

**APPROVED MINUTES
BOARD OF FINANCE
BUDGET VOTE
March 30, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lainie Mc Hugh called the virtual zoom meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

The Clerk called the roll and recorded it, as follows:

PRESENT

Lainie Mc Hugh
Paul Timpanelli
Michael Barker
Marty Isaac
Justin Scheuble
Scott Zimov
Marc Mascola - Alternate
Vincent DeGennaro - Alternate
Christine El Eris - Alternate

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

First Selectman, Vicki Tesoro; Maria Pires, Finance Director; Daniel Martin, Assistant Finance Director; Cynthia Katske, Chief Administrative Officer; Kathleen McGannon, Chief Administrative Officer; Daniel Schopick, Esq., Town Attorney

The Chair indicated that if there is no change in a department we will accept it and move on and when we vote the total, we will assume that we have accepted what we have not changed. If there is a change, we will vote on it and it will roll into the total.

Mr. Timpanelli moved, seconded by Mr. Zimov, to accept the Town Budget as presented by the First Selectman.

01 GENERAL GOVERNMENT

01010000 Town Council

\$107,372

01010100 The Trumbull Nature Commission

\$5,788

01010200 Ethics Commission

\$120

01010400 First Selectman

\$335,687

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Zimov to decrease account 501101 Salaries FT/Permanent \$8,196 to eliminate the raises for the Chief Administrative Officers.

Vote: 4-2-0 motion carries (opposed: Timpanelli, Mc Hugh)

01010600 Probate

\$12,944

01010800 Elections

\$189,320

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Zimov to increase Elections 01010800 \$40,876, as follows: account 522202 Services and Fees Professional \$3,300; account 522203 Services and Fees Ancillary \$21,875; account 522205 Program Expenses \$6,016; account 534402 Program Supplies \$6,000; account 545501 Communications-Legal Notices \$325; account 545504 Communications-Postage \$3,260 and account 556605 Professional Dev. Transp. Exp. \$100 for the Presidential Primaries.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

01011000 Finance Department

\$659,579

01011400 Board of Finance

\$95,479

01011600 Tax Assessor

\$575,644

Mr. Zimov moved, seconded by Mr. Scheuble to reduce account 501101 Full Time Salaries \$13,175 for a partial reduction for new employee who has not yet started.

Vote: 2-4 motion fails (opposed: Barker, Timpanelli, Isaac, Mc High)

01011800 Board of Assessment Appeals

\$3,750

01012000 Tax Collector

\$370,473

Mr. Zimov moved, seconded by Mr. Scheuble to reduce 501105 Salaries Overtime \$2,500. Once the current vacancy is filled, the need for overtime will reduce.

Vote: 5-1-0 motion carries. (opposed: Isaac)

01012200 Purchasing

\$132,305

01012400 Treasurer

\$27,393

01012600 Technology

\$1,367,370

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Zimov to increase account 522204 Service and Fees Contractual \$107,600 to upgrade to Office 365.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Zimov to increase account 581888 Capital Outlay \$38,000 to replace equipment.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

01012800 Town Attorneys
\$377,583

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac to reduce account 522203 Services and Fees Ancillary \$30,000 for outside attorneys' fees based on historic usage.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

01013000 Human Resources
\$390,482

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli to increase account 522202 Services and Fees Professional \$30,000 to add a consultant hiring expert to assist in staffing the Police Department.

Motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli to increase account 501102 Salaries PT/Permanent \$30,000 to add police recruitment support person.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

01013400 Employee Benefits
\$20,513,084

Mr. Timpanelli moved, seconded by Mr. Zimov to increase account 511150 Fringe Benefits-FICA \$931 and account 522110 Defined Contr. Town Match \$1,547 to reflect salary changes approved throughout the budget.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

01013600 Town Clerk
\$326,298

Mr. Zimov moved, seconded by Mr. Scheubel to increase account 501105 Salaries Overtime \$2,200 for Presidential Primary.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

Mr. Zimov moved, seconded by Mr. Scheuble to increase account 534402 Program Supplies \$2,000 for Presidential Primary.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

01013800 Town Hall
\$2,137,041

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Zimov to decrease account 501102 Salaries PT/Permanent \$37,440 to remove the Greeter positions.

