



MINUTES OF BOARD OF A&T BUDGET WORKSHOP
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2009
SHELTON CITY HALL
54 HILL STREET
Room 104
SHELTON CT 06484

Roll Call

Mark Holden, Chair, present
Judson Crawford, present
Nancy Dickal, present
Greg Kodz, present
Charlotte Madar, present

Call To Order

Chairman Holden reconvened the Budget Workshop following the Special Finance Committee Meeting (6:30 p.m. – 6:40 p.m.) at 6:44 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Budget Workshop

The following account/line items were discussed at this session of the Budget Workshop:

Chairman Holden addressed some questions left open after the last meeting regarding Comp Data Proc – Police Account #-001-5200-412.30-39. He indicated that he spoke with Chief Hurliman and he feels that he can not live with the amount that the Mayor has proposed.

The Mayor proposed a reduction of \$40K and Chief Hurliman says that rock bottom is \$55,062. He explained that part of this is because they are in the process of changing the computer software that they use. The system that they are changing to is designed so that they can hook in state-wide. The long term benefit of the new system is that it costs less to run. An additional \$3500 would allow them to get new wireless modems so that the car computer can talk to Police Headquarters. Another \$8000 would be very helpful in terms of getting on to their new system.

Chairman Holden addressed questions left open regarding the Fireworks Account # 001-6100-622.80-47. Apparently, they forgot to make a transfer of funds, they sign the contract for the fireworks in one fiscal year, and they put half down. Just before the 4th of July Fireworks, the other half is paid, and that's in another fiscal year. So this is sort of like a reverse encumbrance where they front the money from last year, deposit for this year. They did spend the full \$12K on fireworks; it just isn't properly reflected in the records.

Chairman Holden addressed the Instruction Books Supply Account #001-6100-951.80-36 and confirmed that it is for text books given to the parochial schools. The reason the amount was reduced was because the parochial schools forgot to submit their request so the Mayor gave them something to help out.

Chairman Holden asked if anyone wanted to make motions to those line items now that they've received more information.

Municipal Property Maintenance

-001-5200-412.30-39 COMP DATA PROC – POLICE
+\$15,062 per Chief Hurliman's request to bring the amount to the minimum they can function with.

Nancy Dickal motions to increase Comp Data Proc – Police Account #-001-5200-412.30-39 by \$15,062. Charlotte Madar seconds. A voice vote is taken. Motion passed (5-0).

Board of Education

Charlotte Madar motions to reduce BOE #001-4100-811.80.34 by \$350,000 – half of what their excess encumbrances are and put it in Capital Spending. No second. Charlotte Madar withdrew her motion.

Income

-001-0000-341-13-00 GUN PERMITS
Charlotte Madar motions to increase the Gun Permits Account #001-0000-341-13-00 by \$500. No second. Motion fails.

-001-000-3511-16-00 REFUSE DISPOSAL RECEIPTS
+20,000 per department request

Nancy Dickal motions to increase Refuse Disposal Receipts Account #001-000-3511-16-00 by \$20K. Charlotte Madar seconds. A voice vote is taken. Motions passed (5-0).

Chairman Holden read a letter he received a letter from Father McKenna at the St. Vincent de Paul Shop indicating that they were surprised and disappointed that they were not notified of the opportunity to address the Board of A&T.

Capital Spending

There was discussion regarding Bonding for:
Animal Shelter \$2,500,000.00
Fire Department \$3,940,000.00

There was discussion regarding LOCIP:
Irrigation for Huntington Green (\$15K)
Dog Park (18K)
Boat Ramp (\$12K)
River Walk Electric (\$5K)

Other issues reviewed and discussed included Capital Requests by the Police Department for Phone System Upgrades, Voice Recorders and Police Cars (\$75,000); Highways & Bridges requests for a Dump Truck; Building Maintenance requests for various items. Board of Education capital requests were suggested for bonding.

Adjournment

Chairman Holden recessed the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin C. Tuke

Clerk, Board of Apportionment and Taxation

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