TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Cone Meeting Room
Thursday, December 13, 2012

Committee:
Present: Joseph L. Pellegrino, Chairman; William R. Finger, Jeffrey S. Ramer, Leslie L. Tarkington
Board: Robert Brady, Sean Goldrick, Randall Huffman, Marc Johnson, Mary Lee Kiernan, Art Norton
Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Gieger, Budget Director; James Heavey, Chief, Police Department; Robert Kick, Assistant Fire Chief; Alan Monelli, Superintendent, Building Construction and Maintenance, DPW; Barbara Riccio, Principal, New Lebanon School; Janice Gunnip, Director of Educational Technology; Ronald Matten, Director of Facilities, Board of Education; Charlee Tufts, Executive Director; John Strong, Greenwich Emergency Medical Service; Joseph Siciliano, Director; Tom Greco, Assistant Director, Parks & Recreation; Allen Brown, Executive Director; Ray Augustine, Director of Financial Operations, Nathaniel Witherell
Other: David Ormsby, Lloyd Bankson, Nathaniel Witherell

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M.

REQUESTS FOR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

PD-3 Police – Approval to Use $3,400

Approval to Use:
$ 3,351 to F2175-51100 Overtime Services
$  49 to F2175-57050 Benefits
$  3400 from F2175-57050 Federal Highway Safety Program Grant

Chief Heavey gave an overview of the Click-It or Ticket safety campaign, highlighting Cos Cob data.

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

PW-3 Public Works – Additional Appropriation $64,000

Additional Appropriation:
$ 64,000 to B345-59560 12129 Temporary Fire Station
$ 64,000 from Capital Non-Recurring

Mr. Monelli gave an overview of the project. A discussion followed regarding original estimates and cost overruns.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.
ED-1 Board of Education – Approval to Use $2,500

Approval to Use:
$ 1,980 to F6050408-51900 Growth & Development
$ 520 to F6050408-51310 Substitute Pay
$ 2,500 from F6050408-51900 Lone Pine Grant

Ms. Riccio gave an overview of the Flexible Grouping program, which is being piloted at New Lebanon and Julian Curtiss Schools.

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

ED-2 Board of Education – Approval to Use $2,500

Approval to Use:
$ 1,600 to F6050608-51310 Substitute Pay
$ 900 to F6050608-53100 Supplies
$ 2,500 from F6050608-51310 Lone Pine Grant

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

ED-3 Board of Education – Release of Conditions $126,000

Release of Conditions:
$ 126,000 to B680-59090-13150 Phone System (Mitel) Upgrade

Ms. Gunnip explained that this is to replace controllers in order to support software. Mr. Matten gave a brief overview to the system.

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

GM-1 GEMS – Release of Conditions $1,824,000

Release of Conditions:
$1,824,000 to A440-57225 Contribution to GEMS

Mr. Strong gave an overview of the GEMS Quarterly Report. A discussion followed regarding revenues, reductions in calls, and possible impact of National Healthcare Laws.

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

PR-3 Parks and Recreation – Additional Appropriation $3,081,750

Additional Appropriation:
$ 844,750 to Z809-59840-TBD Storm – Greenwich Point
$ 91,700 to Z809-59840-TBD Storm – Grass Island
The Committee reviewed the Storm Damage Assessment & Opinion of Probable Repair Cost Report and Mr. Siciliano gave an overview of the assessment process. A discussion followed regarding use of consultants, insurance and FEMA reimbursements, priorities, projects management, market contractors constraints and availability, as well as impact on Town management and resources such as purchasing.

The Committee also discussed funding conditions to add a condition to the application. Ms. Tarkington requested that the Parks & Recreation Department prioritize use of the funds by site or trade and indicate priorities when applying for release of the funds.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request, subject to release upon receipt and approval by the Board of Estimate and Taxation of respective bids, and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a non-routine application.

PR-4 Parks and Recreation – Additional Appropriation $317,544.44

Additional Appropriation:
$ 183.73 to Z809-51070 Out of Class
$107,968.58 to Z809-51100 Overtime
$163,091.05 to Z809-51490 Prof. Services
$  5,360.97 to Z809-52950 Misc. Services – NOC
$  5,688.50 to Z809-53950 Supplies & Materials – NOC
$ 24,773.00 to Z809-54900 Maintenance – NOC
$10,476.61 to Z809-59830-13177 Trees at Risk
$317,544.44 from Fund Balance

Mr. Siciliano explained that this request is for overtime and operational costs that have already been expended, due to the storm.

Ms. Tarkington requested that a color-coded map of Trees at Risk, highlighting the progress of the program, be presented to the Committee during the budget review process.

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

NW-8 Nathaniel Witherell – Release of Conditions $22,476,000

Release of Conditions:
$22,476,000 to B450-59560-12201 NW Renew

The Committee reviewed the CT DSS acknowledgment of increase cost of constructions letter. Mr. Ormsby presented and gave an overview of the proposed initiatives to address operating shortfalls of the long range plan.

The Committee discussed each of the ten proposed strategies, highlighting private funding, IT costs, outsourcing possibilities, historic designation tax credits, BAN and financing options,
energy savings, union negotiations, staffing, 501(c)(3) organization and status, and rate adjustments. The Committee and Board members also shared comments regarding economic issues and risks, postponement of the project, managed care rates, long-term care funding, debt recovery, operations costs and staffing initiatives, risk to revenues from the impact of ObamaCare, costs of adding a sixth unit, project necessity.

Ms. Pellegrino commended the Nathaniel Witherell and the Board's efforts.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Report of Status of Current Economic Conditions

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Budget Committee Regular Meeting, November 13, 2012

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Mr. Finger, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2012, Budget Committee Regular Meeting.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signatures]

Maria Bocchino, Recording Secretary

Joseph L. Pellegrino, Chairman