



MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation held on Thursday, October 29, 2020 in a virtual Zoom webinar, Greenwich, CT.

Chairman Michael S. Mason called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

Board members in attendance:

Michael S. Mason, Chairman
Karen Fassuliotis, Vice Chairman
William Drake, Clerk
Andreas Duus III
Laura Erickson
Debra Hess
Miriam Kreuzer
Elizabeth K. Krumeich
Leslie Moriarty
Jeffrey S. Ramer
Leslie L. Tarkington
David Weisbrod

Staff: Roland Gieger, Director, Budget & Systems Management, Finance Department (Dept); Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Demetria Nelson, Commissioner, Human Services Dept; Kevin McCarthy, Director, Perrot Library

TNW: Laurence Simon, Chairman, Board of Directors

RTM: Arline Lomazzo, (D-6), Public Works; Patty Roberts, (D-6), Health & Human Services

PUBLIC: Ken Borsuk, Reporter, *Greenwich Time*; Lori Contadino, Executive Director, Senior Center; Mimi Duff; Alan Gunzburg, Member, Health Dept Board of Directors; Richard Kaufman, Reporter, *Greenwich Sentinel*; Claire Kilgallen, New Lebanon School PTA; Caroline Lerum, Organizer Support Greenwich; Horst Tebbe, GCTV; Tony Turner; Tracey Schietinger, Director, GEMS;

- **Discussion and Approval of the 2021-2022 Budget Guidelines**

Budget Committee Chair Ms. Tarkington made a motion to open the discussion on the 2021-2022 Budget Guidelines and 5 attached financial exhibits dated October 27, 2020 as approved by the Budget Committee.

Ms. Tarkington commented that a lot of collaboration and cooperation amongst the four Budget committee members was invested in order to come to these Guidelines. She thanked Ms. Moriarty and Mr. Ramer for their cooperation, Ms. Hess for her contributions and Mr. Duus as a new Committee member. Ms. Tarkington expressed the expectation and hope that the BET members would support the Committee's work.

Committee members discussed how the Budget Guidelines funded the following items: Special Education, The Nathaniel Witherell, School Lunch Fund, use of Fund Balance, the Risk Fund, and Capital Projects. A member commented that the Guidelines indicated the information to be sought for comprehensive discussions during February's Departmental Hearings.

Mr. Mason noted the trajectory of increased costs that would require long term planning and prioritization of future initiatives.

Mr. Drake took a rollcall vote of the BET members for approval of the 2021-2022 Budget Guidelines. The Board voted 12-0-0.
Motion carried.

- **Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Ms. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Weisbrod, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary



William Drake, Clerk of the Board



Michael Mason, Chairman