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Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

Board of Regular Finance Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2023. 7:00 pm

Hybrid: Town Hall - Meeting Room 1 & Via Zoom

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TOWN CLERK

Members Present: A. Migliaccio (Chair), J. Thomas, M. Egan, M. Hayes, T. Vaillancourt, A Shilosky

Also Present: A. Bisbikos (First Selectman), M. Williamson (Finance Director), J. Chaponis (Tax Assessor), M. Wyatt (Tax Collector)

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by A. Migliaccio
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Discussion on the 6/13 Motion: The Board discussed sending billing for personal property, motor vehicles, and real estate. J. Chaponis recommended that the board reconsiders sending out all billing, citing his review of the cost of billing and adjustments.
 - b. M. Wyatt reviewed her work with the assessor's office and agreed with his assessment.
 - c. A. Migliaccio made a motion to reconsider and amend the June 13th motion to send the first half of real estate bills due on August 1, 2023, with a delinquency date after September 1, 2023, at last year's approved mill rate 26.82 and send out the second installment of bills when adopted by the voters using the new mill rate. 2nd by T. Vaillancourt. **Motion carried unanimously 6-0**
 - d. A. Migliaccio made a motion to reconsider the June 13th motion and amend it as follows: personal property and motor vehicle taxes to be billed upon a successful referendum. 2nd by A. Shilosky. **Motion carried unanimously 6-0**
4. Tax Assessor:
 - a. J. Chaponis notified the board of a clerical error on the grant list, spoke about competitive salaries, and recommended a salary survey.
5. Town Budget
 - a. M. Egan proposed possibly adding a groundskeeper for field maintenance for 75K. A. Migliaccio suggested adding an election line and other items for a total of 27K. Members agreed that new information is needed to review any additional increases.
6. School Budget
 - a. M. Egan recommended funds for reinstituting programs and reevaluated revenue. A. Migliaccio reviewed an initial offer that came from the republican caucus but was then voided due to new information related to the grand list and revenue.
7. Department Reports
 - a. Finance Department: Reviewed expenditures, revenue, and revenue comparison reports. A. Bisbikos said that overall, our town budget is trending well and will end with a surplus.
 - b. Tax Collector: M. Wyatt reviewed her report and commented that she needed to close her books for June 30th and complained about the Finance Director. A. Bisbikos stated that the tax collector had been uncooperative with the finance department.
 - c. First Selectman Report: A. Bisbikos stated that Colchester has been awarded a national opioid settlement of 270K in settlement funds.
8. Transfers: None
9. Correspondence
10. Liaison Reports: None
11. Old Business: None
12. New Business: None

13. Citizens Comments

- J. Sevigny commented on the advisory question. J. LaChapelle commented on keeping low budgets. J. Mattison raised concerns related to higher budgets and taxes. M. Dubreuil spoke about the administration's spending increases. J. McKenzie commented on voter results. J. Ford questioned the minimum budget standard. J. Coakley discussed the school budget. V. Rose commented on the referendum results. M. Millington commented on the advisory question. J. Rose spoke in support of increasing the BOE budget. C. O'Donal noted the impact of an increase. T. Rudko spoke about parents looking closer at the numbers. E. Shuman supports an increased BOE budget. K. Belding spoke on keeping programs. J. Fussier spoke about decorum. D. Lambert spoke about decorum. D. Bouchard spoke about high budgets. A. Bisbikos spoke about the importance of having common ground on the grand list and revenue numbers. K. Kardys spoke about citizen involvement. N. McKenzie supported budget increases. J. Chaponis identified the work that the BOF had to do.

14. Adjournment: A. Shilosky made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by A. Migliaccio. Meeting adjourned at 10:26 PM

Minutes submitted by A. Migliaccio