

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

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Committee

Present: Jim Lash, Chairman; Mary Lee A. Kiernan, Jeffrey S. Ramer, Leslie L. Tarkington

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Gieger, Budget Director; Chief James Heavey, Police Department; J. Wayne Fox, Town Attorney

Board: Michael Mason, BET Chairman; John Blankley, William Drake, Elizabeth K. Krumeich, Leslie Moriarty, Arthur Norton, Jill Oberlander, Nancy Weissler

Other: Lauren Erickson, Chairman, BOE; Dr. Wm. McKersie, Superintendent, Greenwich Schools; Barbara O'Neill, Vice Chairman, BOE; Jim Hricay, BOE Managing Director of Operations; Ron Matten, BOE Facilities Director; Steven Walko, Chairman New Lebanon Building Committee; Peter Manning, Gilbane Construction; Lori Contadino, Director Commission on Aging; Patricia Burns, Vice Chair Development, Commission on Aging; Rebecca Steinfeld, RTM Member, District 11; Steve Warzoha, RTM Member, District 9; Ken Borsuk, Greenwich Time; William Slocum, Greenwich Sentinel

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 P.M.

Mr. Lash welcomed attendees.

Request for Budget Adjustments

<u>PD-4</u>	<u>Police Department</u>	<u>Approval to Use</u>
\$33,333	F21716 51100 & 57050	Highway Safety Grant

Chief Heavey requested permission to accept a Highway Safety Grant to cover overtime and benefits for patrols targeting distracted drivers.

Upon a motion by Ms. Kiernan, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the application and forward it to the Board of Estimate & Taxation as a Routine Application.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Discussion of Pending Litigation

Executive Session

Mr. Lash called for an Executive Session to discuss an additional appropriation of a legal settlement at 5:03 P.M.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Ms. Kiernan, the Committee voted 4-0 to enter Executive Session at 5:03 P.M.

The Board exited Executive Session at 5:09 P.M.

The Committee voted 4-0 to end the Executive Session at 5:09 P.M.

<u>SE- 3</u>	<u>First Selectman</u>	<u>Additional Appropriation</u>
\$200,000	P935 57350	Settlement London v. TOG & M. Carter

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the settlement and forward it to the Board of Estimate & Taxation as a Routine Application.

<u>SE-4</u>	<u>First Selectman</u>	<u>Additional Appropriation</u>
\$34,490	P935 57350	Settlement – Chubb Ins. /s/o P. Santoro v. TOG

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the settlement and forward it to the Board of Estimate & Taxation as a Routine Application.

Old Business

None

New Business

- **Discussion of New Lebanon School Project** - Mr. Walko presented the Committee with detailed financial projections demonstrating the Building Committee's reductions to the budget for the new school. The total budget now being presented by the Building Committee was \$37,609.088 which included \$100,000 of funds from the FY15 Feasibility Study. He noted that during the Feasibility Study phase, the new school was modeled on the Ed Specs of the Glenville School to arrive at cost per square foot. Materials presented to the Budget Committee compared costs and advantages/disadvantages of: a) disbursing of students to the Western Middle School campus to be housed in modular classrooms; b) constructing Modular Classrooms on the Williams Street ball field; and, c) retaining the students in the old school building during construction. Dr. McKersie offered a correction to the Consolidation Day Minutes, which implied that a decision had already been made to move the pre-kindergarten classes currently at Parkway to the New Lebanon after construction. To settle the question of whether the cost of testing and possible soil remediation needed to be included in the construction budget, Mr. Lash asked the Building Committee to get a legal opinion and communicate back to the Budget Committee. The potential percentage of State reimbursement for the building schematic was identified as 61.5%. The Building Committee also presented information on cost per square foot of comparable school construction projects around the state. The Building Committee also presented updated cash flow forecasts for the construction project. The Committee thanked Mr. Walko for the thorough presentation and proposed to review it further before BET Decision Day.
- **Review and Approval of 2016-2017 Budget Resolutions** – Ms. Tarkington began the discussion by advising the Committee that the Law Committee approved the Budget Resolutions for Grants and Other Receipts as presented, and advised that two

Resolutions were added. Ms. Contadino and Ms. Burns, representing the Senior Center for the Commission on Aging, explained the willingness of the Friends of the Senior Center to conduct fundraising. The Committee also discussed with Ms. Erickson the proposed Resolution for donations based on a list of selected items, which she distributed. The Committee requested that the language of the Resolutions be tightened to be more explicit. Mr. Mason commented that that he would work with the Commission on Aging and BOE Board members to improve the language to clarify how Public/Private Partnerships should work with the Town.

Approval of BET Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the Minutes of February 3, 2016 – Day 1 Department Reviews.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the Minutes of February 4, 2016 – Day 2 Department Reviews.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the Minutes of February 8, 2016 – Day 3 Department Reviews.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the Minutes of February 10, 2016 – Day 4 Department Reviews.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the Minutes of February 17, 2016 – Day 5 Department Reviews.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the Minutes of February 18, 2016 – Day 6 Department Reviews.

Minutes for February 9, 2016 Budget Committee Monthly Meeting and February 26, 2016 Consolidation Day will be reviewed and voted on at the April Monthly Meeting.

Mr. Gieger commented the Revenue for the Month of February remained good.


Ms. Tarkington commented that the Grand List as of October 1, 2015 was signed and the value was 4.31% above the October 1, 2014 value.

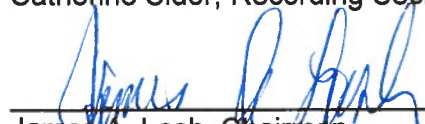
Adjournment

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Ms. Kiernan, the Committee voted 4-0 to adjourn at 6:51 P.M.

Next regular meeting will be April 12, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,


Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary


James A. Lash, Chairman