



WESTPORT CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF FINANCE

MINUTES
BOARD OF FINANCE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013

The Board of Finance held a Public Budget Hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 in the Town Hall Auditorium to review the 2013-14 Budget Requests for the Town of Westport.

Members Present: Collins, Garten, Kaner, Lasersohn, Pincavage, Rea, Stern

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

2013-14 BUDGET REVIEW

The Board of Finance took action on the 2013-2014 Selectman's Requested Budget as follows:

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for RTM, Selectman, Probate Court, Registrars, Elections, Board of Finance, Finance Department, Audit, Personnel, Assessor, Tax Collector, Information Technology, Board of Assessment Appeals, Town Attorney, Town Clerk, Historic District, Conservation, Planning and Zoning and Zoning Board of Appeals in the **General Government** budget.

Ms. Garten moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to reduce Account (151) Finance Department, line (18) Fees & Services, by \$25,000.

Vote: 7-0. Motion APPROVED

Mr. Lasersohn moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to reduce Account (140) Registrars, line (01) Salaries, by \$6,500.

Vote: 3-4. Motion FAILED (Ms Collins, Ms Garten, Mr. Pincavage and Mr. Stern voted no)

Mr. Kaner moved and Ms Collins seconded a motion to reduce Account (142) Elections, line (22) Primaries - Dem, by \$49,700.

Motion WITHDRAWN

Mr. Pincavage moved and Ms Collins seconded a motion to reduce Account (142) Elections, line (22) Primaries - Dem, by \$25,000.

Vote: 4-3. Motion APPROVED (Ms Garten, Mr. Rea and Mr. Stern voted no)

Mr. Stern moved and Mr. Kaner seconded a motion to reduce Account (170) Town Attorney, line (19) Contract Services, by \$25,000.

Vote: 2-5. Motion FAILED (Ms Collins, Ms Garten, Mr. Lasersohn, Mr. Pincavage and Mr. Rea voted no)

Ms Garten moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to approve the budget for **General Government** in the amount of \$5,436,136.

Vote: 6-0-1. Motion APPROVED (Mr. Stern abstained)

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for Police, Police Vehicle Maintenance, Dog Warden and Emergency Medical Services in the **Police** budget.

Mr. Rea moved and Mr. Lasersohn seconded a motion to reduce Account (210) Police, line (01) Salaries, by \$57,000.

Vote: 3-4. Motion FAILED (Ms Collins, Ms Garten, Mr. Pincavage and Mr. Stern voted no)

Mr. Kaner moved and Mr. Pincavage seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Police** in the amount of \$9,563,396.

Vote: 6-1. Motion APPROVED (Mr. Lasersohn voted no)

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for **Railroad Parking**.

Mr. Stern moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Railroad Parking** in the amount of \$1,892,977.

Vote: 7-0. Motion APPROVED

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for Fire Department, Water Service, Building Inspection, Public Site & Building and Emergency Management in the **Fire** budget.

Mr. Rea moved and Ms Collins seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Fire** in the amount of \$10,014,926.

Vote: 7-0. Motion APPROVED

Mr. Kaner moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Public Safety** in the amount of \$19,578,322.

Vote: 7-0. Motion APPROVED

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for Engineering, Highway, Equipment Maintenance, Road Maintenance, Street Lighting, Solid Waste Disposal, Building Maintenance, Building Custodians, Property Maintenance P&R Property Maintenance and Tree Maintenance in the **Public Works** budget.

Mr. Lasersohn moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Public Works** in the amount of \$9,330,974.

Vote: 7-0. Motion APPROVED

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for Sewage Treatment, Sewage Collection, Pensions, Insurance, Interest on Bonds, Bond Anticipation Financing, Bond Principal Payments, and Transfer to Sewer Fund in the **Sewer Fund** budget.

Ms Garten moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Sewer Fund** in the amount of \$5,096,598.

Vote: 7-0. Motion APPROVED

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for Health District and Health Services in the **Health** budget.

Ms Collins moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Health** in the amount of \$490,398.

Vote: 7-0. Motion APPROVED

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for Youth Services, Social Services and Senior Services in the **Human Services** budget.

Mr. Rea moved and Mr. Lasersohn seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Human Services** in the amount of \$1,017,844.

Vote: 7-0. Motion APPROVED

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for Library Board and Library Pension in the **Library** budget.

Mr. Kaner moved and Mr. Stern seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Library** in the amount of \$4,382,571.

Vote: 7-0. Motion APPROVED

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for Administration, Guest Services, Maintenance

& Development, Boating, Parks Maintenance, Golf, Athletic Fields Maintenance, Tennis, Skating, Beach & Pool, Miscellaneous Programs and Memorial & Veterans Days in the **Parks and Recreation** budget.

Mr. Stern moved and Ms Garten seconded a motion to reduce Account (810) P&R Administration, line (01) Salaries, by \$70,000.

Motion WITHDRAWN

Mr. Rea moved and Mr. Lasersohn seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Parks and Recreation** in the amount of \$4,544,028.

Vote: 7-0. Motion APPROVED

The Board of Finance reviewed the account for **Fund 215-Wakeman Farm Fund**.

Mr. Kaner moved and Ms Collins seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Wakeman Farm Fund** in the amount of \$116,555.

Vote: 7-0. Motion APPROVED

The Board of Finance reviewed the account for Earthplace in the **Miscellaneous** budget.

Mr. Kaner moved and Ms Collins seconded a motion to reduce Account (907) Earthplace, line (60) Payments to Agency, by \$10,000.

Vote: 7-0. Motion APPROVED

The Board of Finance reviewed the account for Transportation Service in the **Miscellaneous** budget.

Mr. Kaner moved and Mr. Stern seconded a motion to reduce Account (915) Transportation Service, line (60) Payments to Agency, by \$30,452.

Vote: 1-6. Motion FAILED (Ms Collins, Ms Garten, Mr. Lasersohn, Mr. Pincavage, Mr. Rea and Mr. Stern voted no)

Mr. Rea moved and Ms Collins seconded a motion to reduce Account (915) Transportation Service, line (60) Payments to Agency, by \$23,000.

Vote: 6-1. Motion APPROVED (Mr. Lasersohn voted no)

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for Pensions, Insurance, Social Security, Unemployment Compensation, Miscellaneous, Reserve: Salary Adjustments, Employee Productivity and Accrued Vacation in the **Miscellaneous** budget.

Ms Garten moved and Mr. Kaner seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Miscellaneous** in the amount of \$26,695,418.

Vote: 7-0. Motion APPROVED

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for Interest on Bonds, Bond Anticipation Financing and Bond Principal Payments in the **Debt Service** budget.

Ms Collins moved and Mr. Lasersohn seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Debt Service** in the amount of \$2,729,540.

Vote: 7-0. Motion APPROVED

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for Transfer to Sewer Fund and Transfer to Other Funds in the **Other Financing Uses** budget.

Mr. Lasersohn moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Other Financing Uses** in the amount of \$1,383,136.

Vote: 7-0. Motion APPROVED

Mr. Rea moved and Ms Collins seconded a motion to approve the **Selectman's Requested Budget** in the amount of \$75,588,367.

Vote: 7-0. Motion APPROVED

Mr. Rea moved and Mr. Lasersohn seconded a motion to adjourn at 11:33 p.m.

Vote: 7-0. Motion APPROVED

Approved by BoF 4/10/13