

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL



was 536
ORANGE, CONN
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
RECEIVED FOR RECORDS
2018 MAR 29 AM 8:32
Patrick B. O'Sullivan
TOWN CLERK

Board of Finance Budget Workshop Special Meeting

Town Hall Meeting Room
Monday, March 26, 2018 7:30 p.m.

(Unapproved)

Board Members Present: Chairman Kevin Houlihan, Vice Chairman James Leahy, Kevin Moffett, Joseph Nuzzo, Pat Romano, and P. J. Shanley
Staff: John Cifarelli, Finance Director; Audrey Geer, Assistant Finance Director; Deborah Satonick, Recording Secretary
Guests: First Selectman Zeoli

1. Call to Order

- Chairman Houlihan called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

2. Public Participation

- There was no public participation.

3. Discussion and Approval of the Board of Finance Minutes– March 19, 2018

- Mr. Cifarelli and Mr. Leahy made corrections to the March 19, 2018 Board of Finance minutes.

Ms. Romano made a motion to approve the revised March nineteenth, 2018 Board of Finance minutes, seconded by Mr. Moffett. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

4. Budget Workshop for 2018-2019 Budget

- Mr. Cifarelli noted that he made three additional reductions in the budget since the last Board of Finance meeting. These reductions were found in Public Works – Refuse, Employee Benefits, and the Orange Public Schools, totaling \$175,235.00.
- Mr. Zeoli stated that \$600k of LOCIP money would be used to cover the repairs at the Orange Transfer Station. He added that LOCIP money would also be used to replace the

boiler at High Plains Community Center. Mr. Zeoli discussed the increase in revenue with the new hotel being built in Orange and noted that the University of New Haven will be making a back payment of \$200k to the town and will pay \$60k each year in taxes. He also noted that in spite of losing ECS money, there were no teacher layoffs.

- There was a discussion on Fund Balance projections. Ms. Romano expressed concern about maintaining a Fund Balance at 16.75%. The \$45k needed for a truck for the Fire Marshall will be taken out of the current budget. It was suggested using the Fund Balance to cover some of the Capital projects in the 2018-2018 budget.

Mr. Leahy made a motion to use \$469k out of the Fund Balance to cover the following four Capital Projects: Municipal phone system, replace the 2004 pickup truck for OBOE, additional wiring for Ethernet Ports, and replace the gas water heaters at Peck Place School. Ms. Romano seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion PASSED.

- The Grand List increased by approximately 1% and the Town side of the 2018-2019 budget will increase by 5.47%. Chairman Houlihan is not overly concerned about this Town increase, as it is needed. The mill rate was set at 0.03238, which is an increase of 1.02% from last year, and the total 2018-2019 budget was set at \$69,885,168. There followed a brief discussion regarding the Amity surplus and the Board members expect at least \$800k returned to the town.

5. Discuss Possible Workshop Dates

Mr. Leahy made a motion to present the 2018-2019 budget of \$69,885,168 at the Public Hearing scheduled for April twenty-sixth. Ms. Romano seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion PASSED.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Moffett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m., seconded by Mr. Nuzzo. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Satonick,
Recording Secretary