



Town of Ridgefield Board of Finance

Unapproved Special Meeting Minutes Monday April 15, 2024

Call to order

Dave Ulmer called a special meeting of the Board of Finance to order at 6:00 pm on April 15, 2024 in the Town Hall large conference room. Board Members Dave Ulmer, Mike Rettger, Joe Shapiro and Greg Kabasakalian attended in person or via conference call.

Others Participating:

Kevin Redmond, Controller

I. Budget Resolutions

Kevin Redmond provided the text of the proposed budget resolutions concerning the budget based on those adopted previously by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Rettger made a motion to waive the reading of the details of each resolution. Seconded by Mr. Shapiro. All in favor.

Mr. Ulmer offered the following motion:

RESOLVED: That The Recommendation Of The Board Of Finance Relative To The Appropriation Of \$50,545,667 For Town Expenditures (Consisting Of Town Operating Expenditures Of \$43,257,080 And Debt Service Of \$7,288,587 On Both Town And Education Capital Projects) For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2024 And Ending June 30, 2025, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

RESOLVED: That The Recommendation Of The Board Of Finance Relative To The Appropriation Of \$115,041,000 For Board Of Education Expenditures For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2024 And Ending June 30, 2025, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

RESOLVED: That The Recommendation Of The Board Of Finance Relative To The Appropriation Of \$2,669,250 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Various Town Road And ADA

Improvements For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2024 And Ending June 30, 2025, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$270,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Highway Dump Truck With Plow, \$131,734 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Highway Lowboy Truck, \$498,000 For the Design And Acquisition Of A Highway Vector Truck And \$150,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Sidewalk Improvements; And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,049,734 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes (Provided That The Bonds Shall Be Reduced By The Amount Of Any Grants Received For Such Purposes, Which Are Anticipated To Be \$150,000 For Sidewalk Improvements)”, a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$123,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Multi-Deck Golf Mower, \$101,177 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Parks And Recreation Mower, \$387,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of New Pickleball Courts, \$120,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Recreation Center Bathroom Renovations, \$163,963 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Recreation Center Divider Doors, \$106,370 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Recreation Center HVAC Controls, And \$222,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of A Library Material Handling System; And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,223,510 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes”, a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$503,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of Portable Police Department Radios, \$134,235 For The Design And Acquisition Of Portable Fire Department Radios, \$190,075 For The Design And Acquisition Of Fire Department Cancer Prevention Equipment And \$401,594 For The Design And Acquisition Of An Ambulance; And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,228,904 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes”, a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$725,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Mountain Road Bridge Repairs, \$325,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Shadow Lake Dam Repairs, And \$187,500 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Lake Mamasasco Dam Repairs; And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,237,500 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes (Provided That The Bonds Shall Be Reduced By The Amount Of Any Grants Received For Such Purposes, Which Are Anticipated To Be \$500,000 For Mountain Road Bridge Repairs And \$500,000 For Shadow Lake And Lake Mamasasco Dam Repairs)”, a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$395,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Auditorium Renovations at Veteran’s Park Elementary School, \$165,210 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of District-Wide School Safety And Security Upgrades, \$258,148 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of District-Wide LED Lighting Upgrades, \$160,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of Classroom Furniture at Ridgefield High School, And \$114,100 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of District-Wide Visual And Performing Arts Equipment; And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,092,458 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings

For Such Purposes”, a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$390,019 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Cass Gilbert Fountain Repairs, Olmstead Lane Fountain Repairs And Peter Parley School House Grounds Upgrade, \$225,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition and Installation Of Elementary School ADA Playground Upgrades, And \$400,000 For The Planning, Design And Acquisition Of A Town Road Safety Report; And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,015,019 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes (Provided That The Bonds Shall Be Reduced By The Amount Of Any Grants Received For Such Purposes, Which Are Anticipated To Be \$320,000 For The Town Road Safety Report)”, a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town

In addition, at said meeting, the Board of Finance adopted the following resolution to be voted upon at the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 7:30 P.M. (E.T.) at the Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$1,505,222 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition, Installation And Construction Of Various Public Improvements And Equipment; And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,505,222 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes”, a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town by Town Meeting vote.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kabasakalian. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES: Mr. Ulmer, Mr. Rettger, Mr. Shapiro and Mr. Kabasakalian

NAYS: None

Mr. Ulmer thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolutions adopted.

II. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. by Mr. Kabasakalian, seconded by Mr. Ulmer. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Redmond