Vote: 5-1-0 motion carries (opposed: Mc Hugh)

1014200 Planning & Zoning
\$352,789

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Zimov to increase 501101 Salaries FT/Permanent \$1,500 to provide for upgrade from step 2 to step 3 for position shared with Economic Development.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

01014600 Economic Development
\$229,126

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Scheuble to increase account 501101 Salaries FT/Permanent \$1,500 to provide for upgrade from step 2 to step 3 for position shared with Planning and Development.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

01014800 Inland Wetlands Commission
\$9,425

01015400 Conservation Commission
\$16,060

01015800 Transit District
\$44,084

01 General Government Total: \$28,279,196

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Zimov to accept the new General Government total, an increase of \$148,018.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

02 PUBLIC SAFETY

01022000 Police
\$10,870,586

Mr. Zimov moved, seconded by Mr. Scheuble to increase account 567702 \$4000 Transportation-Vehicle Repair for vehicle maintenance.

Vote: 3-3-0 motion fails (opposed: Barker; Timpanelli; Mc Hugh)

01022400 Animal Control
\$158,250

01022600 EMS
\$1,905,926

01022800 Fire Marshal
\$466,420

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Zimov to reduce account 581888 Capital Outlay \$8,000 to remove the additional radio that was no longer needed.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

01022824 Fire Hydrants
\$1,568,479

01023200 Building Official
\$444,562

01023400 Emergency Management
\$114,624

02 Public Safety Total: \$15,528,847

03 PUBLIC WORKS

01030000 Public Works Director
\$331,090

01030025 Street Lights
\$365,000

01030100 Public Works - Highway
\$2,819,052

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac to increase account 534402 Program Supplies \$18,000 to restore the increase due to inflation.

Vote: 2-4-0 motion fails 2-4 (opposed: Scheuble, Timpanelli, Zimov, Mc Hugh)

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac to increase account 534403 Materials and Supplies – cleaning \$9,900 to restore the increase due to inflation.

The motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac to increase account 578803 Mntnce Repair-Program Related \$9,900 to restore the increase due to inflation.

Vote: 5-1 motion carries (opposed: Timpanelli)

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Zimov to decrease account 581888 Capital Outlay \$4,000 as follows: Restore Ford F-250 \$12,000 and deny Mason Body Truck (\$16,000).

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

01030101 Snow Removal
\$400,000

01030105 Highway–Construction
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01030200 Public Works – Building Maintenance
\$1,145,170

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Zimov to increase account 578802 Mntnce/Rep-Equipment/Building \$75,000.

Mr. Zimov moved, seconded by Mr. Scheuble to amend the motion to increase account 578802 Mntnce / Rep-Equipment / Building \$100,000 to the original request.

Vote: 3-3-0 amended motion fails

Vote: 5-1-0 motion to add \$ 75,000 carries (opposed: Timpanelli)

01030300 Fleet Maintenance

\$1,304,719

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Zimov to increase account 567702 Transportation Vehicle Repair \$15,000 to restore partial funding for vehicle repair.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

01030400 Recycling Center

\$2,929,624

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli to reduce account 522204 Service and Fees Contractual \$55,000, to reflect a review of tonnage and price increase information, which indicated the run rate has been lower over the last few years and we are pricing @ 75% of estimated increased unit costs.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

01030500 Town Engineer

\$722,690

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac to increase account 522202 Service and Fees – Professional \$6,000 to restore it to the original request.

Vote: 5-1-0 motion carries (opposed: Timpanelli)

03 Public Works Total: \$10,017,345

04 PUBLIC HEALTH

01040000 Health Department

\$563,555

01040200 Vital Statistics

\$1,200

01040400 Nursing–Seniors

\$34,238

04 Public Health Total: \$598,993

SOCIAL SERVICES/HUMAN SERVICES

01050000 Social Services

\$136,109

01050200 Mary Sherlach Counseling Center

\$396,215

1050600 Senior Citizen's Services

\$372,385

Mr. Zimov moved, seconded by Mr. Scheuble to increase account 501101 Salaries - FT/Permanent \$45,000 and use the ARPA funds for other purposes in the Senior Center.

