

March 19, 2014

The Board of Finance held a special meeting on this date at the Police Department meeting room. Members present were John O'Brien, Chairman; Glenn Frishman, Secretary; Dudley Wheeler; Bryan Bentz; Sandy Grimes and June Strunk. Also present Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance, Selectmen, Town and SPS staff, BOE members and residents.

Mr. O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Budget deliberations

Mr. O'Brien informed the audience that as this was a continuation of budget deliberations, there would be no comments from the public. He stated that the Public Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the High School auditorium.

Last year the Town used a portion of the fund balance to minimize the tax increase, last night at the Town meeting \$1.2 million was taken from the fund balance for repairs to Deans Mill School, this ensures there will be no net tax increase but these funds are not available.

He added that after polling the Board members, it was agreed to reach for a maximum tax increase of .49 mills representing a 2.46% increase; the necessary cuts to attain this total \$2,193,705. The Board of Education budget as submitted represents 76% of the increase. With regard to the School Safety items in the CIP, Mr. O'Brien suggested a separate budget that will be submitted at Town meeting and the Town could bond, as these are capital investments.

He added that he has spoken with the First Selectman regarding necessary cuts from the General Government budget. The Grand List did not improve but within three years with new projects coming on this should change.

After continued discussion the following budget reductions were made:

FIRST SELECTMAN SALARY INCREASE	(2,277)
SECOND SELECTMAN SALARY INCREASE	(148)
THIRD SELECTMAN SALARY INCREASE	(148)
EDC - TECH & PROF SERVICES	(3,000)
PENSION PLAN	(13,984)
PAYROLL TAXES	(9,902)
RETIREE HEALTHCARE	(1,122)
HEALTH INSURANCE	(100,000)
COMMUNITY DEVEL CLERK	(29,189)
BONDING COSTS	(5,000)
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING	(87,040)
SEASONAL HELP	(50,000)

DISPOSAL FEES	(25,000)
COMMERCIAL COLLECTION & RENTALS	(25,000)
POLICE OFFICER - DELAY ONE YEAR	(56,101)
POLICE - RETIREMENT	(8,982)
YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES PROG EXPENSES	(800)
MISCELLANEOUS	(500)
TELEPHONE - RECREATION	(500)
PROF ASSOC/TRAINING	(400)
WESTERLY PUBLIC LIBRARY	(10,000)
STONINGTON FREE LIBRARY	(10,000)
MYSTIC & NOANK LIBRARY	(10,000)
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING	(2,972)
PAWCATUCK NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER	(25,000)
MYSTIC AREA SHELTER & HOSPITALITY (M.A.S.H)	(1,000)
SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS CENTER	(500)
STONINGTON AMBULANCE	(1,000)
MYSTIC RIVER AMBULANCE	(1,000)
WESTERLY AMBULANCE	(1,000)
REVALUATION	(20,000)
ORTHOGRAPHY	(7,500)
ENGINEER LONGEVITY	(350)
FLOOD PLAIN MANAGER	(3,499)
PROFESSIONAL ASSOC AND TRAINING	(500)
CIP BUDGET - BOE. **	(1,022,967)
BOE OPERATING	(663,213)

**CIP budget-BOE – Specific changes included keeping all A items as proposed; with the reduction of Roof Repairs to \$12,000 and maintaining one B (Pavement Crack Sealing and Coating)-\$29,000. All other items were kept at \$1.00.

Mrs. Stevens provided the current budget figures

General Government	-	\$18,375,234
Board of Education	-	\$34,067,784
Debt Service	-	\$ 4,623,210
Capital Improvements	-	\$ 1,176,434

Mr. Frishman made a motion to send a budget totaling \$58,242,662 to Public Hearing with a mill rate of 20.37. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Previous Minutes

Mr. Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, March 7 and March 12 meetings as presented. Mr. Grimes seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Suspense List

Tax Collector Gisela Harma provided the suspense list for the members review. These are uncollectable property taxes. Mr. Wheeler made a motion to accept the suspense list to be transferred to the suspense tax book. Mr. Grimes seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

CIP-Ortho Photography

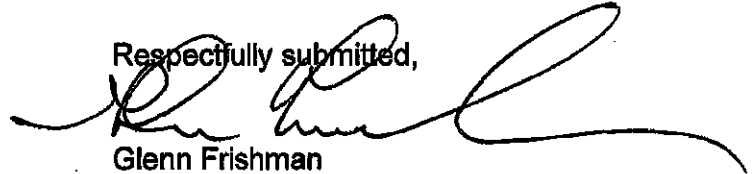
Addressed in deliberations

Director of Finance – Nothing to report

Subcommittee Reports – Nothing to report

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Wheeler made a motion to adjourn. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenn Frishman', written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Glenn Frishman
Secretary

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