



**TOWN OF GREENWICH  
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 12, 2022  
Town Hall Meeting Room

**Committee**

**Present:** Leslie L. Tarkington, Chair; Nisha Arora, Laura Erickson, Leslie Moriarty

**Staff:** Roland Gieger, Director, Budget & Systems Management, Finance Department; Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Luigi Romano, Interim Superintendent, Building Construction and Maintenance Department of Public Works, Amy Siebert, Commissioner of the Department of Public Works

**Board:** Dan Ozizmir, Chairman; Michael Basham, Jeffrey S. Ramer

**Other:** Don Conway, GCTV.

Ms. Tarkington called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

**Request for Budget Adjustments**

<b><u>Number</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose</u></b>
<b>PW-4</b>	<b>Public Works</b>	<b>\$338,000</b>	<b>Additional Appropriation</b>
	<b>2345-59560 21231</b>		<b>Senior Center Renovations</b>

Mr. Romano presented the request for an additional appropriation for \$338,000. The Senior Center project has two outstanding appropriations for \$700,000 and \$450,000, totaling \$1,150,000. The project has a current unspent balance of \$997,956.49 remaining. The remainder of the work to construct a new kitchen, serving and dining area on the southern side of the building was competitively bid and the low bid totaled \$1,113,831. This created a \$115,875 shortfall to engage the contractor to complete this phase of the project. The Town has been working with The Friends of the Greenwich Senior Center to complete the renovations to date. The Friends of the Greenwich Senior Center have raised \$338,000 to cover the project shortfall and the additional amount to re-establish the 20% contingency used for an older building renovation.

In response to questions from the Budget Committee members, Mr. Romano stated that there were 12 contractors that attended a pre-bid conference to discuss the projects. Subsequent to the pre-bid conference only one bidder, Wernert Construction, bid on the project. Mr. Romano further stated that the project would start in a week or two after the award of the bid and the project should be finished by January 2023.

A Committee member asked about the status of a \$300,000 grant from the State of Connecticut for the Senior Center renovation. Mr. Gieger responded that the funds for that grant were

earmarked for another Senior Center renovation project.

The Chair requested that the minutes reflect an appreciation for the fund-raising initiatives done by Patricia Burns, Chair of the Friends of the Senior Center non-profit.

Upon a motion by Ms. Erickson, seconded by Ms. Moriarty, to approve an additional appropriation of \$338,000 and accept the funds raised by The Friends of the Greenwich Senior Center to complete the Senior Center renovations project, the Committee voted 4-0-0 and to recommend it to the full BET as a Routine Application. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Economic Conditions Report**

Mr. Gieger reviewed the Town's financial position to date and reported that revenues of conveyance taxes and building permits, which appeared to be trending downward had an exceptionally good month for March 2022. He added that the property taxes revenues, that were in a deferral program a year ago, had almost caught up and the April 2022 figures would reflect that.

Regarding expenditure trends, Mr. Gieger said that the Board of Education expenses intended for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Grant Funding had not been cleared out yet from the General Fund.

## **Approval of BET Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Arora made a motion to approve all four of the following meeting minutes at the same time, seconded by Ms. Erickson:

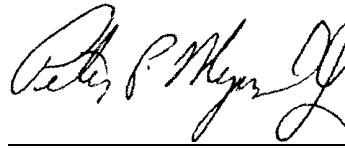
- the Minutes of the BET FY 2022-2023 Public Hearing Meeting of January 25, 2022
- the Minutes of the BET Budget Committee FY 2022-2023 Decision Day 1 Meeting of March 7, 2022
- the Minutes of the BET Budget Committee FY 2022-2023 Decision Day 2 Meeting of March 8, 2022
- the Minutes of the BET Budget Committee Special Meeting of March 22, 2022

The Committee members voted 4-0-0 to approve all of the above minutes.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Ms. Erickson, seconded by Ms. Arora, to adjourn the meeting at 1:32 P.M., the Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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Peter Mynarski, Recording Secretary



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Leslie L. Tarkington, Budget Cmte Chair

The next Regular Meeting of the BET Budget Committee will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 1:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.