



MINUTES of the regular meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation held on Monday, July 21, 2008 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Greenwich, CT.

Chairman Stephen Walko called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m., after which the members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Board members in attendance:

Stephen G. Walko, Chairman
Robert S. Stone, Vice Chairman
Leslie L. Tarkington, Clerk
Nancy E. Barton
James S. Campbell
William R. Finger
William G. Kelly
Edward T. Krumeich, Jr.
Michael S. Mason
Arthur D. Norton
Jeffrey S. Ramer
Laurence B. Simon

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Ted Gwartney, Assessor; Susan Wallerstein, Assistant Superintendent, Board of Education; Diane Fox, Director Planning and Zoning, Town Planner

Also Present: Frank Mazza, Chairman, Hamilton Avenue School Building Committee; Leslie Moriarty, Vice-Chairman, Board of Education; Don Heller, Chairman, Planning and Zoning Commission

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Walko announced that this month a baby girl was born to Mr. Campbell, a granddaughter to Mr. Norton, and a grandson to Mr. Ramer. Congratulations to all.

ROUTINE APPLICATIONS – from Budget Committee:

FD-1 Fire Department – Transfer - \$188,092

Transfer:

\$ 141,352	to	A202-51100	Overtime
\$ 46,740	to	A202-51490	Professional Services
\$ 188,092	from	A202-53550	Mechanical Supplies

FD-2 Fire Department – Transfer - \$192,290 (FY08)

Transfer:

\$ 192,290	to	A202-51100	Overtime
\$ 27,365	from	A201-51010	Regular Salary
\$ 49,079	from	A202-51490	Prof and Other Svcs
\$ 20,000	from	A202-52100	Travel
\$ 15,763	from	A204-51010	Regular Salary
\$ 80,083	from	A208-51490	Prof and Other Svcs

NW-3 Nathaniel Witherell – Transfer - \$100,000 (FY08)

Transfer:

\$ 76,400	to	A450-51300	Part Time Workers
\$ 23,600	to	A450-51420	Prof Medical Dental
\$ 5,000	from	A450-52202	Printing & Binding Reports
\$ 6,000	from	A450-52205	Postage
\$ 5,000	from	A450-52209	Tuition Town Employees
\$ 64,000	from	A450-52220	Electric Service
\$ 3,000	from	A450-52230	Gas Service (not heating)
\$ 5,000	from	A450-52224	Telephone
\$ 12,000	from	A450-52260	Fuel for Heating

CC-1 Conservation Commission – Approval to Use - \$5,000

Approval to Use:

\$ 5,000	to	A172-51440	Veg. Survey IBA at GCI
\$ 5,000	from		Audubon Connecticut – IBA Grant Award

SE-1 First Selectman – Additional Appropriation - \$15,000

Additional Appropriation:

\$ 15,000	to	P935-57350	Settlement – Thaqi vs. Town of Greenwich
\$ 15,000	from		Risk Fund Balance

SE-2 First Selectman – Additional Appropriation - \$25,000

Additional Appropriation:

\$ 25,000	to	P935-57350	Settlement – Wilson vs. Town of Greenwich
\$ 25,000	from		Risk Fund Balance

SE-3 First Selectman – Additional Appropriation - \$55,244

Additional Appropriation:

\$ 55,244	to	P935-57350	Settlement – Spezzano & Valenti vs. TOG
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\$ 55,244 from Risk Fund Balance

SE-4 First Selectman – Additional Appropriation - \$12,500

Additional Appropriation:

\$ 12,500 to P935-57350 Settlement – Auz vs. Town of Greenwich

\$ 12,500 from Risk Fund Balance

PW-1 Department of Public Works – Transfer - \$17,356 (FY08)

Transfer:

\$17,356 to A312-51920 Work Transfer To/From Other Dept

\$17,356 from A312-52920 Transfer

Upon a motion by Mr. Norton, seconded by Mr. Mason, the Board voted 12-0-0 to move PW-2 from the routine to the non-routine applications.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Mason, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the applications.

NON-ROUTINE APPLICATIONS – from Budget Committee:

PW-2 Department of Public Works – Additional Appropriation - \$200,000

Additional Appropriation:

\$ 200,000 to Z345-59560-28023 Art Barn Restoration

\$ 200,000 from Capital Non-Recurring

A discussion ensued regarding the contingency amount.

Upon a motion by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mr. Krumeich, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the application subject to release of \$125,000 upon receipt and acceptance of a report by the DPW evidencing the need for the contingency amount.

ED-1 Board of Education – Release of Conditions - \$75,000

Release of Conditions:

\$ 75,000 to Z68017952-59550-25110 Hamilton Avenue School Bldg Com

Mr. Mazza gave an explanation for the request. A discussion followed regarding inspections, change orders, and completion of the project.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Simon, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the application.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gwartney presented the Assessor's Report to the Board.

In response to Ms. Tarkington, Mr. Gwartney stated that the revaluation company is undertaking a field review. They are making changes, either upward or downward, and removing or adding new land influence factors as necessary. At Ms. Tarkington's request, Mr. Gwartney agreed to provide additional information regarding the differential in value on the 1,086 parcels due to the completed building permit work and the increase in value of the land on the 81 property splits and mergers.

