

Minutes

Board of Finance

Special Meeting

April 19, 2023

Attendance: Chairman Jack Kiley, Dana Flach, Susan Arpin, Paula Jensen, Jim Hliva (Finance Director), and First Selectman George Temple.

The Board of Finance held a special meeting to continue going over the proposed budget for 2023–2024.

First Selectman George Temple addressed the Board and discussed adding back into the budget the Town Hall receptionists for \$33,510, deduct the Great Oak school driveway for \$80,000, Great Oak school bathrooms for \$120,000, and the Great Oak School roof for \$150,000. The High School pool ventilation and heat system for \$500,000. The net budget reduction equals to \$816,490. If we used 500,000 more of the surplus, net reductions and revenue increase would be \$1,316,490. This would keep the mill rate with no increase at 24.36 mills. He went on to discuss the Capital Budget and using ARPA funds for Towner Lane, Fire Marshal car, and Public Works boiler and heater. The First Selectman George Temple guaranteed the board the sum of \$400,000 to complete these projects. He suggested adding back in the 2 Town Hall receptionists. Stating the receptionists is needed. They are needed to guide our patrons through the building. He went on to say the roof, driveway, and bathroom could be taken out of the Capital Plan and bonded.

Thus far \$695,000 of the ARPA Funds has been spent on town projects He went on to ask that librarians be put back in the budget.

Susan Arpin asked the First Selectman George Temple for more than \$400,000 from the Arpa funds.

First Selectman George Temple discussed if there is something that is really needed he would consider more funds.

Chairman Jack Kiley discussed that they have reviewed major projects and there are things that need to be done. Many have been neglected. If we take \$500,000 out of Capital and we receive \$800,000 total, that would drop the mill rate and all projects would be done except the pool.

First Selectman George Temple told the board he is committed to giving them \$400,000.

Motions:

Chairman Jack Kiley moved to add \$75,000. to the Board of Education Budget. This was seconded by Susan Arpin. Motion carried.

Dana Flach moved to put back in the Adult Services Librarian position for \$50,524. This was seconded by Paula Jensen. Motion carried.

Dana Flach moved to decrease the amount for books in the library Budget by \$5000 to \$20,000. This was seconded by Susan Arpin. Motion carried.

Chairman Jack Kiley moved to referendum with the proposed mill rate of 25.21. This was seconded by Susan Arpin.

Vote

Yes- Chairman Jack Kiley, Susan Arpin, Paula Jensen

No- Dana Flach

Motion carried.

Dana Flach moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33. This was seconded by Susan Arpin. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted By

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