

**CITY OF NORWALK  
BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 4, 2019**

ATTENDANCE: Edwin Camacho, Chair; Mayor Harry Rilling (6:35 p.m.); Troy Jellerette; Artie Kassimis; James Frayer; James Page (6:33 p.m.)

STAFF: Angela Fogel, Director of Management & Budgets; Donna King, City Clerk; Chris Torre, DPW; Susan Sweitzer, Norwalk Redevelopment Agency; David Westmoreland, Norwalk Historical Commission

Mr. Camacho called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and Ms. King called the Roll. A Quorum was present.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

February 11, 2019 – Regular Meeting

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Mr. Page joined the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Mayor Rilling joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Page 2: First paragraph should read: Ms. Fogel said that the cash flow needs are a result of a reimbursement for the restaurant equipment.

Page 3: remove an and replace with and in the motion

Page 5: Correct Mr. Hamilton's title to CFO

Page 5: third paragraph correct ration to ratio; drawn to draw

Page 6: fourth paragraph, remove the second reduction in park fee revenue from Parks & Recreation

**\*\* MR. FRAYER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS AMENDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. PAGE)**

2. **SPECIAL OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS AGENDA** (Section A) – 2

Ms. Fogel explained the items:

**\*\* MAYOR RILLING MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

**RESOLVED THAT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$8,246 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION. THE FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO REVENUES (ACCOUNT #01-3010-4807) AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (ACCOUNT #01-3042-5327)**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MAYOR RILLING MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

**RESOLVED THAT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$68,000 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM CONTINGENCY (ACCOUNT #01-9600-5900) TO THE OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO COVER SALT AND CHEMICALS SUPPLIES (ACCOUNT #01-4025-5322)**

Mayor Rilling said that until today, they thought they would have a surplus. Mr. Torre said that the recent weekend ice storms resulted in their using three times more salt on the ice than on the snow. It costs the City of Norwalk \$1 million a day to cancel school. Mayor Rilling added that the Superintendent of Schools mentioned that to him.

Mr. Torre explained the process for measuring the salt usage and said that he can't promise that he will not have to order more salt before the end of the season. During an ice storm, they continuously salt the roads. He said they use 150 pounds per lane mile and there are 622 miles of lane miles that are treated. For one inch of sleet they used 153 tons of salt.

Mr. Torre said the DPW tries to exceed their level of customer service every year. There are more trucks on the road than before to help prevent more school snow days.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Rilling commended the Public Works crew for doing an amazing job cleaning the roads during the storm earlier today.

3. **TRANSFER AGENDA** (Section B)

Ms. Fogel reviewed the following transfers.

Department of Public Works

**\*\* MAYOR RILLING MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER:**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>01-4021-5110 WAGE &amp; SALARY REG</b>	<b>01-4150-5110 WAGE &amp; SALARY REG</b>	<b>\$61,467</b>

This transfer is to fund the recent reorganization

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Fire Department

**\*\* MAYOR RILLING MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS:**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>01-3110-5110 WAGES &amp; SALARY REG</b>	<b>01-3130-5120 WAGES &amp; SALARY REG</b>	<b>\$28,800</b>

This transfer is to fund two part-time employees until the end of FY 2018-2019 to cover two Fire Inspectors who are out on injury leave and one who is attending the Fire Academy.

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>01-3130-5110 WAGES &amp; SALARY REG</b>	<b>01-3130-5120 WAGES &amp; SAL P/T</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

This transfer is to fund the extra calls for each of the six inspectors. The increased work load is due to smoke detector installations and smoke trailer Public Education events.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **OTHER BUSINESS** (Section C)

Mayor Rilling asked Ms. Fogel to create a list of capital expenditures that were not expended to see where they could re-capture capital funds.

Ms. King read the following resolution.

**\*\* MAYOR RILLING MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

***RESOLUTION APPROVE A SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$188,413 TO THE RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT TO FUND THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT THE CORNER OF DAY AND RAYMOND STREETS.***

**(ACCOUNT #0919-6030-5777-C0634).**

Ms. Sweitzer explained the request and said this is part of the Choice Neighborhood project. Mayor Rilling said this playground will be something the neighborhood will be able to embrace and be enjoyed by people of all ages. Ms. Sweitzer added that there will be two aged based playgrounds. They expect the playgrounds to be operational this summer.

Mr. Camacho asked Ms. Sweitzer why they were seeking a special appropriation. She said the remediation of the site was more expensive than they anticipated.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. King read the resolutions.

**\*\* MAYOR RILLING MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEM TO THE AGENDA**

***RESOLUTION, AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF \$67,500 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF NORWALK TO FUND THE HISTORIC COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR WATER LINE REPLACEMENT AT MATHEWS PARK***

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MAYOR RILLING MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:**

***RESOLUTION, APPROVE A SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,500 TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO REPLACE THE WATER LINES SERVICING THE BUILDINGS LOCATED IN MATHEWS PARK.***

**(ACCOUNT #0918-6310-5777-C0132).**

**RESOLUTION, AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF \$67,500 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF NORWALK TO FUND THE HISTORIC COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR WATER LINE REPLACEMENT AT MATHEWS PARK**

Mr. Westmoreland explained that the First District Water Company tested the water and found it was not up to standard. The only way to keep the appropriate water quality was to keep running the water. They are unable to use the drinking water and have to purchase drinking water. These repairs are expected to also result in the savings of several hundreds of dollars a month.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

Special Appropriation

Status of Contingency

Financial report

- Oak Hills Financial Status – January 2019

Mayor Rilling explained that they are in the process of restructuring the loan with Oak Hills Park Authority to allow them to build up a reserve. There have been numerous meetings with OHPA and they have been very open about their finances. A lot had to do with the \$9,000 a month debt service on the restaurant. Mayor Rilling described Oak Hills Park as one of the gems in the crown of Norwalk.

The Oak Hills Park Authority is waiting to see if the City of Norwalk is going to approve a sit-down bar. He said there was a public hearing for the neighbors. The proposed sit-down bar would be limited to certain hours. The restaurant will also be used for small events.

Year-to-date Capital Budget Report – FY 2018-19

- Year-to-date Operating Expenditure Report – FY 2018-19
- Year-to-date Operating Revenue Report – FY 2018-19
- Year-to-date BOE Operating Expenditure Report – FY 2018-19
- Tax Collector's Narrative – January 2019

Salary accounts

- Police – FY 2018-19
- Fire – FY 2018-19
- Public Works – FY 2018-19

**\*\* MR. PAGE MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi  
Telesco Secretarial Services