



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Board of Finance

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BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2019 6:30 P.M.
SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

BOF Attendant Members

David LaMay, Chairman
Carol Rzasa, V. Chairwoman
Tom Stevenson
Barry O'Neill
John O'Brien
Paul Carver
Donna Nucci

Absent Members

In Attendance

Carl Fortuna, First Selectman
Lee Ann Palladino, Finance Director
Bob Fish, Treasurer
Gerri Lewis, Clerk

1. Call to order:

Chairman LaMay called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman LaMay led the pledge.

3. Roll Call: All present

4. Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of March 5, 2019, was made by Ms. Rzasa, seconded by Mr. Carver and was so voted unanimously.

A motion to approve the special meeting minutes of March 19, 2019, was made by Mr. Carver, seconded by Ms. Rzasa and was so voted unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes of Public Hearing, March 19, 2019, was made by Ms. Rzasa, seconded by Mr. O'Neill and was so voted unanimously.

5. BOF RECOMMENDATION TO MAINTAIN THE \$90,000 ELDERLY TAX BENEFIT

A motion to approve the Elderly Tax Benefit was made by Mr. Carver, seconded by Mr. O'Brien was so voted unanimously.

6. FY 2019-20 BUDGET: BOARD OF FINANCE BUDGET DISCUSSIONS; POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO TOWN MEETING WHICH SHALL ADJOURN TO REFERENDUM

Mr. Carver made a motion to approve the General Government budget of \$19,999,442, and to send said budget to Town Referendum and the motion was seconded by Ms. Rzasa.

Mr. O'Brien made a motion to the Police Department budget by \$13,012.00. He stated the reason for the reduction was his concern surrounding the budget versus actual hours worked by the School Resource Officers, seconded by Mr. O'Neill.

After a discussion and questions, it was noted that the first motion on the floor had to be voted on.

After further discussion, Mr. O'Brien's motion to cut \$13,102.00 from the Police Budget did not pass 3-4-0, with Mr. Carver, Ms. Rzasa, Mr. Stevenson and Mr. LaMay opposing

Next, Mr. O'Brien made a motion to reduce the Police Department budget by \$88,555 and then amending the amount to \$67,857. He stated that he would prefer to complete the staffing study RFP prior to adding funds to the budget for a new dispatcher position, seconded by Mr. O'Neill.

After further discussion, Mr. O'Brien's motion to cut \$67,857 from the Police Budget did not pass 3-4-0, with Mr. Carver, Ms. Rzasa, Mr. Stevenson and Mr. LaMay opposing

Mr. Carver's motion to approve the General Government budget in the amount of \$19,999, 442.00 and to send said budget to referendum passed 5-2-0 with Mr. O'Brien, and Mr. O'Neill opposing.

At this time the following motion was made:

A motion to approve the Board of Education budget in the amount of \$26,520,747.00, and to send said budget to referendum was made by Chairman LaMay, seconded by Mr. Carver and was so voted unanimously.

The Board of Finance discussed a memorandum from the First Selectman and Superintendent noting that there was a possibility that the State could require the Board of Education to pay \$75,000 in FY20 to the Teacher's Retirement Fund to cover 25% of the Town's share of the normal cost of pension expense. The superintendent will request that the BoE amend their budget to add a line item reflecting this without requesting further increase of the BoE budget for FY 20.

7. Selectman Report

None

8. Comments from the Chair

Chairman LaMay thanked everyone for coming out for this special meeting.

9. Public Comment:

None

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. O'Neill was so voted unanimously.

This meeting was video-taped and can be viewed on Town Website YouTube.

Submitted: Gerri Lewis, Clerk