

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance held at 7:00 P.M., on Wednesday, March 17, 2010.

Members Present: First Selectman Freda, Mr. Monico, Mr. Hallahan, Mr. Pieper, Ms. Vissicchio, Mr. Lianos, Mr. Kohlhepp

Also Present: Director of Finance Edward J. Swinkoski

The following materials were either mailed to the members prior to this meeting or distributed at this time.

- 1. February 28, 2010 - Report of Budget
  - Report of Revenue
  - Special Funds
  - Bd/Ed Accounting
- 2. Agenda – March 10, 2010
- 3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 17, 2010
- 4. Memo dated March 15, 2010, FY 2010-2011 Budget
- 5. Budget FY 2010-2011 dated March 5, 2010
- 6. Budget FY 2010-2011 dated March 17, 2010
- 7. Decrement List dated March 17, 2010

MINUTES

After a brief discussion of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 17, 2010, Mr. Hallahan moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Pieper.

VOTE:	Freda- Yes	Monico - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Pieper - Yes	Vissicchio - Yes	Lianos - Yes
	Kohlhepp - Yes		

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

REPORT OF BUDGET, REVENUE, SPECIAL FUNDS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCOUNTING FEBRUARY 28, 2010

Mr. Swinkoski referred to these reports stating that tax collections at the end of February were 99.3%. Mr. Swinkoski reviewed the overexpenditure report in detail. Further discussion followed. These reports were accepted as presented.

OTHER

Mr. Hallahan said that he feels the Board of Finance is being overlooked in the matter of the Engineer II position which is being scheduled for a Town Meeting. He said that it should be

brought to the Board of Finance first since it concerns a possible appropriation and then go to a town meeting.

Mr. Freda said that in the form of government that we have, the people of the Town decide and it is up to the Board of Finance to enact or implement what the people want. Mr. Freda also said that this particular case is complicated and has legal ramifications.

#### FINALIZE FY 2010-2011 BUDGET

Mr. Freda began the discussion stating that because of a high claims history, the 28% increase in health insurance proposed by Anthem will remain. As a result, the Town will look at all other options, including going out to bid and possibly considering a self-insured option. Mr. Freda has met with all Union presidents on this issue and will be meeting with the Board of Education next week.

Mr. Hallahan asked Mr. Freda if the insurance brokers can attend the April Board of Finance Meeting. Mr. Freda said that he will contact them and invite them to attend the April meeting.

Mr. Monico suggested that we increase the health insurance line by \$769,398. Mr. Freda agreed and said that would be the worse case scenario. We could end up with a better number after we receive bids and then adjust the budget line accordingly.

Mr. Monico said that the First Selectman worked very closely with the Department Heads to achieve a 0% increase in most departments. The main increase in the budget is health insurance costs which account for 77% of the increase and pension costs which account for 10% of the increase.

Mr. Kohlhepp suggested that we increase the budget line for track/field maintenance by \$5,000 to be more in line with the actual cost. Board members agreed.

Mr. Hallahan then made a motion for the Board to recess for 15 minutes.

Seconded by, Mr. Pieper.

VOTE:	Freda- Yes	Monico - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Pieper - Yes	Vissicchio - Yes	Lianos - Yes
	Kohlhepp – Yes		

Mr. Monico reconvened the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Mr. Hallahan suggested that the Board reduce the Board of Education budget by \$100,000 which would have no effect on programs and services. Both Mr. Hallahan and Mr. Kohlhepp felt that the Board of Education should share in the budget reductions.

Mr. Monico said that he worked with the Board of Education and already cut their capital items. He said most of their budget is contract driven and he can find no place to cut their operational budget.

Mr. Freda pointed out that they also eliminated an administrative position and that in the future, more positions will be eliminated by attrition.

Further discussion followed.

Mr. Monico then moved the following:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Finance recommends to the Public Hearing a FY 2010-2011 Town Government Budget of \$40,279,312.

Seconded by, Ms. Vissicchio.

VOTE:	Freda- Yes	Monico - Yes	Hallahan - No
	Pieper - Yes	Vissicchio - Yes	Lianos - Yes
	Kohlhepp - Yes		

Mr. Monico then moved the following:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Finance recommends to the Public Hearing a FY 2010-2011 Board of Education Budget of \$44,799,350.

Seconded by, Mr. Pieper.

VOTE:	Freda- Yes	Monico - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Pieper - Yes	Vissicchio - Yes	Lianos - Yes
	Kohlhepp - Yes		

Mr. Monico then moved the following:

RESOLVED: That a FY 2010-2011 Budget recommendation of \$85,078,662. be presented to the Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, with the Town Government Budget to be presented first, beginning at 7:00 P.M., followed by the Board of Education Budget, to begin no later than 8:00 P.M., with general discussion to follow as may be warranted.

Seconded by, Mr. Lianos.

VOTE:	Freda- Yes	Monico - Yes	Hallahan - Abstain
	Pieper - Yes	Vissicchio - Yes	Lianos - Yes
	Kohlhepp - Yes		

PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion followed for approximately 30 minutes with residents asking questions and making recommendations.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Lianos moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM, seconded by Ms. Vissicchio.

VOTE:	Freda- Yes	Monico - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Pieper - Yes	Vissicchio - Yes	Lianos - Yes
	Kohlhepp - Yes		