

**CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
REGULAR MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

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ATTENDANCE: Mayor Harry Rilling; Ed Abrams; James Frayer; Troy Jellerette;
Artie Kassimis

STAFF: Henry Dachowitz, Chief Financial Officer; Irene Dixon, City Clerk;
Tom Ellis; Director Management and Budgets; Ken Hughes,
Superintendent of Parks and Public Property

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Dixon called the Roll as indicated above. A Quorum was present.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 9, 2023 – Regular Meeting

The following correction was made to the minutes:

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**** MR. KASSIMIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS AGENDA (Section A) None

3. TRANSFER AGENDA (Section B)

**** MR. ABRAMS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER REQUESTS:**

SECTION B

CITY OF NORWALK TRANSFERS 2022-23
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION

FISCAL YEAR 2022-23:

FIRE DEPT.:

From	To	Amount
01-3120-5110 Wages & Salary - Regular	01-3120-5242 Water	\$20,000

This transfer is to cover unexpected increases in First District Fire Hydrant Rental.

Finance recommends approval.

RECREATION AND PARKS:

From	To	Amount
01-4150-5110 Wages & Salary - Regular	01-4150-5336 Electrical Supplies	\$45,000

This transfer is to cover expenses for an Electrical Contractor services prior to hiring an in-house electrician.

Finance recommends approval.

Mr. Ellis reviewed the Fire Department's transfer request. Mr. Frayer said he thought they were in good shape. He noted they need to pay the bill, but would like advance notice from the First Taxing District as well as an explanation about the increase. Mr. Jellerette agreed and said a representative from the First Taxing District was supposed to come to the Board to explain their bill. Mr. Elli said he will discuss this with Fire Chef Gatto.

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4. OTHER BUSINESS (Section C)

A. Presentation of the FY 2023-24 Recommended Operating Budget.

Mayor Rilling thanked the Board for all their hard work. He read a statement regarding the recommended budget.

Mr. Dachowitz shared his screen and presented the budget. He reviewed the following topics:

- Budget Presentation/Calendar
- Recommended Operating Budget
- Covid and ARPA Funds
- Recommended Operating Budget by City Departments
- Unrestricted Unassigned Fund Balance
- Tax Levy and Mill Rates

The total FY 2023 budget was \$414,175,402 and the total FY 2024 recommended budget is \$424,361,2027 (2.46% increase). In addition, the City is planning a \$6 million draw down from the Rainy Day Fund in 2024.

Following his presentation, Mr. Dachowitz fielded questions from the Board members. He stressed the importance of maintaining the City's AAA bond rating in order to keep interest rates down. The Board members agreed.

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Section D)

Mr. Jellerette asked about Ms. Biagiarelli's comments about tax credits, but said he will talk to her next month.

Financial reports

- Oak Hills Park Budget – December 2022
- Year-to-date Capital Budget Report – FY 2022-23
- Year-to-date Operating Expenditure Report – FY 2022-23
- Year-to-date Operating Revenue Report – FY 2022-23
- Police Wages FY 2022-23 Pg. 51

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- Fire Wages FY 2022-23
- Public Works Wages FY 2022-23
- Year-to-date BOE Operating Expenditure Report FY 2022-23
- Tax Collector's Narrative – December 2022
- Tax Collector's Report – December 2022
- Tax Collector's Report – January 2013

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

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services