

**CITY OF NORWALK**  
**BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION**  
**MARCH 1, 2010**

**ATTENDANCE:** Frederich Wilms, Chairman; Mayor Richard Moccia;  
Michael Kolman; Michael Lyons, James Feigenbaum;  
Leo Mellow;

**STAFF:** Ellen Wink, City Clerk; Thomas Hamilton, Finance Director;

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the Chairman. Ms. Wink called the roll and announced that the above members were present and there was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes – February 8, 2010 – Special Meeting

Mr. Wilms stated that on page 1, Mr. Mellion’s name was misspelled in the attendance section as “Million” and Mr. Mellow stated that his name was misspelled as “Mello” and should be corrected throughout the minutes.

**\*\* MR. FEIGENBAUM MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 8, 2010 MEETING AS AMENDED.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH 4 VOTES IN FAVOR AND 1 ABSTENTION (MAYOR MOCCIA)**

Special Appropriations Agenda

Mr. Hamilton presented the summary reports and stated there were there was no List of Resolutions Advertised Item, no Special Appropriations to report.

Transfer Agenda (Section B)

Mr. Hamilton stated that there were no Transfers.

Other Business (Section C)

Mr. Hamilton stated there was no other Business

Additional Information (Section D)

**Oak Hills Financial Status – January 2010**

Mr. Wilms said that at last months meeting a review of the Oak Hills fund was requested, and Mr. Hamilton stated that he was scheduled to meet with Mr. Grillo this week, and he would provide a report of the outcome of the cash fund review at the next meeting.

**Key Revenues Historical Comparison**

Mr. Hamilton distributed a report of Key Revenues Historical Comparison of Four Year Actual Expenditures for January and February. He highlighted that the Real Estate Conveyance Tax had dropped back versus January, but achieving the budget number still was reasonable anticipating that the impending spring selling season would bring things up.

He added that the Tax Collector's office is having a Tax Sale in July and that will be kicking in soon with boards posted, photographs on the website, and this should push the collection rate up. Mr. Wilms commented that things seem to have stabilized and that the absence of more bad news is good news.

**Salary Accounts:**

Police Department:

Mr. Hamilton stated that the Police Department has turned back \$63,374 in Regular Wages and an overage in Overtime at a projection of \$86,000 which representing a net shortage of \$22,800 which is a fraction of the total budget. He added that it does include the Drop participants and that has been a fund set aside for the DROP program.

Fire Department:

Mr. Hamilton stated that the Fire Department has turned back \$172,800 in Regular Wages and a surplus in Overtime at a projection of \$29,000 which representing a projected surplus of \$202,089.

Dispatch Overtime

He added that the Combined Dispatch Regular Wage and Overtime is at a projected shortfall of \$26,046 with outhur wage accounts well on track.

Snow Removal Projected FY 2009-10:

Mr. Hamilton provided an update on the snow removal variance of \$358,541 which was better than originally projected in January. Mr. Wilms asked is there were any changes in the prices of salt, and Mr. Hamilton replied that the price is locked for the year, but that utilization costs are down to the recent relatively warm temperatures.

Mr. Wilms summarized that overall the projections represent relative good news.

The following back-up document materials were submitted without comment or questions.

Summary of Special Appropriation – FY 2009-10

Status of Contingency – FY 2009-10

Financial Reports:

Year-to-date Capital Budget Report (FY 2009-10)

Year-to-date Operating Budget Report (FY 2009-10)

Board of Education Budget Report (FY 2009-10)

Tax Collector's Report – December 2009

Mr. Wilms stated that the meeting would then go into the sub-committee agenda to a Budget Workshop to review Departmental Budgets.

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox  
Telesco Secretarial Services

