TOWN OF GREENWICH BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION LAW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 17, 2019
Regular Meeting
Law Department Conference Room

Committee: Elizabeth K. Krumeich, Chair; Karen Fassuliotis

BET: Anthony Turner

Law: J. Wayne Fox, Town Attorney; Aamina Ahmad, Assistant Town Attorney; Eugene

McLaughlin, Assistant Town Attorney

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:13 PM.

1. Executive Session of Pending Cases in Litigation

Without objection the Committee agreed to change the Agenda to enter into executive session first to consider pending cases in litigation.

Upon motion by Ms. Krumeich, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, the Committee voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 3:14 PM to discuss pending cases in litigation. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Ms. Krumeich, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, the Committee voted 2-0-0 to come out of Executive Session at 3:35 PM. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

Without objection the Committee agreed to table the approval of the Minutes for the May 13, 2019 Regular Meeting and the May 22, 2019 Special Meeting until the next Committee meeting scheduled for July15, 2019.

3. Law Department – Request to Transfer Funds

Town Attorney Fox explained that because the Law Department benefited in the settlement of a number of cases, the Department budget for experts was not exhausted. The Department is requesting approval from the BET to transfer these monies from the 100 line to the 200 budget accounts in the amount of \$30,000 for technical internet research (e.g., WestLaw), Iron Mountain, and general office services.

Upon a motion by Ms. Krumeich, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, the Committee voted 2-0-0 to recommend to the Board of Estimate and Taxation the transfer of \$30,000 from the 100 line to the 200 line in the Law Department FY2018-19 Budget.

4. Executive Session – Security

Upon a motion by Ms. Krumeich, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, the Committee voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 3:38 PM to discuss security issues. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Ms. Krumeich, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, the Committee voted 2-0-0 to come out of Executive Session at 4:01 PM. Motion carried.

5. Tax Collector

Town Attorney Wayne Fox reported that he spoke with Tax Collector Howard Richman and Town Assessor Lauren Elliott about the Tax Collector's implementation of a program to collect taxes from delinquent taxpayers, including the engagement of Attorney Adam Cohen, an attorney with expertise in collecting back taxes and carrying out a Tax Deed Sale. Ms. Fassuliotis reported that she had met separately with the two Town officials as well. Town Attorney Fox will set up a phone conference with Attorney Cohen. Ms. Fassuliotis is continuing her work on a draft Town Policy for Delinquent Tax Collection.

6. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Ms. Fassuliotis, seconded by Ms. Krumeich, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:17 PM. Motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting of the Law Committee will be held on Monday, July 15, 2019, at 3:00 PM in the Law Department Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen, Fassuliotis, Recording Secretary

Elizabeth K. Krumeich, Chair