

**CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 1, 2019**

ATTENDANCE: Edwin Camacho, Chair; Mayor Harry Rilling; James Feigenbaum;
James Frayer; Troy Jellerette; Artie Kassimis; James Page

STAFF: Donna King, City Clerk; Angela Fogel; Director of Management and
Budgets; Ken Hughes, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation;
Katheryn Hebert; Dick Brescia, Parking Authority;
Ralph Kolb, Public Works

Mr. Camacho called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Ms. King called the Roll and a Quorum was present.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 4, 2019 – Regular Meeting

The following corrections were made:

Page 2: correct spelling of thought
Page 4: correct account number to C0364
Page 5: correct spelling to sit-down

**** MAYOR RILLING MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

March 20, 2019 – Special Meeting

The following corrections were made:

Page 1: \$52,463.00 should be \$52,508,000 and \$38,294,656 should be \$38,339,656
Page 2: Correct spelling of Mr. Fayer's name

**** MAYOR RILLING MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

March 20, 2019 – Public Hearing

**** MAYOR RILLING MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

There were none this evening.

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

Ms. Fogel reviewed the transfers.

Following a discussion regarding the Recreation and Parks transfer request of \$60,000 to Other Contractual Services, the Board requested further information.

**** MAYOR RILLING MOVED TO TABLE THE RECREATION AND PARKS TRANSFER REQUEST**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MAYOR RILLING MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER REQUEST**

POLICE DEPT	FROM	TO	AMOUNT
	01-3061-5276 UNIFORM PURCHASE/CLEANING	01-3042-5298 OTHER CONTRACTUAL SVC	\$3,000

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**** MAYOR RILLING MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

a. **ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE FY 2019-20 OPERATING BUDGET**

Mr. Camacho read a letter adopting the FY 2019/20 Operating Budget

Mr. Jellerette noted that only residents in the Third Taxing District will have an increase due to the increased value of their property. Mr. Frayer said there seems to be a lot of talk about people questioning the re-valuation and asked if there will be any changes to the mill rate based on changes to the re-valuation. Mayor Rilling explained that \$3 million was allocated to offset any changes to the re-valuation. He said it was very challenging during the recession; however, they are starting to see an increase in property values. He added that there was a 16% increase to the mill rate since the last re-valuation in 2013.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MAYOR RILLING MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

b. APPROVAL OF THE FY 2019-20 PARKING AUTHORITY BUDGET

Ms. Hebert and Mr. Brescia were present. Mr. Brescia highlighted what they have been doing over the past year. Mayor Rilling added that a business owner in Liberty Square who had concerns about the Parking Authority taking over the parking, is very pleased with the parking program.

Ms. Hebert noted the increase in compliance. Mr. Camacho asked about parking for construction workers at the mall as they work to complete the project. He said they expect about 2,000 workers which will create an increased demand for parking. Ms. Hebert said with several hundreds of workers parking in the Golden Hill area, they came up with a plan to put in two hour parking. They will work with the residents. Space was leased at Avalon in East Norwalk and a shuttle will bring the construction workers to the site.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. JELLERETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

c. APPROVAL OF THE FY 2019-20 WPCA BUDGET

Mr. Jellerette asked Mr. Kolb if there is a capacity issue with all the new development. Mr. Kolb said there are not close to capacity.

Mr. Jellerette asked if there are any plans to tie the Cranbury area into the City sewer system. Mr. Kolb said there are no plans. He explained that the entire area would have to request that tie in and incur the costs.

Mayor Rilling recommended that the Board tour the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MAYOR RILLING MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

d. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS TO AUDIT FY 2018-19

Ms. Fogel explained that is the fifth year of a five-year contact with RSM US LLP.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

The following information was included in the meeting packet.

Special Appropriation

Status of Contingency

Financial report

- Oak Hills Financial Status – February 2019

Ms. Fogel explained that representatives from the Oak Hills Park Authority will come to the next meeting. Mayor Rilling said a new payment schedule was created that will make it highly unlikely they will come before the City for additional funding.

- 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 – February 2019
- Tax Collector’s Report – February 2019

Salary Accounts

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

The Board discussed funds that have not been used and can be relocated. Mr. Frayer pointed out that over \$18 million has not been used.

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

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services