

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

MINUTES
Cone Meeting Room
Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Committee

Present: Marc V. Johnson, Chairman; Jeffrey S. Ramer, Leslie L. Tarkington
Mary Lee Kiernan

Board: Michael Mason, BET Chairman, William Drake, William Finger, Arthur Norton,
Nancy Weissler

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Geiger, Budget Director; Caroline Baisley,
Director of Health, Debbie Flynn, Business Office Manager, Department of
Health; Greg Hannigan, Director of General Services Greenwich Police
Department; Suzanne Carlin, TOG Animal Control Officer, Linda Bruno, SOS
Advisory Board Member

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 P.M.

Mr. Johnson began the meeting by expressing thanks and appreciation to Mr. Mynarski, Mr. Geiger and the staff of the Finance Department for their support delivering the 2014-2015 Budget which was approved on May 12, 2014 by the RTM by a vote of 176-9-5.

Requests for Budget Adjustments

<u>HD-7</u>	<u>Health</u>	<u>Approval to Use</u>
\$3,500	F 40340 & various codes	Enhance Greenwich Medial Reserve Corps

Ms. Baisley requested that the Budget Committee approve the use of a Grant recently received from the National Association of County and City Health Officials that would contribute to the Greenwich Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) operating funds. Ms. Baisley reviewed the history of the MRC, its 150 volunteers and medical and non-medical services provided in times of major storms and disasters. Its volunteers participate in a readiness training programs and are annually sworn in to meet federal and state insurability requirements.

Ms. Kiernan asked if TOG had any potential liability in connection with the activities of medical volunteers during emergencies and Mr. Mynarski volunteered to check with TOG's Risk Manager and if needed, TOG's Law Department to clarify if there is a liability issue.

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

<u>HD-8</u>	<u>Health</u>	<u>Approval to Use</u>
\$4,000	F 40339 51300 & 57050	MRC Program Enhancement

Ms. Baisley requested that the Budget Committee approve the use of a grant administered by the Department of Homeland Security through its regional fiduciary, the Westport-Weston Health District for operational support services of TOG's Medical Reserve Corps.

Mr. Ramer asked if the part time salaries that would be supported by the grant would increase the number of employment hours beyond the maximum limit of part time employment. Ms. Baisley responded that the employee's hours would not increase but rather that the grant would offset the expense of a portion of the current payroll cost.

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

PD-6	Police	Acceptance of Support
\$xxxxx		Exterior Dog Run at Animal Control Facility

Mr. Hannigan requested that the Budget Committee approve the acceptance of support from Shelter-Our-Strays for enhancing TOG's Animal Control facility with a Dog Run for the animals' outdoor exercise. The proposed project will be built to the specifications of the CT Department of Agriculture and requirements of the Town's P&Z Commission. The TOG Building Construction and Maintenance Department will supervise.

Ms. Tarkington pointed out that the facility had been built without outside access for the shelter's animals because of its sensitive location next to the cemetery and North Street School and that a generator had been purchased for the facility to assure the facility's ventilation. In response to her question on whether the generator had been installed, Ms. Carlin replied it was scheduled for installation but had not yet been installed. The Committee was assured that the BOE had signed off on the potential noise to the neighboring school as discussed in the P&Z hearing and was informed that a row of trees had been planted on the property line for privacy. Ms. Kiernan questioned the installation of artificial turf in the Dog Run and was told that it would be installed for sanitary reasons. She also asked about the maintenance and replacement of the turf. Mr. Hannigan estimated the turf would last about 10 years.

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

Old Business:

Update on Fire Administration/Volunteer Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Johnson reported that he had had conversations with Mr. Kornberg and Chief Siecienski on their progress preparing the Memorandum of Understanding for more fully integrating volunteer and professional staff. He indicated that a full review of progress would be presented at the Budget Committee's next meeting on June 3, 2014. Mr. Kiernan suggested that since TOG's Fire Department would be committing to an agreement, it should also be reviewed by TOG's Law Department.

New Business:

Report - Status of Current Economic Conditions

Mr. Geiger reported that conveyance tax revenues continue to exceed budget, especially with the recent record residential property sale for \$120 million. An additional insurance reimbursement for Superstorm Sandy damage had also been received during the period.

There was a brief discussion on the responsibility of organizations leasing town properties and their ability to pay sewer taxes.

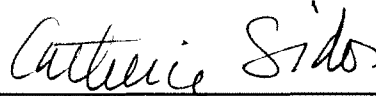
Approval of April 16, 2014 – Regular BET Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the Minutes of the April 16, 2014 – Regular Monthly BET Budget Committee Meeting.

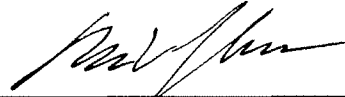
There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M. on a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Ms. Kiernan, by a vote of 4-0-0.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Lower Level Lounge.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary



Marc V. Johnson, Chairman