

**CITY OF NORWALK  
BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**ATTENDANCE:** Gregory Burnett, Chairman; Mayor Harry Rilling; James Feigenbaum; Anne Yang-Dwyer; Edwin Camacho; James Page (7:54 p. m.)

**STAFF:** Robert Barron, Director of Finance; Lunda Asmani, Director of Management and Budgets; Donna King, City Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Burnett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p. m. A quorum was present.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**4. Discussion on the Adopted State Budget and its impact on the municipal Funding for the City of Norwalk**

Mr. Barron stated that the City has a \$1.1 million shortfall in the budget, and the Board of Education has a \$700,000 shortfall. Mr. Barron gave an overview of the impact on the City, impact on the Board of Education, and the impact on Capital Funds.

Mr. Barron stated that the General Assembly will be holding a special session to address the hospital line item veto by the Governor. It is expected that the special session will also restore responsibility for the Elderly and Disabled Renters hotline to the State. The Adopted State Budget had shifted that responsibility to municipalities.

Mr. Barron stated that municipal gaming grant in the budget gives the City \$750,000. The grant had not been funded in previous years.

Mayor Rilling stated that residents will not receive supplemental tax bills to make up for the budget shortfall. He stated that expenses will be looked at before drawing down a portion of the Rainy Day Fund. Mid-year adjustments will be made.

Mayor Rilling exited the meeting at 7:07 p. m.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**\*\* MS. YANG-DWYER MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2, 2017 MINUTES AS AMENDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 2. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS AGENDA (SECTION A)

**FY 2017-18**

**1. Resolved, that a sum not to exceed \$8,030 be and the same is hereby transferred from Increased Revenues from the State of Connecticut to the Police Department Special Services Division. The funds will be allocated to revenue account No. 01-3010-4181 and expenditure account No. 01-3010-5120.**

Mr. Barron stated that the Police Department is requesting a Special Appropriation due to overtime costs. The Police Department Special Services division was recently reimbursed for the Public Safety Answering Point training conducted by the State of Connecticut.

**\*\* MR. CAMACHO MOVED TO APPROVE A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$8,030 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM INCREASED REVENUES FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION. THE FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO REVENUE ACCOUNT NO. 01-3010-4181 AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT NO. 01-3010-5120.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 3. TRANSFER AGENDA (SECTION B)

No items were brought forward.

## 4. OTHER BUSINESS (SECTION C)

### **1. Update from the Board of Education on the SPED Program.**

Ms. Yvette Goorevitch gave an overview of SPED Financial and Student Trends. She stated that excess cost reimbursements were \$2,646,085 in 2014-15. They were \$4,140,377 in 2015-16 and \$4,729,867 in 2016-17. She stated that projected excess cost reimbursement for 2017-18 is \$4,874,313.

Ms. Goorevitch stated that there were four residential placements of students in 2015-16, five in 2016-17 and seven projected for 2017-18. She stated that there were 137 total OOD placements in 2015-16, 117 in 2016-17, and 100 projected for 2017-18.

Ms. Goorevitch stated that if a soundproof booth for audio testing were to be funded, it could be used for testing the hearing of school children and fire fighters. It could also be a potential revenue source if it were used by other municipalities.

Dr. Page entered the meeting at 7:54 p. m.

Mr. Tom Hamilton stated that the 2017-18 SPED Development fund revised budget is \$1,300,000. The 2018-19 revised budget is \$1,200,000 and the 2019-20 revised budget is \$750,000.

### **2. Special Capital Appropriation – Public Works.**

**2. Resolution, requesting Approval of a special capital appropriation in the amount of \$93,000 from Capital fund balance to the Department of Public Works to increase the available funds for the Perry Avenue Bridge. (Acct. #0918-4021-5777-C092)**

Mr. Bruce Chimento came forward in support of the item. He stated that the \$93,000 is needed to pay for unforeseen change orders due to the proximity of the roadway and limited area next to the railroad. He stated that of the \$137,420 city share of change orders, \$40,000 has already been appropriated for project contingencies, leaving a shortfall of \$97,420. The Department of Public Works recently closed out two projects returning \$93,000 to the Capital Fund balance.

**\*\* MR. CAMACHO MOVED TO APPROVE A SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$93,000 FROM CAPITAL FUND BALANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO INCREASE THE AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR THE PERRY AVENUE BRIDGE. (ACCT. #0918-4021-5777-C092)**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. Oak Hills Park Authority Financial and Operational Update.**

Mr. Jerry Crowley, Ms. Pat Williams, and Mr. Bill Waters came forward to present the financial and operational update. Ms. Williams stated that preliminary numbers of October show revenues \$50,000 over the prior year. Year-to-Date number show us \$78,000 ahead on the Revenue side. Ms. Williams stated that of the \$150,000 credit line, we will have to draw down \$95,000 over the winter months.

Mr. Crowley stated that the restaurant lease expires on January 15, 2018. We are looking for a new restaurant operator to take over from the current operator. He stated that tennis revenue will be cut by about 50% due to a change in vendors.

Mr. Waters stated that holes four and five are being worked on but the work does not interfere with the play of golfers. The work should finish up in two weeks. He stated that work on all of the other holes is finished.

Mr. Crowley stated that oil tanker remediation ended up costing more than had been anticipated, but that it is covered by the grant. It will not have an impact on the projected Oak Hills budget.

**5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (SECTION D)**

**Status of Contingency**

**Financial reports**

**Oak Hills Financial Status – September 2017**

**Year-to-date Capital Budget Report – FY 2017-18**

**Year-to-date Operating Revenues Report – FY 2017-18**

**Year-to-date Operating Expenditure Report – FY 2017-18**

**Year-to-date BOE Operating Expenditure Report – FY 2017-18**

**Tax Collector's Narrative – September 2017**

**Tax Collector's Report – September 2017**

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**Salary accounts**  
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Mr. Asmani stated that numbers are trending in normal fashion for YTD. Revenue trends and expense trends are consistent with prior years.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. FEIGENBAUM MOVED TO ADJOURN.**  
**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Blaney  
Telesco Secretarial Services