

Board of Finance
Budget Hearing

Monday, March 15, 2021
Zoom Recording

Present: Chairman Ronald R. Fedor, Mark Geer, John Sheehan, Glenn Patterson, Tali Maidelis, Robert Tuneski

Absent: Kevin Petchark

Elected: Robert J. Brule, First Selectman

RTM: Thomas Dembek, RTM Moderator; Susan Driscoll, RTM Minority Leader

Staff: Jeff Lathrop, Interim Fire Services Administrator; Joyce Sauchuk, Director of Human Services; Thomas Giard, Superintendent of Schools; David Campo, Town Clerk; Kimberly Allen, Finance Director; Maryellen McConnell, Secretary

1. Establishment of a quorum and call to order:
A quorum was established and a call to order was established at 7:00 pm, March 15, 2021.
2. Public comment: Chief Donald Chapman, Jordan FD spoke; Chief Vincent Ukleja, Quaker Hill FD, spoke.
3. **Standing Motion:** was made by Mark Geer and seconded by Glenn Patterson to tentatively approve the below budget requests for FY22/22.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

4. **Fire Services Budget:**

Motion by Ron Fedor and **seconded** by Glenn Patterson to reduce \$75,000 from line #10123-51110 to eliminate the Assistant Director Position.

Vote: 5-1

(Tali Maidelis – Opposed)

Motion: Passed

Motion by John Sheehan and **seconded** by Mark Geer to reduce \$750 from line #10123-51110 for clothing allowance.

Vote: 5-1

(Tali Maidelis – Opposed)

Motion: Passed

Motion by John Sheehan and **seconded** by Glenn Patterson to reduce FICA by \$5,795 from line #10123-51110.

Vote: 5-1 (Tali Maidelis – Opposed) **Motion: Passed**

Motion by Glenn Patterson and **seconded** by John Sheehan to reduce \$3,322 from line #10123-51110 to reduce longevity and sick time from the new hire position.

Vote: 6-0 **Motion: Passed**

Motion by Glenn Patterson and **seconded** by John Sheehan to reduce the FICA amount by another \$254 from line 10123-51920.

Vote: 6-0 **Motion: Passed**

Motion by John Sheehan and **seconded** by Glenn Patterson to approve a new 51000 series subtotal in the amount of \$2,167,005.

Vote: 6-0 **Motion: Passed**

Motion by John Sheehan and **seconded** by Mark Geer to approve the Fire Services budget request for FY21/22 for a new total amount of \$3,326,034.

Vote: 6-0 **Motion: Passed**

5. Human Resources Budget:

Motion by Mark Geer and **seconded** by Glenn Petchark to approve the Human Resources budget request for FY21/22 in the total amount of \$265,664.

Vote: 5-1 (John Sheehan – No) **Motion: Passed**

6. Finance Department Budget:

Motion by Mark Geer and **seconded** by Glenn Patterson to approve the Finance Department budget request for FY21/22 in the total amount of \$653,894.

Vote: 6-0-1 (Mark Geer – Abstain) **Motion: Passed**

7. Retirement Commission Budget:

Motion by Mark Geer and **seconded** by Glenn Patterson to approve the Retirement Commission budget request for FY21/22 in the total amount of \$5,682,906.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

8. Insurance Budget:

Motion by Mark Geer and **seconded** by Glenn Patterson to approve the Insurance budget request for FY21/22 in the total amount of \$4,717,903.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

9. Legal Department Budget:

Motion by Mark Geer and **seconded** by Glenn Patterson to approve the Legal Department budget request for FY21/22 in the total amount of \$298,000.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

11. Adjournment:

Motion by John Sheehan and **seconded** by Glenn Patterson to adjourn the Budget Meeting of the Board of Finance at 10:02 p.m.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

Respectfully submitted,


Mark Geer, Jr., Clerk


Maryellen McConnell, Secretary