

## **Town of Lincoln**

### **Budget Board Meeting**

**April 5, 2010**

#### **Present**

**Linda Noble Claudette Lussier Carl Brunetti Hagop Jawharjian Jay  
O'Gray**

**Greg Leonard Cheryl Ethier Sheila Chisholm Joe Renning**

#### **Call To Order**

**The meeting began at 7:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

#### **Old Business**

##### **SCHOOL RECOMMENDED 2010-2011 BUDGET**

**The Budget Board discussed the Maintenance of Effort and whether or not they felt the schools could operate effectively with a budget of that amount.**

**Medicaid Revenues and the Town Administrator's proposal for that particular income as well as the Governor's projection were discussed. Also discussed was the Fairlawn Lease revenue and whether it should be included in the budget rather than in resolution form.**

**Adjustments that were reviewed included \$76,007 for breakage**

**because there will be an additional retiree and Health care because the rate of increase came closer to 9% than the originally recommended 7%.**

**The Budget Board discussed school staffing and the fact that there has not been word of a pay freeze this year, and they discussed the possible need for layoffs in the near future, and wondered how many could be laid off in order to still effectively educate the students.**

**Also discussed was the schools accumulated surplus, which still includes \$517,000 added at Financial Town Meeting, and noted that it is imperative to keep in mind that Fairlawn is closing this year.**

**It was noted that in the next fiscal year, stimulus money will not be given anymore and teacher contracts will be due for negotiations. Additionally, this year there were non-repeating expenses associated with preparing elementary schools to take the early learning students once Fairlawn closes.**

**Greg Leonard made a motion, seconded by Sheila Chisholm, that the Budget Board recommend a local appropriation to the schools of \$40,146,732 which is the Maintenance of Effort.**

**It was noted that the schools do operate on a bottom line budget. Also, the Budget Board discussed the fact that the schools tend to be administratively heavily staffed, which could be scaled back without**

**hindering education. Also discussed were Charter Schools and the vacant positions for Lincoln, as well as the fact that full-time Kindergarten did not happen mainly because of budgetary reasons.**

**The motion passed by a vote of 8-1.**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**The Budget Board discussed the resolutions that were to be put into the budget packet to be voted upon at the Financial Town Meeting.**

**Resolution I was discussed because the language is not consistent with RI statute. It will be reworded by the Budget Board before a vote.**

**Resolution IV was discussed because the range for the tax levy had to be set. The Budget Board decided on a range of \$49,000,000 to \$53,064,337 which is the maximum allowed by the state cap.**

**Resolution VI allows the improvement of the tennis courts for \$120,000 which will be taken out of Capital Reserve, and it was noted that there should be a worksheet in the budget that shows the impact of the transaction for the Financial Town Meeting voters.**

**Resolution VIII was discussed because there was fund number information needed from the Finance Director in order to pass the resolution through. The resolution calls for \$508,040 for capital improvements to the schools.**

**Jay O'Grady made a motion, seconded by Joe Renning, to approve RESOLUTION II.**

**The resolution passed by unanimous vote.**

**Hagop Jawharjian made a motion, seconded by Joe Renning, to approve RESOLUTION III.**

**The resolution passed by unanimous vote.**

**Jay O'Grady made a motion, seconded by Hagop Jawharjian, to approve RESOLUTION IV as amended.**

**The resolution passed by unanimous vote.**

**Joe Renning made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonard, to approve RESOLUTION V.**

**The resolution passed by unanimous vote.**

**Sheila Chisholm made a motion, seconded by Joe Renning, to approve RESOLUTION VI.**

**The resolution passed by unanimous vote.**

**Sheila Chisholm made a motion, seconded by Hagop Jawharjian, to approve RESOLUTION VII. This resolution allows for \$100,000 for Barney Pond Dam Engineering. The resolution passed by unanimous vote.**

**Greg Leonard made a motion, seconded by Jay O'Grady, to approve RESOLUTION IX.**

**This resolution allows for the lease of Fairlawn for \$115,000.**

**The resolution passed by unanimous vote.**

**Hagop Jawharjian made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonard, to approve RESOLUTION X.**

**The resolution passed by unanimous vote.**

**Carl Brunetti made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonard, to approve RESOLUTION XI.**

**This resolution allows for the lease of the Animal Shelter.**

**The resolution passed by unanimous vote.**

**Linda Noble will call the Town Administrator regarding the fund number information needed and School Capital report information. The Budget Board will then vote on Resolution I and Resolution VIII once that information is received.**

**The Budget Board will write their annual budget message at tomorrow night's meeting.**

**Other**

**Linda Noble noted that she spoke with the Ethics Commission regarding a member of the Budget Board running for State Senate and they gave her a list of cases that indicated that it was ethical to**

**hold the position while running.**

**The Budget Board discussed sending out a press release to notify the public that there were some open positions on the Budget Board for the upcoming season.**

### **Minutes**

**The minutes of March 31st and April 1st were distributed for review.**

**Greg Leonard made a motion, seconded by Hagop Jawharjian, to approve the minutes of March 31st. The minutes were approved by a vote of 8-0 with Cheryl Ethier abstaining because she was not present on March 31st.**

**Claudette Lussier made a motion, seconded by Sheila Chisholm, to approve the minutes of April 1st.**

**The motion were approved by unanimous vote.**

### **Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn by Joe Renning, seconded by Greg Leonard.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.**