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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

TOWN OF NEWTOWN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 29, 2017 NEWTOWN MUNICIPAL CENTER, NEWTOWN, CT

MOTIONS

MINUTES: MR. FERGUSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 22, 2017 REGULAR MEETING WITH CORRECTION TO THE MOTION INDICATING THE REASON TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS TO DISCUSS SCHOOL SECURITY. SECOND BY MR. CAROLL. ALL IN FAVOR.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution regarding the State's proposed plan to shift the burden of funding Teacher Pensions to the municipality: MR. KNAPP MOVED TO APPROVE WHEREAS, THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT HAS ANNOUNCED A BUDGET PROPOSAL VIA PRESS RELEASE OF FEBRUARY 3, 2017, THAT REQUIRES THE VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES OF THE STATE TO CONTRIBUTE ONE-THIRD OF THE EMPLOYER SHARE OF THE ACTUARIAL COST OF FUNDING THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (TRS) PENSION FOR FISCAL 2017 – 2018; AND WHEREAS, THE MECHANISM FOR FUNDING THE TRS PENSION SINCE APPROXIMATELY 1937 HAS BEEN SET FORTH IN STATE STATUTE SECTION 10-183R CONN. GEN. STAT., WHICH STATES SAID FUNDING SHALL BE EXCLUSIVELY BY CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEMBERS, APPROPRIATIONS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS AND EARNINGS OF SYSTEM; AND WHEREAS, NOWHERE IN THE AUTHORIZING STATUTES IS THERE A REQUIREMENT FOR ANY FUNDING FROM THE VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES OF THE STATE. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: THAT THE TOWN OF NEWTOWN IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET AS REGARDS THE FUNDING OF THE TRS BY ANY MUNICIPALITY SOURCE OR CONTRIBUTION WHATSOEVER. SECOND BY MR. LUNDQUIST. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. LUNDQUIST MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION AND PRINTING OF NON-ADVOCACY MATERIALS RELATED TO HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, NEWTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATIONS, AND HAWLEY SCHOOL ROOF REFERENDUM QUESTIONS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 25, 2017. SUCH MATERIALS TO INCLUDE MAILINGS, FLIERS, AND POSTERS AS WELL AS EXPLANATORY TEXT ON THE BALLOT. CONTENT OF THESE MATERIALS TO BE APPROVED BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY, SUBJECT TO CGS 9-369B (A). SECOND BY MR. EIDE. ALL IN FAVOR.

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2017-2018 Town of Newtown Municipal and Education Budgets: MR. KNAPP MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION WHEREAS, THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT HAS ANNOUNCED A BUDGET PROPOSAL THAT WILL REDISTRIBUTE REVENUES RELATED TO EDUCATION FUNDING AND OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF NEWTOWN STANDS TO LOSE \$3,814,563 IN REVENUE. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REDUCE EDUCATION COST SHARING GRANT REVENUE (PAGE 58 OF BOS BUDGET BOOK) BY \$1,500,000. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REDUCE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET LINE ITEM (PAGE 270 OF THE BOS BUDGET BOOK) BY \$1,031,481. THE \$1,031,481 REPRESENTS THE NET AMOUNT OF AN INCREASE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANT OF \$2,408,508 AND THE ELIMINATION OF THE EXCESS COST SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANT OF \$1,377,027. IF THE FINAL ADOPTED STATE BUDGET DOES NOT INCREASE NEWTOWN'S SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANT BY \$1,031,481 THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL MAKE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WHOLE BY USING ANY RESULTING INCREASE IN THE (LC ADOPTED) ESTIMATED REVENUE – COST SHARING GRANT (ECS) LINE ITEM AND/OR OTHER BUDGETARY MEANS. SECOND BY MR. CHAUDHARY. RESOLUTION PASSES 9-3 (Opposed: Mr. Eide, Ms. DiStefano, Mr. Lundquist)

Budget Recommendations from Finance/Admin, Education and Municipal Operations Committees:

