



## **Town of Ridgefield Board of Finance**

### **Approved Meeting Minutes** Thursday April 14, 2022

#### **Call to order**

Dave Ulmer called the annual Budget Meeting to order at 12:30 pm on April 14, 2022 via Zoom. Board Members Dave Ulmer, Greg Kabasakalian, Mike Rettger, Andrew Okrongly and Karen Ogden present.

#### Others Participating:

Town Officials and Staff: Rudy Marconi, First Selectman; 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. Okrongly. All in favor.

Mr. Ulmer offered the following motion:

RESOLVED: That The Recommendation Of The Board Of Finance Relative To The Appropriation Of \$47,484,512 For Town Expenditures (Consisting Of Town Operating Expenditures Of \$39,218,807 And Debt Service Of \$8,265,705 On Both Town And Education Capital Projects) For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2022 And Ending June 30, 2023, 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 \$106,600,490 For Board Of Education Expenditures For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2022 And Ending June 30, 2023, 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 \$1,600,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Various Town Road And ADA Improvements For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2022 And Ending June 30, 2023, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$291,404 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Fire Mini Attack Pumper, \$229,611 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Highway Mack Dump Truck, \$300,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Sidewalk Improvements And \$1,000,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Tertiary Roads And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,821,015 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 \$432,500 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Tennis, Basketball And Pickleball Court Replacement And \$106,250 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Recreation Center Updates, Including Gym Floors And Pads And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$538,750 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 \$150,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Annex Building Interior Flooring, \$360,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Highway Garage 2 Roof Replacement And \$105,812 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Playhouse Fire Suppression And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$615,812 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 \$396,570 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of East Ridge Middle School LED Lighting Upgrades, \$404,460 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of School District Wide Network Infrastructure Upgrades, \$315,900 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Barlow Mountain Elementary School Oil Tank Removal And Replacement And \$282,075 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Branchville Elementary School Asbestos Abatement/Floor Re-Tiling And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,399,005 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 Eversource Rebates Received For Such Purposes, Which Are Anticipated To Be \$92,340 For School LED Lighting Upgrades)”, 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 \$246,721 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of East Ridge Middle School Auditorium Lighting Upgrades And \$191,133 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of School District Wide Replacement Of Orchestra And Band Instruments And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$437,854 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 Making Appropriations Aggregating \$1,826,408 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition, Installation And Construction Of Various Public Improvements And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,826,408 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 Ms. Ogden. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES: Mr. Ulmer, Mr. Rettger, Ms. Ogden, Mr. Kabasakalian, Mr. Okrongly

NAYS: None

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

## **II. Proposed Transfer 2022-2**

Kevin Redmond presented a proposed \$75,000 transfer, which would decrease the budget for Health Insurance (10853-57001) and increase the budget for The Battle of Ridgefield expense (10010-52007). A member asked how this expense would affect the estimate of surplus revenue and expenses that had been the basis for setting the reserve fund contribution in the 2022-23 budget discussions last week. Mr. Redmond reported that in the last Revenue meeting, Golf had increased its estimate of revenue for this year, so the budget estimate would still hold as projected.

Mr. Rettger moved to approve the transfer. Mr. Okrongly seconded the motion. All in favor.

Following completion of the agenda, Mr. Marconi asked if he could briefly remark on the BOE budget submission and reporting process. It was agreed that members’ suggestions for improvements would be discussed with the BOE at upcoming meetings.

**III. Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn at 12:50 p.m. by Mr. Rettger, seconded by Mr. Okrongly. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Redmond