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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

TOWN OF NEWTOWN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 5, 2017

NEWTOWN MUNICIPAL CENTER, NEWTOWN, CT

MOTIONS

MINUTES: MR. CARROLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 29, 2017 REGULAR MEETING. SECOND BY MR. CHAUDHARY. Ms. Jacob asked if anyone needed further review of the minutes since they were distributed just today. It was agreed to postpone the approval of the minutes of March 29, 2017 until the next meeting. **MR. CHAUDHARY WITHDREW HIS SECOND. MR. CARROLL WITHDREW HIS MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINTUES OF THE MARCH 29, 2017 REGULAR MEETING.**

ACQUISITION OF SAC FIELD: MR. LUNDQUIST MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACQUQISITON OF SAC FIELD. SECOND BY MR. CARROLL. ALL IN FAVOR. (12-0)

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE COUNCIL'S INTENT IN THE EVENT THE BUDGET ACTIONS IN RELATION TO THE STATE OF CT BUDGET HAVE OVERFUNDED THE TOWN'S BUDGET: MR. LUNDQUIST 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 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MADE REDUCTIONS TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE APPROVED BUDGET THAT IT MIGHT NOT HAVE OTHERWISE MADE AS A RESULT OF THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET; AND WHEREAS, THAT RESULT COULD MEAN WE HAVE ASKED THE TAXPAYERS FOR MORE REVENUE THAN WILL BE REQUIRED TO FUND THE APPROVED SPENDING; AND WHEREAS, THOSE FUNDS WOULD NORMALLY BE SWEEP INTO THE GENERAL FUND AS UNANTICIPATED REVENUE; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: THAT SHOULD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL APPROVED BUDGET BE ACCEPTED BY THE TAXPAYERS AS PROPOSED ON APRIL 25, 2017, AND THE STATE BUDGET RESULT IN A EDUCATION COST SHARING REVENUES THAT EXCEED \$2,138,725 AND SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANT FUNDS THAT EXCEED \$2,054,060, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER ACTION TO FUND SOME OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO AN EXTENT POSSIBLE GIVEN AVAILABLE FUNDING FROM THE STATE: CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PENSION FUND \$188,030, CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEDICAL SELF INSURANCE FUND \$236,630, ROADS \$250,000, BOE MAINTENANCE REPAIRS \$272,000. SECOND BY MR. KNAPP.

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MR. CHAUDHARY MOVED TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE IN THE MOTION IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH TO READ ... NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: THAT SHOULD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL APPROVED BUDGET BE ACCEPTED BY THE TAXPAYERS AS PROPOSED ON APRIL 25, 2017, AND THE STATE BUDGET RESULT IN A EDUCATION COST SHARING REVENUES THAT EXCEED \$2,138,725 AND SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANT FUNDS THAT EXCEED \$2,054,060, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER ACTION TO PARTIALLY OR FULLY FUND SOME OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO AN EXTENT POSSIBLE GIVEN AVAILABLE FUNDING FROM THE STATE: SECOND BY MS. DESTEFANO. ALL IN FAVOR. (12-0) MOTION TO AMEND LANGUAGE PASSES.

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2017-2018 TOWN OF NEWTOWN MUNICIPAL AND EDUCATION BUDGETS. MR. CHAUDHARY MOVED TO REDUCE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S BUDGET BY \$25,000 FOR THE INSURANCE ACCOUNT, \$75,000 FOR CONTINGENCY, \$25,000 FOR WINTER MAINTANCE. SECOND BY MR. LUNDQUIST. MR. KNAPP MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO NOT TAKE \$75,000 FROM CONTINGENCY BUT RATHER TO REDUCE CAPITAL NON-RECURRING BY \$75,000 AND TO NOT TAKE \$25,000 FROM WINTER MAINTENANCE. SECOND BY MR. WIEDEMANN. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO AMEND PASSES (12-0) MOTION: REDUCE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S BUDGET CAPITAL NON-RECURRING BY \$75,000 AND \$25,000 FOR THE INSURANCE ACCOUNT. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES (12-0)

MR. EIDE MOVED TO RECIND A PREVIOUS RESOLUTION OF REDUCING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET LINE ITEM BY \$1,031,481. SECOND BY MS. DESTEFANO. MOTION FAILED (10-2). (Mr. Eide, Ms. DeStefano)

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MR. LUNDQUIST MOVED TO SET THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET AT \$40,399,575 AND BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET AT \$72,995,957 FOR A TOTAL TOWN BUDGET OF \$113,395,532. SECOND. MR. WIEDEMANN. ALL IN FAVOR. (12-0)

MR. LUNDQUIST MOVED TO ALLOW THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ADDRESS ANY ROUNDING NUMBER ERRORS IN THE BUDGET JUST SET BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. SECOND BY MR. WIEDEMANN. ALL IN FAVOR. (12-0)