MR. FILIATO MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET BE REDUCED BY \$133,030 IN THE PENSION FUND, \$63,630 IN THE MEDICAL SELF INSURANCE FUND, \$188,406 FROM THE DEBT SERVICE LINE ITEM, AND \$10,000 FROM THE OUTSIDE AGENCY EDMOND TOWN HALL FOR A TOTAL OF \$395,066. SECOND BY DAN WIEDEMANN. MR. EIDE MOVED TO AMEND AND DIVIDE THE MOTION INTO TWO MOTIONS, ONE TO INCLUDE THE PENSION FUND AND MEDICAL SELF INSURANCE FUND, AND THE OTHER MOTION TO INCLUDE THE DEBT SERVICE LINE ITEM AND OUTSIDE AGENCY EDMOND TOWN HALL. SECOND BY MR. CHAUDHARY. ALL IN FAVOR. MR. FILIATO MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET BE REDUCED BY \$133,030 IN THE PENSION FUND AND \$63,630 IN THE MEDICAL SELF INSURANCE FUND FOR A TOTAL OF \$196,660. SECOND BY MR. LUNDQUIST. MOTION PASSES 10-2 (Opposed: Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Eide) MR. FILIATO MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET BE REDUCED BY \$188,406 FROM THE DEBT SERVICE LINE ITEM AND \$10,000 FROM THE OUTSIDE AGENCY EDMOND TOWN HALL FOR A TOTAL OF \$198,406. SECOND BY MR. FERGUSON. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. WIEDEMANN MOVED TO REDUCE \$250,000 FROM DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND \$20,000 FROM POLICE CONTRACTURAL SERVICES. SECOND BY MS. DESTEFANO. MR. EIDE MOVED TO AMEND AND DIVIDE THE MOTION INTO TWO MOTIONS. SECOND BY MS. DESTEFANO. MOTION TO AMEND FAILED. 10-2 (Mr. Eide and Ms. DeStefano) MOTION TO REDUCE \$250,000 FROM DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND \$20,000 FROM POLICE CONTRACTURAL SERVICES. MOTION PASSES 11-1 (Opposed: Mr. Eide)

MR. CHAUDHARY MOVED TO REDUCE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET BY A TOTAL OF \$800,000: \$265,000 (USE OF THE ANTICIPATED 2016/17 SURPLUS), \$272,000 (DELAYED

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MAINTENANCE REPAIRS), \$35,000 (DELAY THE PAY-TO-PARTICIPATE CHANGES), \$173,000 (MEDICAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION BASED ON CLAIMS HISTORY), \$55,000 (PENSION FUND CONTRIBUTION DELAYED). SECOND MR. FILIATO. MS. DESTAFANO MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION BY PULLING OUT THE \$272,00(DELAYED MAINTENANCE REPAIRS). SECOND BY MR. EIDE. MOTION TO AMEND FAILED 9-3 (Ms. DeStefano, Mr. Eide, Mr. Honan). MOTION TO REDUCE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET BY A TOTAL OF \$800,000: \$265,000 (USE OF THE ANTICIPATED 2016/17 SURPLUS), \$272,000 (DELAYED MAINTENANCE REPAIRS), \$35,000 (DELAY THE PAY-TO-PARTICIPATE CHANGES), \$173,000 (MEDICAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION BASED ON CLAIMS HISTORY), \$55,000 (PENSION FUND CONTRIBUTION DELAYED). MOTION PASSES 9-3 (Opposed: Ms. DeStefano, Mr. Eide, Mr. Honan)

MR. LUNDQUIST MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR THE PLANNING AND DESIGN OF THE NEWTOWN POLICE FACILITY AND IMPROVEMENTS AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2017-18 TO 2021-22) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE. SECOND BY MR. KNAPP. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. LUNDQUIST MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM PHASE II RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2017-18 TO 2021-22) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$750,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE. SECOND BY MR. EIDE. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. LUNDQUIST MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$850,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, REPLACEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ROOF AT HAWLEY SCHOOL AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2017-18 TO 2021-22) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$850,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE. SECOND BY MR. CHAUDHARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. LUNDQUIST MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, RECONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN ROADS AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2017-18 TO 2021-22) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID

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SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE. SECOND BY MR. EIDE. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. LUNDQUIST MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,800,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AT THE NEWTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2017-18 TO 2021-22) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,800,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE. SECOND BY MR. EIDE. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. LUNDQUIST MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SENIOR CENTER AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2017-18 TO 2021-22) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,000,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE. SECOND BY MR. EIDE. ALL IN FAVOR.