

**EAST LYME BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BUDGET REVIEWS FY2019-2020
Monday, APRIL 15th, 2019**

Members In Attendance: William Weber, Chairman
Lisa Picarazzi, Vice-Chairperson
Camille Alberti
John Birmingham
Jason Pazzaglia
Anne Santoro

Also In Attendance: Mark Nickerson, First Selectman
Anna Johnson, Finance Director

Absent: No One

FILED IN EAST LYME
CONNECTICUT
APR 16 2019 AT 10:01 AM/PM
Brenda Green
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

A. Call Special Meeting to Order

Chairman Weber called this Special Meeting of the East Lyme Board of Finance to order at 6:30 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was observed.

C. Delegations

Mr. Weber called for Delegations.

Colleen Callahan, 148 Giants Neck Road said that she is an educator in this district and understands that they want to cut an already bare bones education budget. She said that her pay is not what they think it is but cutting a bare bones budget impacts kids. She cited the Middle School computers in the Kivas that do not always work and noted that they were given laptops to try to help this situation last year. The superintendent asked them what they needed when doing the budget and now they want to cut that here. This will create larger class sizes and then the excellent education that they provide will become 'average' as that is what happens when the class sizes increase as they do not have the time to be able to attend to the needs of the kids individually. She said that she is tired of the budget for the schools being cut each year. They were invited to come to the school and see what they do and they never come to her school/classroom to see what happens each day. She said that the 3.18% is not a big increase. She came here for the schools and it is the schools that bring people here to this Town. She thinks that it is up to this Board to decide which way they want the schools to be.

D. Old Business

a. Any Outstanding Information/Review

Mr. Nickerson explained the reductions that he had made to the Town budget areas. (Attached) He said that the new police officer would come in at mid-year – starting in January rather than July. Also, the Ambulance Association would pick up half of the benefits however if the FF package falls apart then it would just be a savings. He said that he does feel that they need the overnight coverage.

Ms. Picarazzi asked Ms. Johnson to keep on top of the overtime issue for Public Safety and to apprise them of how it is doing on a regular basis.

Mr. Nickerson said that with the dispatcher that the overtime will go down by \$40,000 so the delta is \$20,000.

Ms. Johnson explained the acquisitions noting that they took the snow plow blades out and made a reduction to reveal pending further review. She noted that next year at this time that they would have a reveal figure as it would have gone out to bid.

Ms. Alberti said that she had lobbied very hard for the reveal and now they are taking \$9330 from reveal for police cars.

Mr. Nickerson said that in previous years that they gave him a number and he came back and identified the places that it would be coming from.

Ms. Alberti suggested taking it from Town projects instead of the reval line.

Ms. Picarazzi said that she would support Ms. Alberti on that and also suggested looking for it in Town projects.

Mr. Nickerson said that he would take it from Town projects instead of reval.

Mr. Weber asked if they wished to have any additional conversation on the BOE.
There was none.

E. New Business

a. Budget Deliberations - Completion

Mr. Weber asked if they had anything else that they wished to discuss.

****MOTION (1)**

Ms. Alberti moved to accept and approve the recommended adjustments to Town Government including the recent adjustment of leaving the \$9330 in reval and taking it from Town projects instead.

Ms. Picarazzi seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

F. Public Discussion

Mr. Weber called for any comments from the Public.

There were none.

G. Board Comments

Ms. Picarazzi thanked Colleen for coming out tonight and said that if she were her that she would talk to her superintendent and make her requests on places to cut to him as this Board does not make those decisions. Further, she does not see the 2.1% increase as low as they have a wider constituency to work for and to consider and not just the education system.

It was noted that the April 22, 2019 Special Meeting of the Board would be cancelled.

H. Adjournment

Mr. Weber called for a motion to adjourn.

****MOTION (2)**

Ms. Picarazzi moved to adjourn this Special Meeting of the East Lyme Board of Finance at 7:08 PM.

Mr. Birmingham seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,
Recording Secretary

Town of East Lyme
Proposed 2019/2020 Budget
Board of Finance
4/10/2019

		BoF 4/10/19	BoF Proposed
General Government	18,678,733	(162,000)	18,516,733
Debt Service	5,599,145	0	5,599,145
Capital	841,728	(17,148)	824,580
BoE	49,497,250	(500,000)	48,997,250
TOTAL	74,616,856	(679,148)	73,937,708
01-70-724-700-464	Server	(19,000)	
	Vehicle Acq	(31,607)	
	Hook Truck	39,909	
	FFD Truck	(3,225)	
	Fmarshal Truck	(3,225)	
		(17,148)	

Taxes	60,731,145
Mil Rate	28.08
Mil Increase	0.73
Mil Rate % Increase	2.67%

Reductions

Recommendations by First Selectman

✓ 01-30-317-210-296	Hook Truck	(39,909)
✓ 01-01-120-200-500	Contingency	(20,000)
✓ 01-25-216-100-511	Police Officers	(25,000)
✓ 01-45-420-150-295	Public Library	(15,000)
✓ 01-45-421-300-335	Materials	(2,000)
✓ 01-45-421-200-350	Park/Field Maint	(4,000)
✓ 01-01-114-100-121	FICA/Medicare	(1,913)
✓ 01-01-114-100-127	Health/Dental	(41,455)
✓ 01-01-114-100-123	Workers Comp	(1,473)
01-01-114-140-235	Labor Town	3,750
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		(162,000)

1/2 yr.
Amb. Assoc. Plus
Amb. Assoc. Plus
from negotiations

01-70-724-700-464	Server	(19,000)
	Vehicle Acq	(31,607)
01-70-724-700-708	Hook Truck	39,909
01-70-724-700-462	FFD Truck	(3,225)
01-70-724-700-465	Fmarshal Truck	(3,225)
	BoF 4/10/2019	(17,148)
	Add Back: Veh Acq	16,830
01-70-724-700-716	Less: Snow Plow	(7,500)
01-70-724-700-100	Reval	(9,330)
		(17,148)

Acquisitions payments
Restore F250 11,865
Restore Ford Escape 4,965
16,830

swap w/ Town projects leave in reval

Attachment

BoF Spec. Mtg. 4/10/19