

**TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
BUDGET COMMITTEE
DECISION DAY FY09 BUDGET
MINUTES
Cone Room
February 27, 2008**

Present:

Committee: Michael Mason, Chairman
Edward Krumeich, Larry Simon, Robert Stone

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Gieger, Budget Director;
John Crary, Town Administrator; Joe Siciliano, Director of Parks &
Recreation; Tom Greco, P&R; Ron Lalli, Special Projects Coordinator;
Frank Mazza, Hamilton Avenue Building Committee Chairman; Maureen
Kast, Director of Human Resources; Al Cava, Director of Labor Relations;
Diane Fox, Town Planner; Peter Tesei, First Selectman

Board: Nancy Barton, James Campbell, William Finger, Arthur Norton, Jeffrey
Ramer, Leslie Tarkington, Stephen Walko

Mr. Mason called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M.

The Committee voted to go into Executive Session at 9:10 A.M.

The Committee voted to leave Executive Session at 10:13 A.M.

SPEAKERS & TOPICS

1. Frank Mazza spoke about the benefits of installing a photovoltaic roof at Glenville School. He stated that the project would be partially grant reimbursed and over time it would be cost effective and environmentally beneficial. The Budget Committee agreed to increase the appropriation by \$500,000 and condition the money subject to demonstrating the need.
2. Leslie Tarkington, Chairman BET Human Resources Committee, gave the Human Resources Committee Report for the FY09 Budget
3. Michael Mason, BET Budget Committee Chairman led the discussions and voting on FY09 Operating Budget. The Committee urged the Town to utilize external expertise to develop fuel and utility policy and pricing strategy.

General Government
Purchasing
Administrative Services
Human Resources
IT
Assessor
Board of Asset & Appeals

Human Resources (Moved sick and vacation payouts (\$618,000) from HR to Fixed Charges)
Finance (added \$50,000 for the review of the Nathaniel Witherell business plan)
Tax Collector
Law Department (\$600,000 in outside legal expenses was conditioned)
Town Clerk
Planning & Zoning Committee
Board of Appeals
Condemnation Commission
Conservation
Inland Wetlands
Senior Center

Fire Department (eliminated the additional lieutenants (\$118,000))
Police Department
DPW
Fleet
Health Department
GEMS (\$1,654,000 was conditioned upon acceptance of financial statements)
Nathaniel Witherell
Social Services
Board of Education (eliminated \$15,000 consulting money for day care)
Healthcare (reduced by \$200,000)
OPEB (funding was increased by \$500,000)
401K (reduced by \$150,000)
Risk Fund (contribution reduced by \$200,000)
Sewer funds
Maintenance Fund
School Lunch Fund
Parking Fund
Griffith E. Harris Golf Course

4. Michael Mason, BET Budget Committee Chairman led the Committee on discussions and voting covering the following Capital Project topics for the FY 2008-2009 budget:

Police Radio
Bridges
Nathaniel Witherell
GHS Music Room
Glenville School (\$500,000 conditioned upon demonstration of need)
Ferry Boat
Holly Hill Master Plan
Drainage (\$500,000 conditioned upon acceptance of a plan that identifies specific projects)
Athletic Fields
Indian Field Generator
Cos Cob Power Plant (\$500,000 conditioned upon acceptance of a plan that demonstrated need)
Bicycle Master Plan

Traffic Lights (the Committee requested documentation that the grant for this project was forthcoming and only \$100,000 is in 2008-2009 the balance (\$1,400,000) is in the out years)
Indian Field Generator
Safe Rides
Greenwich Point Dock Replacement
Library Main Branch Roof Repair
Playgrounds
Truck Wash
Town-wide Restrooms
Parks & Recreation Management Plan
Library Windows
Police Boat
Cos Cob Library Steps
Cos Cob Fire Station
P&R Fences
Library Air-Conditioning
Town Hall Space Utilization (\$75,000 conditioned upon acceptance of a plan)
Tuffel Field
Museum Gallery Lights
Parking Meters (conditioned upon acceptance of a plan to install meters in new areas)

The Committee identified topics to include in the Budget Message

1. A fuel policy should be developed that uses input from professional in the various utilizes.
2. GEMS has expanded King Street coverage in this budget.
3. Parks and Recreation will maintain service levels in field maintenance with the reduction in staff
4. OPEB is now a trust fund.
5. Parking Fund balance will be depleted at the end of 2009
6. Safe Routes program is not being abandoned.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Brown, Recording Secretary

Michael S. Mason, Chairman