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FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
APRIL 25, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: The called the roll call and recorded it as follows:

PRESENT: Chairman Kevin Shively, Vice Chairman Mary Isaac, Nicole Satin, Dawn Cantafio, Steve Choi, Tony Scinto, Joy Colon, Alternate, Mike Buswell, Alternate

ALSO

PRESENT: First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro, Town Council Chairman, Chief Administrative Officers Cynthia Katske and Kathleen McGannon, Town Council Chairman Ashley Gaudiano, Town Council members Jason Marsh, Kelly Mallozzi and Thomas Whitmoyer

The Chair OPENED the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. All those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair asked that all those present give their names and addresses for the record and to keep all comments to budget related issues.

There were six (6) people to speak, (PublicComment Attached).
The Chair CLOSED the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni, Town Council Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT

Budget Related Comments:

1. Jonathan Dizney of 43 Lafayette Drive, a member of the PTA Council and PTA president of Madison Middle School spoke in favor of the BOE budget and the additional funds from the BOF, this is a critical first step and a modest correction of what is needed in the future. He hopes the Council funds the BOE to maximum that they can. The school system may need more than a 2%-3% increase in the future and he extended his gratitude for everyone's work this year.
2. Frank Squiccimarro of 5109 Madison Avenue and Trumbull PTA Council president spoke in favor of keeping the BOE budget increase by the BOF.
3. Steve Sinise of 17 Samuel Street questioned what the budget increase was over the last year. It was noted the first selectman's budget was a 2.94% increase over last year's budget, the BOF did increase over that. It is not known how much that will be in a tax increase because the BOF sets the mill rate in June. It will also depend on the assessment of a particular house, because this is a reval year it does not work the same way as it normally does.

Non-Budget Related Comments, (Bonded Projects and/or potential projects or issues are not included in this operating budget:

The Chair noted further discussion on non-budget related topics could be had at a later date, the committee members and anyone who is present at this meeting would make themselves available for discussion to anyone who wants to understand more about these topics. It was noted public hearings are not for back and forth conversation, they are to hear the public's comments.

1. Miriam Goldberg of 71 Johnson Street spoke to her concern of a pool and a social place at Hardy Lane.
2. Tony D'Aquila of 29 Valley View Road spoke against the Town Council holding the public hearing via videoconference, he is not comfortable with Zoom and did not think it was appropriate or that he was given a proper opportunity to be heard. He asked that the public hearing be continued.
3. Steve Sinise of 17 Samuel Street stated he has lived in town since 1989 this was his first time to a town meeting and echoed Mr. D'Aquila's comments. He found it hard to find information on the budget and suggested using the reverse 911 call system to notify the people of the meeting. He also noted something has to happen with paving, Williams Road is in poor shape, his car has been damaged by its condition and there are also issues with traffic from the Starbucks in Trumbull Center, (traffic backs up the hill).

4. George Sarres of 601 White Plains Road agreed the council should be a good steward of the people's money. It was confirmed with regard to the paving program that they do coordinate with other departments and utilities before paving. He noted the poor conditions on Reservoir Avenue. He is also concerned with the proposed Aquatics Center.