Town of Griswold

Board of Finance
Special Meeting
April 9, 2019
7:00 PM
Griswold Senior Center
MINUTES

1. Roll Call/Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM
   Board of Finance Members Present:
   Scott Davis – Chairman
   Steve Mikutel – Vice Chairman
   Brian Baker
   Valerie Grills
   Gail Rooke-Norman
   Dan Webster

   Also Present:
   Julie Marcotte, Director of Finance
   Todd Babbit, First Selectman
   Sean McKenna, Superintendent, Griswold Schools
   4 Other People

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Old Business
   a. Discussion and possible action on Board of Education Tuition Policy.
      B. Baker handed out a revised draft for review by the Board members. There was concern
      raised with respect to the impact on the MBR and setting a precedent for other
      departments. There was also concern as to why the Board of Education has not included
      this amount in the BOE budget. S. McKenna noted that the budget for the Board of
      Education is completed in January. There was much discussion on the wording of the
      policy. MOTION: D. Webster made a motion that was seconded by V. Grills that the
      Board of Finance approve the Board of Finance Policy Re: Board of Education Special
      Education Expenses and Tuition Policy as presented; motion carried.

   b. Discussion and possible action on addition of line items within the General
      Government budget.
      MOTION: G. Rooke-Norman made a motion that was seconded by B. Baker that in
      department 1701 Legal, account 5350 BOF Legal be modified to BOF Legal and/or
      Consultant Fees; motion carried.
      MOTION: B. Baker made a motion that was seconded by S. Mikutel to set up a line item
      for Special Education Expenses and Tuition to be set up in the General Government
      budget within department 7101 Emergency and Contingency, division 570 Sundry,
      account number 5801 Contingency BOE. The motion was to set up the line item only
      with no funding; motion carried.
4. Old Business
   a. Discussion and possible action on FY19-20 budget.
      MOTION: D. Webster made a motion that was seconded by B. Baker to add $100,000 to the Board of Education budget for the purpose of a special education teacher. There was discussion as to the authority of the Board of Finance to make a line item addition to the Board of Education budget; motion failed.
      MOTION: B. Baker made a motion that was seconded by G. Rooke-Norman to add $100,000 to the General Government budget under department 7101 line item 5801 Contingency BOE; motion carried.

      There was discussion on the three projects that are coming up for bonding: the School Gas Line project, the Infrastructure project which includes both water and sewer, and the Senior Center. T. Babbitt indicated there is a conference call with the bond attorney tomorrow. It was noted by S. Davis that the current budget proposal for FY19-20 does not include anything in long term debt to cover these projects should they be approved at referendum nor does it include funding for the penalty should the Gas Line project not be approved at referendum.

5. Adjournment
   MOTION: S. Mikutel made a motion that was seconded by B. Baker to adjourn the meeting at 8:55PM. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Marcotte
Finance Director