In response to Mr. Finger, Mr. Gwartney explained that there were some miscalculations due to the MUNIS system and corrections will be made by the MUNIS Company. In response to Mr. Walko, Mr. Gwartney stated that the Law Dept., after 2 ½ months, has not responded regarding the agreement with an outside vendor to provide real property information on-line to the public.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Mason, the Board voted 12-0-0 to accept the Assessor's Report.

BET COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS and SPECIAL PROJECT TEAMS' REPORTS

OPEB Trust Board – Mr. Stone

Ad Hoc OPEB Committee - Mr. Stone

Shared Services Task Force - Ms. Barton, Mr. Mason

Community Development Block Grant Committee - Ms. Barton, Mr. Mason

Havemeyer and Old Town Hall Study Team - Mr. Stone, Ms. Barton

Glenville School Building Committee – Mr. Norton

Elderly Tax Relief Project Team – Mr. Krumeich, Ms. Tarkington

Nathaniel Witherell Liaison – Mr. Krumeich, Ms. Tarkington

Microsoft Project/GIS – Mr. Campbell, Mr. Simon

Human Resources Committee – Ms. Tarkington

Land Use Agencies/Building Dept. Space Utilization and Cross-Operational Review – Mr. Ramer, Mr. Walko

Mr. Norton stated that the Audit Committee report will be emailed to the Board Members Tuesday morning. In response to Mr. Kelly regarding the Havemeyer Building, Mr. Stone stated that the Board of Education will not exclude the possibility of leasing.

COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

Mr. Mynarski presented the Comptroller's report to the Board. In response to Mr. Simon, Mr. Mynarski stated that he will look into the cost of the credit card payment option to the Board of Education for tuition payments by non-resident employees. In response to Mr. Finger, Mr. Mynarski stated that the Treasurer has a \$80,000 budgetary account to be used as compensating balances for both banking services and credit card fees. Mr. Mynarski also stated that this was a recommendation by the internal auditor.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mason, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Board voted 12-0-0 to accept the Comptroller's Report.

**ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT SHOWING INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO
ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIODS OF JUNE 1, 2008 – JUNE 30, 2008**

Mr. Mynarski presented the Treasurer's report to the Board.

Upon a motion by Mr. Norton, seconded by Mr. Finger, the Board voted 12-0-0 to accept the Treasurer's Report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting, June 16, 2008

Upon a motion by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Simon, the Board voted 12-0-0, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the BET from June 16, 2008 as amended.

OFFICER'S REPORT

There will be no regular August Board of Estimate and Taxation meeting.

On August 4th and 5th, Mr. Walko will participate as a member of the First Selectman's committee to interview candidates for the Commissioner of Public Works.

Mr. Walko and Mr. Tesei have been meeting with the North Mianus sewer litigants.

Mr. Walko appointed Mr. Finger to the Byram Pool Committee.

Mr. Walko stated that the BET will have a member represent the BET on the BOE Secondary Education Review committee.

The Comptroller has been asked to plan systemic reviews of RFP's and/or RFI's relative to services such as health insurance, insurance brokers, investment managers, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration to Extend Current BOE Transfer Policy for Additional Year

Mr. Mason stated that this will be the third year this policy will be in effect, in which all transfers less than \$10,000 will be delegated to the Comptroller. Transfers of \$10,000 or more will be delegated to the Budget Committee.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Simon, the Board voted 12-0-0, to approve this action.

BET Delegation of Authority to the BET OPEB Ad Hoc Committee to Appoint an Actuary

Mr. Stone gave an explanation for this request stating that the Ad Hoc Committee plans to make a selection on July 23.

Upon a motion by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Simon, the Board voted 12-0-0, to approve this action.

The Board took a short recess at 8:24 p.m.

Mr. Walko stated that Despina Fassuliotis, Chairman of the RTM 75th Anniversary Committee; told him that the BET will turn 100 next summer. Upon verification of this fact, Mr. Simon will be the chair to plan the celebration.

Planning and Zoning POCD Presentation

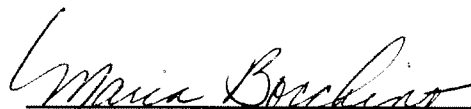
Mr. Heller and Ms. Fox gave a presentation and overview on the proposed Planning and Zoning Plan of Conservation and Development to the Board. They provided information on the background of those involved in the preparation of the plan, cited weaknesses in the Town's zoning enforcement, and discussed the objectives of the POCD. They highlighted the areas of 16 specific implementation items stated in the POCD that may apply to the BET.

A discussion followed regarding the Board's response to the POCD. Mr. Walko will appoint two liaisons to whom BET members should provide their comments. The liaisons will meet with Mr. Heller and Ms. Fox and relay the BET members comments and input.

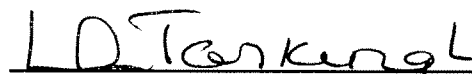
ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maria Bocchino, Recording Secretary



Leslie L. Tarkington, Clerk of the Board



Stephen G. Walko, Chairman