

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
EAST HAMPTON, CT 06424
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
Thursday, April 5, 2018
EHMS Library

Approved Minutes

Present: Michael Rose, Richard Brown, Janine Jiantonio, Alannah Coshow, Bridget McLennan, Barbara Moore and Ted Turner

Other attendee(s): Jeffery Jylkka: Director of Finance, Michael Maniscalco: Town Manager, Paul Smith: Superintendent of Schools, Dean Michelson: Public Works Director, Jeremy Hall: Parks & Recreation Director

1-2. Chairman Rose called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Discuss and possible recommendation on the 2018-2019 Budget for Town Council

a) Capital Plan Budget

Motion: *Dr. Brown made a motion to recommend the following adjustments be made to the proposed Capital Plan:*

- 1. Elimination of the \$30,000 allocation for the Seamster Park Playscape Project*
- 2. Elimination of the \$26,181 allocation for Police Chief vehicle replacement*
- 3. Elimination of the \$40,000 allocation for sidewalk replacement*
- 4. Elimination of the \$170,000 allocation for a paver*

Resulting in a Capital Plan Budget of \$1,046,706. The motion was seconded by Ms. Coshow.

After discussion where Board members provided individual thoughts on each item, the motion was withdrawn and replaced as follows:

Motion: *Dr. Brown made a motion to recommend a reduction of \$20,000 allocated for the Seamster Park Playscape Project (leaving \$10,000). The motion was seconded by Ms. Coshow.*

Vote: 4-3 (Moore, Turner, Jiantonio). Motion Passed.

Motion: *Dr. Brown made a motion to recommend the elimination of the \$26,181 allocation for Police Chief vehicle replacement. The motion was seconded by Ms. Coshow.*

Vote: 5-2 (Moore, Turner). Motion Passed.

Motion: *Dr. Brown made a motion to recommend the reduction of the current \$40,000 allocation for sidewalk replacement by \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Ms. Coshow.*

Vote: 5-2 (Moore, Turner). Motion Passed.

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Motion: *Dr. Brown made a motion to recommend the elimination of \$170,000 allocation for a paver. The motion was not seconded and, based on a leasing option discussion led by Mr. Turner, no elimination or reduction in regard to the purchase of a paver was presented thereafter.*

Based on the above, the 2018-2019 Capital Plan Budget being recommended by the Board of Finance totals 1,056,706

b) Town Manager Proposed Budget

Motion: *Dr. Brown made a motion to recommend the following adjustments be made to the proposed Town (General Government Operating) Budget:*

- 1. The Library part-time salaries request of \$19,000 reduced by \$10,000*
- 2. The Middle Haddam Library contribution of \$15,000 reduced by \$5,000*

Resulting in a General Government Operating Budget of \$10,725,616 and an increase to Debt of \$29,000 (paver debt payment). The motion was seconded by Ms. Coshow.

After a proposal from Ms. Moore to reconsider the reductions mentioned (increasing Middle Haddam Library reduction in order to increase the Library part time salaries closer to the original request), the motion went to vote as originally stated.

Vote: 5-2 (Moore, Turner). Motion Passed.

Based on the above motions (a and b), the overall General Government Budget (Operating, Capital, Debt and Transfers) being recommended by the Board of Finance totals \$15,140,708.

c) Board of Education Proposed Budget

Motion: *Dr. Brown made a motion to recommend an Education Budget of \$30,499,668 (a 1.5% increase over the 2017-2018 Budget). The motion was seconded by Ms. Coshow.*

After a brief discussion where Ms. Moore and Mr. Turner stated they did not agree with that significant cut from the proposed budget (\$31,169,668 – a 3.73% increase over the 2017-2018 Budget) and Chairman Rose stated that he would be more comfortable with an increase of at least 2%, the motion went to vote.

Vote: 4-3 (Moore, Turner, Rose). Motion Passed.

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4. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn made by Dr. Brown was seconded by Ms. Coshow.

Vote: 7-0. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Bafumi
Recording Secretary