



## WESTPORT CONNECTICUT

### BOARD OF FINANCE

#### MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING MAY 20, 2015

The Board of Finance held its Public Hearing on **Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.** in the Auditorium of Town Hall.

#### ATTENDEES:

Stern, Pincavage, Caney, Lasersohn, Rea, Tooker, and Collins.

The following item(s) were considered:

#### DISCUSSION/REVIEW

1. Financial Report from the Finance Director. No action taken.
2. Status Update from the Internal Auditor. No action taken.

#### RECOMMENDATION

3. A request by the First Selectman, in accordance with Section C6-2 of the Town Charter, to recommend a renewal of the lease between the Town of Westport and Westport Community Theatre, Inc. Proposal recommended. Proposed by Lasersohn, and seconded by Rea. Unanimously approved.

#### DETERMINATION OF TAX RATE

4. The Board will set the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.  
Pincavage Proposed and Stern seconded a motion to set the Tax Mill Rate for fiscal year 2016 at 18.09. Approved 6 to 1, with Collins voting against.  
Prior to the accepted resolution, an amendment to hold the Mill Rate at 17.94, was defeated 5 to 2, with Rea and Collins voting in favor.

#### DISCUSSION

5. To discuss a lease option for the dump trucks approved for the Department of Public Works. No action taken.
6. A request to do a debt refunding in an amount up to \$10.0 million general obligation bonds. No action taken.

#### TRANSFERS IN THE 2014-2015 BUDGET

7. A request by the Tax Collector pursuant to CGS § 12-165 for a transfer of \$229,336.83 to the Suspense Tax Book representing uncollected motor vehicle and personal property tax accounts. Proposed by Lasersohn, and seconded by Caney, unanimously approved.
8. The Board will consider the following request(s) for transfers under \$3000.

Information only.

A request by the Director of Planning and Zoning for a transfer of \$450 from the Planning and Zoning Account #10101185-561000 (Supplies) to the Planning and Zoning Account #10101185-543000 (Vehicle Maintenance/Fuel) to cover fuel and auto maintenance costs.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2014-2015 BUDGET**

9. A request by the Police Chief for an appropriation of \$105,000 to the Railroad Parking Expense account (21002219-588000) to cover expenses incurred during the previous winter. Proposed by Lasersohn, and seconded by Rea, unanimously approved.
10. A request by the Police Chief for an appropriation of \$17,000 from the Railroad Reserve Fund (29000000-300900) to Railroad Facilities Maintenance (21002219-545000) for reconstruction of the parking lot adjacent to Luciano Park. Proposed by Lasersohn, and seconded by Rea, unanimously approved.
11. A request by the First Selectman for an additional appropriation of \$406,000 (above the already approved appropriation of \$1,612,000) with bond and note authorization to the Municipal Improvement Fund (MIF) Account (30503330-500123-13002). Proposed by Lasersohn, and seconded by Stern, unanimously approved.
12. A request by the Director of Public Works for an appropriation of \$117,212 into the Sewer Collection System-Facility Maintenance account (22003331-545000) from the Sewer Reserve Account to provide for emergency repairs of the 18" Asbestos Cement Sanitary sewer located on Post Road East. Proposed by Lasersohn, and seconded by Stern, unanimously approved.
13. A request by the Director of Public Works for an appropriation of \$120,000 from the Capital & Non Recurring Fund to cover the costs for the Saugatuck Island Bridge Replacement. Proposed by Lasersohn, and seconded by Stern, unanimously approved.
14. A request by the Director of Public Works for an appropriation of \$428,375 to the Public Works Highway Division Account#10103320-588000 (Program Expenses) to cover expenses incurred during the previous winter. Proposed by Lasersohn, and seconded by Rea, unanimously approved.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

15. Approve the Board of Finance Minutes of the April 1, 2015 regular meeting. Proposed by Caney, and seconded by Lasersohn, unanimously approved.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10.45 pm.