Vote: 3-3-0 motion fails (opposed: Barker, Mc Hugh, Timpanelli)

05 Social Services/Human Services Total: \$904,709

06 EDUCATION

01060000 Education

\$127,027,227

Mr. Scheuble moved, seconded my Mr. Zimov to increase account 522205 BOE-Program Expenses \$250,000.

Vote: 2-4 motion fails (opposed: Barker, Isaac, Timpanelli, Mc Hugh)

01060200 Public School Nurses

\$1,043,014

01060400 Non Public School Nurses

\$379,179

01060600 Trumbull Business Education Initiatives

\$12,100

Mr. Scheuble moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac to increase account 567703 Transportation-Travel-Reimbursement \$1,000.

Vote: 5-1-0 motion carries (opposed: Barker)

01060800 Trumbull Community TV

\$87,365

06 Education Total: \$128,548,885

07 LIBRARIES

01070000 Libraries

\$1,821,076

07 Libraries Total: \$1,821,076

08 PARKS AND RECREATION

01080000 Public Events

\$25,000

01080300 Trumbull Day

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Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Zimov to reduce account 522205 Program Expenses \$15,000.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

01080600 Parks/Rec

\$3,393,756

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Scheuble to increase account 522205 Program Expenses \$40,000 to restore programs to pre-Covid levels.

Mr. Zimov moved, seconded by Scheuble to amend the motion to \$45,000.

Vote: 6-0-0 to amend the motion to \$45,000

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries to increase the account to \$45,000

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac to increase account 534402 Program Supplies \$4,675 to allow for inflationary expenses.

Vote: 4-2-0 (opposed: Mc Hugh; Timpanelli)

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac to increase account 534403 Material and Supplies – Cleaning \$5,875 to restore the reduction.

Mr. Barker withdrew his motion.

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Zimov to increase account 578803 Mntnce / Rep-Program Related \$6,500 to restore the reduction due to inflationary increase.

Vote: 4-2-0 motion carries (opposed: Mc Hugh; Timpanelli)

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Zimov to decrease account 581888 Capital Outlay \$2,000 by adding the \$12,000 for a new vehicle and removing the park ranger vehicle of \$14,000.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carried

Mr. Zimov moved, seconded by Mr. Scheuble to increase account 501105 Salaries-Overtime \$3,000 to adjust to departmental level.

Vote: 4-2-0 motion carried (opposed: Timpanelli; Mc Hugh)

01080800 Tree Warden
\$350,879

Mr. Timpanelli moved, seconded by Mr. Barker to increase account 522205 Program Expenses \$100,000.

Mr. Isaac moved, seconded by Mr. Barker to amend the increase to \$160,000 to restore partial funding for tree work.

Vote: 4-2-0 to amend the motion (opposed: Mc Hugh; Timpanelli)

Vote: 4-2-0 motion carries to increase to \$160,000 (opposed: Mc Hugh; Timpanelli)

08 Parks and Recreation Total: \$3,769,635

09 DEBT SERVICE

01090000 Debt Service
\$7,795,933

09 Debt Service Total: \$7,795,933

GENERAL FUND: \$197,264,619

Mr. Zimov moved, seconded by Mr. Barker to accept the new General Fund Total of \$197,264,619.

Vote: 6-0-0

10 ENTERPRISE FUNDS

20100000 W.P.C.A

\$ 10,684,353

21100000 Tashua Knolls Golf

\$ 2,437,874

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Zimov to increase account 501101 Salaries - FT/Permanent \$22,106 to increase the mechanic's position starting salary to \$78,482 in order to attract qualified candidates.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli to increase account 522210 Reimbursable Services to General Fund \$3,238 to reflect FICA and 403b in connection with the salary increase of \$22,106.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

10 Enterprise Funds Total: \$13,122,227

GRAND TOTAL: \$210,386,846

Mr. Scheuble moved seconded by Mr. Zimov to accept the new Grand Total of \$210,386,846.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carried

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Phyllis C. Collier

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Board of Finance Clerk