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BUDGET DELIBERATIONS FY 2023-2024 APRIL 13, 2023

MINUTES

Members Present: Michael Purcaro -Chair, David Olender – via Zoom, Peggy Busse, James Fay, Douglas Harding, Barry Pinto.

Others Present: Lori Spielman – First Selectman, Tiffany Pignataro – Finance Officer/Treasurer, Dr. Scott Nicol – Superintendent, Brian Greenleaf – Director of Finance & Operations BOE, David Stavens – Deputy First Selectman via zoom, Board of Education members Elizabeth Nord and Miriam Underwood, Walter Lee – Emergency Management, Susan Philips – Hall Memorial Library Director, Mary Blanchette – Hall Memorial Library, Lisa Houlihan – Town Planner, Sgt. Brian Santa – Resident State Troopers’ Supervisor, Dustin Huguenin – Recreation Director, Kevin Barrett – Recreation Coordinator, Rebecca Stack – Human Services Director, Kristen Harp – Youth Services Director, Peter Hany – EVAC President, Tim Seitz – CLFD Chief, Jack Rich – EVFD Chief, Ken Radziwon – DPW Director, Tom Palshaw - resident.

Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Budget Deliberations

The Chairman opened the meeting with the announcement the next Budget Deliberation will be Wednesday, April 19th at the Ellington High School Library. Where the Board of Finance will make its final motions and recommendations. On May 2nd the budget will be published in the newspaper, on May 9th the annual town meeting at Ellington High School Auditorium starts at 7 pm, on May 16th the Board of Finance sets the mill rate, and on May 23rd the annual town meeting with a referendum.

The Chairman read off the list of adjustments.

Board of Selectmen

50101: Reduce the First Selectman's part-time salary by \$12,565.

60222: Remove subscriptions to the Wall Street Journal and Connecticut Conference of Municipality for \$8,938.

Assessor

60341: Reduce office supplies by \$250.

Clerk

50101: Reduce Assistant Town Clerk Salary by \$5,122 due to turnover.

60900: Reduction of \$4,000 due to error.

Registrars

60250: \$1,500 reduction after revisiting calculations.

EVFD

60234: \$1,700 reduction in professional development.

60250: \$6,900 reduction in physicals.

60342: \$18,300 reduction to cut new member gear.

60348: \$568 reduction for gas meters.

60761: \$2,800 reduction for vent saw.

CLFD

60271: \$1,500 reduction for flashlights.

60766: \$400 reduction received netter pricing for locking cabinet.

Fire Protection Hydrants

60243: \$10,000 increase due to CT Water's 10% increase

Police

60250: \$1,026 increase for power DMS. The revised number is offset by Legal Defense Plan Coverage.

Fire Marshal

60341: \$120 reduction in office supplies.

60346: \$1,400 reduction purchasing in the current year budget savings.

DPW

60250: \$10,000 reduction in cost for comfort facilities.

60243: \$150 increase due to CT Water's 10% increase

Recreation

60250: \$3,657 reduction in lunch program costs.

Library

\$14,326 reduction in books and suggested a decrease in personnel increases.

Youth Services

50101: \$10,711 reduction in the Youth Services Director's salary due to turnover.

60250: \$1,480 reduction of unified consultant by 8 weeks.

Town Hall

60243: \$200 increase due to CT Water's 10% increase.

Library Building

60243: \$250 increase due to CT Water's 10% increase.

EVAC Building

60272: \$7,000 reduction in carpet

Arbor Commons – Recreation

60243: \$25 increase due to CT Water's 10% increase.

Arbor Commons – Police

60243: \$25 increase due to CT Water's 10% increase.

Senior Center Building

60243: \$500 increase due to CT Water's 10% increase.

Pinney House

60241: \$2,000 cut funding

60244: \$1,500 cut funding

Social Security Tax

50149: \$2,411 reduction in personnel adjustments.

Fixed Costs

50151: \$76,328 budget rate increase.

60250: \$39,060 reduction in McNeil Emergency Services Insurance due to savings found.

Insurance

50156: \$3,651 reduction due to personnel adjustments.

Trails

60250: \$2,000 reduction eliminating mentoring/consulting services.

Capital Outlay

60750: \$50,000 reduction for the roadside motor not being a need.

60750: \$15,000 reduction for the unimproved road.

60750: \$20,000 reduction for sidewalks.

60750: \$50,000 reduction in real estate purchase.

60750: \$15,000 reduction in town hall renovation.

60750: \$20,000 reduction in DPW maintenance.

60750: \$20,000 reduction in parking lot renovation.

60750: \$20,000 reduction in the elderly housing study

60750: \$50,000 reduction in EVFD duty vehicle

60750: \$250,000 reduction for heavy rescue refurbishment.

60750: \$200,000 reduction for dump truck.

60750: \$95,000 reduction for BOE construction projects.

60750: \$105,000 reduction for BOE equipment upgrades.

60750: \$30,000 reduction for BOE replacement.

BOE

Reduction of \$26,000 in operating costs.

Total reductions \$1,419,011. There were no additional comments from the Board members.

Adjournment

MOVED BUSSE SECONDED HARDING AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Phelps, Recording Secretary