Transportation Association of Greenwich
Nancy Weissler, Chairman; Leslie Moriarty, Vice Chairman; Betty Sternberg, Superintendent, Susan Wallerstein, Board of Education

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 P.M.

Requests for Budget Adjustments

PD-2 Police – Transfer - $42,000

Transfer:
$42,000 to F2139 - 59250 Creation of Fourth Dispatch Station
$42,000 from 911 Grant Proceeds

Captain Pacewicz reported that the funds would be used for equipment, licensing and software to build a fourth station to take over the Fire Department dispatch. Capt. Pacewicz said that they have been discussing implementation in depth with the Fire Department and they are in agreement. The committee felt that further clarification was needed from the Fire Department and requested confirmation from the Fire Department prior to the BET meeting on Monday.

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

SS-1 Social Services – Additional Appropriation - $50,000

Additional Appropriation:
$50,000 to A501-57210 Contribution External Entity
$50,000 from Fund Balance

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Ms. Terrenoire reported that the request is for an interim appropriation for TAG to help cover a portion of the deficit created in their budget caused by delays of the relocation of Greenwich Adult Day Care. Mr. Boutelle provided materials and explained the reason for this need. GADC originally was scheduled to move in September 2006, GADC accounted for this move in their April 1, 2007 budget. TAG estimated that 40% of their clients would migrate from the Day Care billing to EZ Access billing. This created a shortfall in anticipated revenue in excess of $100,000. TAG is filling a number of needs for the Town of Greenwich and they use half of their $155,000 subsidy to provide day care transportation.

It was suggested that they request a transfer instead of an interim appropriation.

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

**ED-7  Board of Education – Transfer - $122,304**

Sue Wallerstein reported that in the past bus monitors for special needs students were hired through the BOE and now STA is the sole provider of the bus monitors. This transfer would take the funds from the temporary services line and add it to the line for the bus company contract.

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Upon a motion by Mr. Krumeich, the committee voted 4-0 to approve the transfer under the authority delegated to it by the BET.

**FI-1  Finance Department – Transfer - $20,000**

Peter Mynarski reported that this is to cover a shortfall in funds budgeted to cover sewer taxes on town owned properties.

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

**Board of Education Modular Impact Discussion – School Buildings**

Betty Sternberg and Nancy Weissler updated the committee on the progress of the Hamilton Avenue School situation. The BOE meets on Thursday and they will be given as much information as possible at that time. Dr. Sternberg explained a few scenarios and possibilities concerning Hamilton Avenue and Glenville Schools.
As for the beginning of the next school year, Dr. Sternberg said that they are looking into what the cost and timeframe would be to remediate the modular units, as they are now. Ms. Weissler added with a certainty that they will address the environmental issues. In response to Mr. Krumeich, Dr. Sternberg said that the engineers and architects are looking at this and will have a report, so that they will be able to say explicitly what it was that was defective or incorrect about that building.

In response to Mr. Stone, Ms. Weissler said that the results of the latest mold tests will be available on March 19th. Then they can begin to make plans to move the contents out of the Modulares. In response to Mr. Stone, Dr. Sternberg said that it will take approximately four months to remediate and they may have an estimated cost by Thursday.

Mr. Krumeich stated that what we’re looking at now is the Glenville project and what makes the most sense from a health point of view, and from a financial point of view, certainly avoiding delay. In response to Mr. Mason, Dr. Sternberg said concerning the air quality of the buildings right now, that the culture showed raised levels of mold, which is why they felt the need for additional testing.

Mr. Mason suggested they keep a detailed log of the costs. Dr. Sternberg described the clean-up procedures, which may become costly. In response to Mr. Simon, Dr. Sternberg said there is significant mold in 90% of the soffits that are all around the perimeter of the building and there was minor mold in all seven of the walls that were opened. In all instances, there is moisture in all the walls and the soffits, which will continue to breed mold.

In response to Mr. Stone, Dr. Sternberg said that they are in touch with engineers and architects to look at the building. Ms. Wallerstein said that Turner Construction is going to give them four price points. One is the cost of demolition if the existing modular, second would be acquisition and installation.

Also in response to Mr. Stone, Ms. Weissler said that the staff is looking at the issues that contributed to the causes of the mold and the BOE has created a separate committee, and they hired an independent consultant in terms of the building and independent consultant in terms of the environment to give them a report as to the causes. In response to Mr. Krumeich, Ms. Wallerstein said that they are working with the town attorney. In response to Mr. Stone, Ms. Weissler said that until the classrooms are emptied, they cannot go in to do the work, to inspect the building, to find who is at fault.

Mr. Stone stated that he doesn’t believe they will have someone saying, “There is no question that is our fault, and we will help you out, etc.” At an early stage, you want to have those people given the opportunity to look at what the situation is. In response to Mr. Stone, Ms. Wallerstein said that they have given the opportunity to those people and that the town attorney had his own copy of the multiple contracts related to that facility, because they engaged their services prior to the expiration of the initial one-year warranty with regard to concerns about the roof. Abby Wadler had been at multiple meetings both during the construction process, following the occupation of the modulars, as well as up until the recent series of events. So they are very
familiar with that contract, both with the terms and conditions of the contract, as well as the
construction management contract that’s associated with it. Also, had a very preliminary
briefing within a day or two of last Monday with J. Wayne Fox and Abby Wadler.
In response to Mr. Mason, Ms. Weissler said that they have gotten tremendous cooperation and
help from various town departments. Mr. Stone stated the importance of the type of preventative
maintenance and the type of oversight that is programmed into facilities.

In response to Mr. Stone, Dr. Sternberg described Tools for Schools that is a way of going about
looking at the issues of schools with actual teams of people in each school including the principal
and the custodian, are trained to look and see if there are issues and report them. That is an
ongoing effort. In regards to this situation, in particular, there were roof leaks that were reported
and they were addressed as they happened. When there were continuing concerns, they worked
with the legal department; they got an extension of the warranty on the roof because there were
issues and problems that were raised. We are being told that this fundamentally was not a
maintenance issue. This fundamentally was an issue about the structure of the building.

Ms. Weissler stated that the BOE created a special facilities committee to give the board an
independent view in terms of the Glenville recommended solution, to look at what caused the
mold at Hamilton Avenue, and to look more globally at issues relating to building construction
and maintenance procedures more broadly and say what procedures do we have in place, how
effective are they, and how can we improve on them.

In response to Mr. Stone, Ms. Wallerstein said there are two protocols; one is Tools for Schools
where there are multiple checklists that are used for routine inspections. Under State Law every
school district in their annual ED-050 reporting must go with either Tools for Schools or another
protocol for positive reporting on proactive monitoring on any factors that contribute air quality.
Dr. Sternberg stated that everyone was trained, it’s variably implemented from school to school
and we need to be sure that it is implemented systemically and systematically in every school.

Mr. Mason said that, at the taxpayers’ expense, this is something that we must prevent from
happening going forward.

BET Budget Committee Budget Message

A copy of the document will be sent electronically to all the committee members for comments
and additions, which should be forwarded to Roland Geiger. The committee will meet on Friday
to finalize.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Simon, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes for the
February 12, 2008, Regular Budget Committee Meeting.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56
P.M.
Respectfully submitted,

Maria Bocchino, Recording Secretary

Michael Mason, Chairman