

Public Hearing of the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville held Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in Town Council Chambers, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville, for and within the Town of Burrillville.

Present: Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson

Members Absent: None

Relative to discussing the Municipal Budget

NOTE: The public hearing was duly advertised in the local section of the Woonsocket Call on May 9, May 13 and May 20, 2013.

1. Comments from the Budget Board

Hubert Cournoyer of the Budget Board reviewed the task of the Board, commented on the impact of reduced state aid in recent years and discussed the Budget Board's efforts to avoid negatively affecting taxpayers. Mr. Cournoyer indicated that the Budget Board proposal is bare-bones, with funding for several items from alternate sources. Council President Nancy F. Binns thanked the Board for their report.

2. Comments from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, provided a general overview of the total budget and discussed the municipal line item summaries presented in the report, a copy of which is on file with the record of the hearing. Mr. Wood commented on the revaluation and the FY2014 projected tax rate of \$18.61, which Mr. Wood said would have essentially no impact on the taxes of the average home.

Members of the Town Council inquired about intergovernmental revenue that might be reduced, changes in state funding for the School Department, level funding the board of canvassers' budget from year to year, the use of recycling money, and payroll expenses for the Burrillville Extended Care program and the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library. These matters were discussed.

3. Public Comment:

Note: Persons who wish to address the Council shall state their names and addresses.

Margaret L. Dudley, 10 Mill Pond Road addressed the Town Council. Ms. Dudley commended the Manager for a job well done and asked that in the future the Budget Board's report be made public when submitted.

Ms. Dudley commented on the recommendation for the Jesse M.

Smith Memorial Library's proposed budget, suggesting that the FY2014 budget for the Library be increased to the amount of the original request from the Director, plus \$3,981.00. Ms. Dudley explained that those funds were needed and justified. Ms. Dudley discussed the details of the library's budget and explained her recommended increase. Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, commented.

Councilor Stephen N. Rawson observed that the municipal side had been diligent with its budget, realizing a decrease since 2010, while the School Department budget had increased significantly over the same timeframe.

Councilor Stephen N. Rawson asked about the Ocean State library fee increase. The matter was discussed.

Councilor David J. Place asked about the 990 filing of the library. The matter was discussed.

4. VOTED to close the public hearing

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

5. Town Council deliberation:

In closing, Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, asked that Councilors contact him with any questions that arise over the coming weeks.

Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown asked that Mr. Wood review Ms. Dudley's comments about the library employees' benefits. Mr. Wood indicated that he would meet with the library director and his revised report would address this matter if appropriate. Councilor David J. Place requested a copy of the library's most recently filed form 990.

Councilor Edward J. Blanchard asked for an explanation of Spring Lake Beach line items. Discussion followed and additional information was to be provided by the administration.

Mr. Wood indicated that his Town Manager budget would increase to accommodate part time help.

Councilor Stephen N. Rawson asked that the School Department be notified that they should be prepared to discuss their plans for their undesignated, unreserved fund. Councilor Rawson voiced concern about the School Department capital plan, including the roof problem.

Councilor Edward J. Blanchard asked about transportation for Burrillville Extended Care (BEC) field trips and whether BEC pays

Spring Lake Beach for use of the facility. The matter was discussed.

6. VOTED to adjourn at 7:55 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

The hearing was recorded.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk