TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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BOARD OF FINANCE

BUDGET DELIBERATIONS
APRIL 20, 2022

MINUTES

Members Present: Michael Purcaro-Chair, David Olender-Vice Chair, Peggy Busse, James Fay, Douglas Harding and Barry Pinto.


Call to Order

Chairman Michael Purcaro opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Budget Deliberations & Final Motion

Mr. Turner gave a brief overview of the emergency services incentive program. The program covers all three agencies in town with one set of qualifications. The program is Board of Finance approved. To qualify, the member needs to be in good standing and a member for 6 months. The program provides financial incentive to attend emergency incidents and provides duty time incentive, as well as providing training activities.

Mr. Harding stated that the additional amount for the 2022-23 budget would be $22,000. To determine a projection, all three departments took their latest quarter based on the current program, took the difference between the new and old rate. This figure is for two quarters effective January 1, 2023. He
thanked the Fire Departments and Ambulance Service for getting the information to him in a timely manner.

Mr. Pinto stated his concern about getting as close to a zero increase as possible with inflation being as it is. He feels the library parking lot and the high school track could be put off a year and he would like to deduct $150,000 from road overlay. Mr. Purcaro stated that at the last meeting, the high school track was removed from the Capital to the ARPA committee for funding. Mr. Webb stated that the parking lot at Hall Memorial Library will be funded through the Capital Reserve. Ms. Pignataro stated that the road overlay is tied to grant funding and it has to either match or be more than the grant.

Ms. Busse asked if the funding of the Capital Reserve affected the mill rate and if so, could we choose not to fund it. Ms. Pignataro stated that we are showing revenue to offset the capital reserve. We are budgeting $200,000 to the capital reserve and taking out for the parking lot. Ms. Busse stated that we will have to replenish it from taxpayer’s money.

Final Motion

MOVE TO REDUCE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET REVENUE ACCOUNTS
CURRENT YEAR LEVY $1,698,111

MOVE TO INCREASE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET REVENUE ACCOUNTS
DOT ELDERLY & DISABLED GRANT $27,023
EMPG GRANT $18,379
YOUTH SERVICES ACTIVITIES $2,000
SENIOR CENTER LUNCH PROGRAM $10,000
SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS $5,000
APPROPRIATION-FUND BALANCE $408,891;

MOVE TO REDUCE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
130-60275 FINANCE OFFICER COMPUTER REPAIRS & UPDATES $5,300
140-50103 TOWN CLERK PART TIME PAYROLL $5,000
155-60250 PROBATE COURT CONTRACTED SERVICES $7,469
170-60223 TOWN PLANNER TRAVEL $1,725
210-50103 REGISTRARS & ELECTORS PART TIME PAYROLL $1,000
210-60250 REGISTRARS & ELECTORS CONTRACTED SERVICES $4,500
245-50103 SHARED SERVICES COMMISSION PART TIME PAYROLL $499
270-60250 CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONTRACTED SERVICES $1,500
310-60222 CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS $1,773
310-60232 CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT POSTAGE $200
310-60234 CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT $300
320-50115 CRYSTAL LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT CUSTODIANS $1,500
330-50111 POLICE ROAD CONSTABLE $15,718
330-50123 POLICE RESIDENT STATE TROOPERS - OT $68,089
330-60346 POLICE TECHNICAL SUPPLIES $850
330-60759 POLICE NEW EQUIPMENT $13,208
350-60273 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIRS $1,500
350-60761 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT $900
370-60274 ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE REPAIRS & RADIO MAINT. $4,000
410-50101 GENERAL TOWN ROADS FULL TIME PAYROLL $175,981

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410-50103 GENERAL TOWN ROADS PART TIME PAYROLL $12,500
415-60759 NEW EQUIPMENT $22,500
439-60281 TOWN ROAD AID - WINTER WINTER BUDGET $8,000
451-60250 MUN-SOLID/BULKY WASTE CURB CONTRACTED SERVICES $12,800
455-60250 SANITARY RECYCLING CONTRACTED SERVICES $9,088
510-60234 PARKS & REC ADMINISTRATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT $310
510-60341 PARKS & REC ADMINISTRATION OFFICE SUPPLIES $801
514-50103 RECREATION PROGRAMS PART TIME PAYROLL $1,100
750-60234 HUMAN SERVICES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT $1,500
750-60341 HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE SUPPLIES $1,000
795-60223 SENIOR CENTER TRAVEL $100
795-60234 SENIOR CENTER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT $1,000
838-60250 CENTER FIRE BUILDING-MAIN STREET CONTRACTED SERVICES $1,300
839-60250 CENTER FIRE BUILDING-6 NUTMEG DRIVE CONTRACTED SERVICES $890
930-50149 SOCIAL SECURITY TAX $922
950-50151 INSURANCE - ANTHEM BC/BS $27,858
950-50156 INSURANCE - DEFERRED COMPENSATION $727
1060-60250 BUILDING DEMOLITION/EV ICTION CONTRACTED SERVICES $5,000
1301-60501 BOE EXPENDITURES $163,597
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND EVAC - ENGINE EXHAUST REMOVAL SYSTEM $25,000
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND BOE - GYMNASIUM FLOOR REPLACEMENT $92,000
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND BOE - EMS ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION $95,000
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND DPW - PARKING LOT RENOVATIONS $100,000
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND DPW - HML AIR HANDLERS REPLACEMENT $100,000
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND DPW - HIGH SCHOOL TRACK $230,000
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND DPW - PICK UP TRUCKS $45,000
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND DPW - POOL CAR/TOWN STAFF VEHICLES $70,000
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND BOE - MODERN CLASSROOM FURNITURE $30,000
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND DPW - POLICE CRUISERS $50,000
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND FIRST SELECTMAN VEHICLE $35,000

FURTHER MOVED TO INCREASE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
110-50101 BOARD OF SELECTMEN FULL-TIME PAYROLL $37,500
270-60222 CONSERVATION COMMISSION DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS $1,000
375-50103 EMERGENCY SERVICES INCENTIVE PROGRAM PART TIME PAYROLL $22,000
410-50103 GENERAL TOWN ROADS PART TIME PAYROLL $27,000
420-60350 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE GASOLINE $15,120
420-60351 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE DIESEL $14,900
1065-50150 SALARY ADJUSTMENT $109,375
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM $292;

FURTHER MOVED THAT THE SUM OF MONEY RECOMMENDED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 IS $65,282,433;
ALL EDUCATION COST SHARING GRANTS (ECS) ARE DEEMED TO BE APPROPRIATED TO THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION.

FURTHER MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:
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LESS-FEDERAL/STATE/TRUST FUNDS

State Grant-LOCIP

$108,005 $292 $108,297
Ms. Busse would strongly encourage the Board of Selectmen to shorten the transition time between the Town Administrator and part time Selectperson.

In closing the Chairman stated that he is proud of this budget and the process to get here. It meets three goals. It meet the needs of the community through expanded programs and services in areas identified by our residents, addresses the widening achievement gap in education caused by the pandemic, and provides long term financial stability by growing the fund balance. He thanked the Board of Finance, the co-chairs Dave Olender and the late Joe Wehr, residents, the business community, elected officials, all department heads and agencies, as well as the Finance Officer and her staff. This budget puts $1,000,000 in fund balance and requires 32.5 mills which is lower than the mill rates of 2019-20 and 2020-21.

MOVED (HARDING) SECONDED (OLENDER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

[Signature]
Lori Smith, Recording Secretary