

**CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
APRIL 4, 2011**

ATTENDANCE: Fred Wilms, Chair; James Clark; James Feigenbaum;
Michael Kolman; Michael Lyons; Leo Mellow;
Mayor Richard Moccia

STAFF: Robert Barron, Director of Management and Budgets;
Thomas Hamilton, Finance Director; Michael Moccia,
Director, Recreation and Parks; Ellen Wink, City Clerk

Mr. Wilms called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and Ms. Wink called the Roll.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 7, 2011 – Regular Meeting

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Correct spelling of Mr. Kolman and Mr. Feigenbaum's names

**** MR. WILMS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED
** MOTION PASSED WITH TWO (2) ABSTENTIONS (MR. CLARK AND
MR. MELLOW)**

March 16, 2011 – Special Meeting

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS
PRESENTED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

March 23, 2011 – Public Hearing

**** MR. WILMS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS AGENDA (Section A)

List of Resolutions
Advertised Items -
Report on Special Appropriations
Justification/Back-up material

TRANSFER AGENDA (Section B)

OTHER BUSINESS (Section C)

1. Adoption of Tentative FY 2011-12 Operating Budget

Mr. Barron explained that this is the same budget that was presented on March 23, 2011. It reflects a \$7.5 million increase over the FY11 adopted budget. The total tax levy will increase by 2.32% and the mill rate will show a 1.33% increase.

Mr. Barron said that an open item list has been started. Mayor Moccia asked if there were any large open items. Mr. Hamilton said that there were no big items. He said that they are updating the energy assumptions and looking at turnovers in staff. Mr. Hamilton noted that the grand list grew better than projected.

Mr. Hamilton said that over \$5 million is going to the Board of Education which is 2/3 of the increase.

Mr. Wilms said that this budget is one of the lowest in his memory and it is notable. He said that they are not playing any games or gimmicks. They worked the present budget to keep services and programs.

**** MR. WILMS MOVED TO ADOPT THE FY 2011-12 OPERATING BUDGET**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. WILMS MOVED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION, AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000 FOR REPAIRS TO THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM AND INSTALLATION OF A GREASE TRAP SYSTEM FOR THE CALF PASTURE BEACH CONCESSION BUILDING.(ACCT.#0911-6030-5777-C0365).

RESOLUTION, AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000 TO THE APPROVED CAPITAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE OLD POLICE FACILITY FROM \$1,300,000 TO \$1,225,000. (ACCT. #0911-7100-5777-0368)

Mr. Hamilton explained that this has been an issue for several months. He said that a number of improvements have to be made before they can open the concession for the

summer. There is a gray water system that drains into the storm sewer system; however, it needs to drain into the sanitary sewer system. The appropriation is coming from available funds from the old Police station building demolition project.

Mr. Hamilton said that he consulted with Corporation Counsel and they determined that it is the City's responsibility to correct the problem.

Mayor Moccia said that there have been a lot of problems with e-coli and contamination of the shellfish beds. The Shellfish Commission said that these repairs have to be done, or they won't be able to open the shellfish beds. The DEP has also said this has to be done.

Mr. Moccia said that a budget of \$75,000 is accurate. The City is doing a lot of in-kind work which is saving a lot of money. He noted that the concession has been hooked up that way for 50 years. The current hook up does not meet any codes and has to be corrected. Mr. Moccia said that it was a long arduous process to design the project and he hopes to have the project ready to begin in early May.

Mr. Wilms said that it is good to be able to find a way to make this project happen.

Mr. Clark asked if they have the final numbers from the Police building tear down. Mr. Hamilton said that that project came in lower than budget.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Hamilton recommended tabling the following items to the next meeting when he will ask Public Works to present.

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO TABLE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE NEXT MEETING**

4. Approve the FY 2011-12 Parking Authority Budget

5. Approve the FY 2011-12 WPCA Budget

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. Additional Information (Section D)

Oak Hills Financial Status – February 2011

Mr. Wilms asked for an update on Oak Hills in terms of the status of the agreement.

Mr. Hamilton said that their revenue is down from the same point last year, but their expenses are also down for the same period. He said that their assets are substantially better than at the same point last year.

Summary of Special Appropriation – FY 2010-11

Status of Contingency – FY 2010-11

Financial Reports

Year-to-date Capital Budget Report (FY 2010-11)

Year-to-date Operating Budget Report (FY 2010-11)

Board of Education Budget Report (FY 2010-11)

Key Revenue Report – March 2011

Tax Collector's Report – March, 2011

Tax Collector's Narrative – March, 2011

Salary Accounts

Fire Overtime

Dispatch Overtime

Police Overtime

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi

Telesco Secretarial Services