



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

### **Approved Meeting Minutes Special Meeting Thursday April 13, 2023**

#### **Call to order**

Dave Ulmer called a special meeting of the Board of Finance to order at 12:33 pm on April 13, 2023 via Zoom. Board Members Dave Ulmer, Mike Rettger, Andrew Okrongly, Joe Shapiro and Greg Kabasakalian were present.

#### 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 \$48,715,483 For Town Expenditures (Consisting Of Town Operating Expenditures Of \$42,029,352 And Debt Service Of \$6,686,131 On Both Town And Education Capital Projects) For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2023 And Ending June 30, 2024, 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 \$110,645,000 For Board Of Education Expenditures For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2023 And Ending June 30, 2024, 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 \$2,657,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Various Town Road And ADA

Improvements For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2023 And Ending June 30, 2024, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$148,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Highway Screener, \$385,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Public Works Garage 1 Roof Replacement, \$386,657 For the Planning, Design And Acquisition Of A Fire Department Ambulance And \$300,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Sidewalk Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,219,657 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 \$500,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Phase 2 Tennis, Basketball And Pickleball Court Replacement And \$553,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Recreation Center HVAC And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,053,000 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 \$100,000 For The Planning, Design And Acquisition Of Ridgebury Road Design, \$1,040,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition, Construction And Installation Of Ridgefield High School Water Main Installation, \$105,300 For The Planning, Design And Acquisition Of Bridge Replacement Engineering And \$100,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of FEMA Drainage Design And Construction And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,345,300 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 \$264,767 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Farmingville Elementary School LED Lighting Upgrades, \$381,600 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of School District Wide Network Infrastructure Upgrades, \$275,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Alternative High School Building Addition, \$349,500 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Ridgebury Elementary School Whole Building Emergency Power Generator, \$165,000 For The Planning, Design And Acquisition Of An Engineering Study To Develop A District Wide Master Plan And \$295,612 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Branchville Elementary School Asbestos Abatement/Floor Re-Tiling And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,731,479 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 \$170,800 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Ridgefield High School And Scott’s Ridge Middle School Entrance Guard Booth, \$272,400 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition, Construction And Installation Of Ridgefield High School Front Entrance Security Enclosure And Peripherals And \$264,470 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of School District Wide Safety and Security Upgrades And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$707,670 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.

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 1, 2023 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 \$1,681,530 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition, Installation And Construction Of Various Public Improvements And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,681,530 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. Rettger. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

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

**II. Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn at 12:42 p.m. by Mr. Rettger, seconded by Mr. Okrongly. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Redmond