



Town of Ridgefield
Board of Finance
Approved Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018

I. Call to order

D. Ulmer called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Finance at 7:34 PM on April 3rd, 2018 at Ridgefield Town Hall, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT (Large Conference Room). All Board Members (D. Ulmer, S. Connelly, J. Mancini, A. Freidenrich, and D. Moccia) were in attendance.

Additional Officials in attendance include: R. Marconi (First Selectman), B. Hebert (Selectman), M. Kozlark (Selectman), K. Redmond (Controller), F. Walton (BOE Chairperson), and D. Silver (BOE Vice Chairman).

II. Comments from the Public

No comments.

III. Discussion on Capital Budget

D. Ulmer asks about the Governor Street parking lot expansion. R. Marconi states that the job will likely cost between \$12k-\$15k per parking spot and D. Moccia thought that the \$10k proposal that was received is extremely reasonable (although the proposed cost does not include signage). The goal is ultimately to provide more employee parking. A. Freidenrich suggests a covered parking lot and asked if building up was an option. R. Marconi stated that surveys were done and we can accommodate a parking garage; however the general consensus is that most people are opposed to having a parking garage in Ridgefield.

- **D. Moccia moved and J. Mancini seconded the motion to approve the road budget. Motion carried 5-0.**
- **D. Ulmer moved and A. Freidenrich seconded the motion to approve the towns budget of 2.62% over the current motion to accept as recommended. Motion carried 5-0.**

IV. Voting on Board of Education Budget

J. Mancini moved and S. Connelly seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education's increase of 2.55% (equal to \$95M). Motion carried 5-0.

V. Follow-up Questions: Board of Education

J. Mancini raised concerns about the shatterproof glass project, as there is debate about it possibly causing Vitamin D deficiency. D. Silver states that the film may reduce some of the sunlight; however, the goal is to keep students safe in the event of an active shooter situation, as it keeps the glass intact and prevents shrapnel from harming students. D. Moccia states that the protective film may provide some energy savings as well. D. Silver said that school shootings are always different, and there's always something new – the weapons change and the goals change. He feels that the locks and the staff training came into play and saved many lives during the Parkland shooting. D. Moccia states that the entryway is the first step; thereafter the BOE can request additional funding.

D. Ulmer moved and J. Mancini seconded the motion to use the \$1.6M fund balance (allowing a 9.2% cushion). Motion carried 5-0.

VI. Capital Budget Item Discussion

D. Moccia states that multiple returns are expected on the \$20k police license plate readers.

D. Ulmer moved and S. Connelly seconded the motion to approve the capital items in the \$3,861,165 offset by \$150,000 for LOCIP, making the total \$3,711,165. Motion carried 5-0.

VII. Adjournment

D. Ulmer moved and J. Mancini seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Shannon Freda