

TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Cone Meeting Room

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Committee:

Present: Joseph L. Pellegrino, Chairman; William R. Finger, Jeffrey S. Ramer, Leslie L. Tarkington

Board: Michael Mason, BET Chairman, Sean Goldrick, Randall Huffman, Mary Lee Kiernan, Arthur Norton, Marc Johnson, Bob Brady

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Gieger, Budget Director; James Heavey, Police Chief, John Brown, Lieutenant, Police Department; Mary Forde, BOE; John Strong, GEMS Fiscal Officer, Charlee Tufts, GEMS Executive Director, Caroline Baisley, Health Director; John Wayne Fox, Town Attorney, Fred de Arango, Assistant Town Attorney

Other: John Blankley & Nancy Weissler, Incoming BET members

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

REQUESTS FOR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

ED-3 Board of Education - Transfer \$27,383.20

Transfer:

\$27,383.20	to	A62017 53 52150	Professional Services-Data/Word
\$27,383.20	from	A62017 53 51490	Professional & Other Spec. Services-NOC

Ms. Forde gave an overview of the transfer request and explained that the amount was being transferred from a Professional Services budget line item to a software budget line item to reflect that the service providing company had gone out of business and the software is similar to what is used in 90% of school districts in the state which is now being used by Greenwich.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

GM-1 GEMS – Release of Conditions \$2,031,300

Release of Conditions:

\$2,031,300	to	A440 57225	Contribution to GEMS
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Ms. Tufts and Mr. Strong provided an overview to support the request for release of funds for GEMS. Ms. Tufts noted that an online magazine, Business World, had chosen GEMS as the second emergency service to be editorially featured.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a non-routine application.

PD-3 Police Department – Approval to Use \$20,000

Approval to Use:

\$ 20,000 to F21310 54300 Maintenance/Sustainability

Chief Heavey explained that the funds were a Homeland Security grant for the maintenance of public vessel #139 for use as a regional asset that must be used or lost by August 1, 2014.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

Executive Session

The Committee voted unanimously to enter into executive session at 6:51 P.M. to discuss pending legal issues.

In attendance were:

Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Gieger, Budget Director; J. Wayne Fox, Town Attorney, Fred de Arango, Assistant Town Attorney

BET Members: Pellegrino, Finger, Ramer, Tarkington, Mason, Goldrick, Huffman, Kiernan, Norton, Johnson, Brady

The Committee voted unanimously to leave executive session at 7:52 P.M.

SE-2 First Selectman – Additional Appropriation - Settlement \$xxxxxxxx

Additional Appropriation - Settlement:

\$ xxxxxxx to P935 57350 Settlement – Silonova v. TOG

A Motion was made by Mr. Ramer and Seconded by Mr. Finger for a settlement of up to and including \$100,000. The Committee voted 3- 1 (Mr. Pellegrino voting against) to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a non-routine application.

SE-3 First Selectman – Additional Appropriation - Settlement \$xxxxxxxx

Additional Appropriation - Settlement:

\$ xxxxxxx to P935 57350 Settlement – Smyth v. Gray & TOG

A Motion was made by Mr. Ramer and seconded by Ms. Tarkington for a settlement in compromise of up to and including \$200,000. The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Report of Status of Current Economic Conditions

Mr. Gieger gave a report of the status of current economic conditions, highlighting increased revenues from Hurricane Sandy settlements. He also updated the Committee on expenditures, stating that Town spending is trending favorably to last year for the same period, noting that the savings could be attributed to more position vacancies than in the previous year.

Chairman's Remarks

As the outgoing Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Pellegrino expressed his thanks and appreciation to Committee members for their hard work and accomplishments. He cited the quality of work, effort, honesty and guidance of the Finance Department and Mr. Mynarski and Mr. Gieger for their assistance to his Committee.

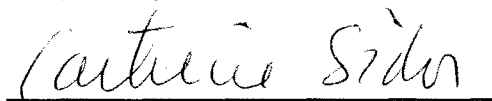
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Budget Committee Regular Meeting, November 12, 2013

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2013 Budget Committee Regular Meeting.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary

Joseph L. Pellegrino, Chairman