

MINUTES
JOINT BOARDS OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES
AND BOARD OF FINANCE
ADOPTION OF THE 2011-2012 BUDGET
May 26, 2011

1. Mayor Robert Mezzo called the **Special Meeting** to order at **6:31 p.m.** with the following in attendance:

BURGESSES:

T. K. Rossi	L. Jackson
M. Bronko	R. Neth
R. Burns	R. San Angelo
M. Ciacciarella	P. Scully, Sr.
C. Ernsky	

PRESS:

A. Malik
P. Scalisi
L. Weschler

FINANCE BOARD:

R. Butler, Jr.	J. Merrill
D. Carten	A. Pistarelli, absent
R. Gallant	D. Scinto
M. Katra	J. Tavares, arrived 6:45 p.m.

ALTERNATES:

K. Kiernan
J. Sampaio, absent
D. Sheridan, Jr.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

W. McAllister, Controller

OTHERS:

None

RESIDENTS:

One

2. The Mayor led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. Mayor Mezzo turned the meeting over to Finance Board Chairman Robert Butler, Jr. who appointed K. Kiernan in the absence of J. Tavares and D. Sheridan in the absence of A. Pistarelli.
4. Chairman Butler stated that each department budget as prepared by the Finance Board will be discussed separately. Each budget will either be **accepted as presented** or **accepted with specified changes**. Each proposed change to a budget will be voted on separately.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Administrative

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Administrative Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$248,979**.

Town Hall Building

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Town Hall Building Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$138,802**.

Town Wide Activity

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Town Wide Activity Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$180,420**.

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Department of Finance

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Department of Finance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$364,265.

Probate Court

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Probate Court Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$13,189.

Elections

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Elections Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$77,600.

Tax Department

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Tax Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$238,559.

R. San Angelo and M. Ciacciarella opposed.

J. Tavares arrived at 6:45 p.m.

Chairman Butler appointed K. Kiernan in the vacant position.

Property Assessment

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Property Assessment Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$210,000.

Building Inspector

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Building Inspector Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$190,469.

Information Technology

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Information Technology Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$174,349.

Town Clerk

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Town Clerk Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$220,561.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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FOR:

Mayor Mezzo
R. Butler, Jr.
T. K. Rossi
R. Gallant
J. Merrill
D. Scinto
J. Tavares
D. Sheridan, Jr.
M. Bronko
R. Burns
M. Ciacciarella
L. Jackson
P. Scully, Sr.

OPPOSED:

D. Carten
M. Katra
K. Kiernan
C. Ernsky
R. Neth
R. San Angelo

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion carried 13-6-0

Downtown Development

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Downtown Development Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$35,800.

Naugatuck Economic Development Corporation

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Naugatuck Economic Development Corporation Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$94,050.
K. Kiernan, P. Scully, M. Ciacciarella and M. Katra opposed.

Land Use

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Land Use Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$216,314.

ROLL CALL VOTE

FOR:

Mayor Mezzo
R. Butler, Jr.
T. K. Rossi
D. Carten
R. Gallant
J. Merrill
J. Tavares
D. Sheridan, Jr.
R. Burns
L. Jackson

OPPOSED:

M. Katra
D. Scinto
K. Kiernan
M. Bronko
M. Ciacciarella
C. Ernsky
R. Neth
R. San Angelo
P. Scully, Sr.

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion carried 10-9-0

Legal Department

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Legal Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$285,000.

Estimated Wage Increases – Union

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Estimated Wage Increases – Union** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$27,963.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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M. Katra
J. Merrill
D. Scinto
J. Tavares
D. Sheridan, Jr.
M. Bronko
R. Burns
L. Jackson
P. Scully, Sr.

OPPOSED:

T. K. Rossi
R. Gallant
K. Kiernan
M. Ciacciarella
C. Ernsky
R. Neth
R. San Angelo

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion carried 12-7-0

Human Resources

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Human Resources Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$161,177.

Chairman Butler recessed the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Chairman Butler reconvened the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Police Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$5,987,848.

ROLL CALL VOTE

FOR:

T. K. Rossi
D. Carten
R. Gallant
M. Katra
D. Sheridan, Jr.
M. Bronko
R. Burns
M. Ciacciarella
C. Ernsky
R. Neth
R. San Angelo
P. Scully, Sr.

OPPOSED:

Mayor Mezzo
J. Merrill
D. Scinto
J. Tavares
K. Kiernan
L. Jackson

ABSTAIN:

R. Butler, Jr.

Motion carried 12-6-1

Fire Department

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Fire Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$3,642,523.

Naugatuck Ambulance

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Naugatuck Ambulance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$148,420.

Office of Emergency Management

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Office of Emergency Management Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$5,000.

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Local Emergency Planning Committee (NEMAC)

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Local Emergency Planning Committee (NEMAC) Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$15,250 .

Eastside Fire Station

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Eastside Fire Station Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$16,550 .

Safety Patrol

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Safety Patrol Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,000 .

Fire/Police

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Fire/Police Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,000 .

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Social Services

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Social Services Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$30,000 .

Youth Services

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Youth Services Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$175,924 .

D. Scinto opposed.

Visiting Nurses Association

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Visiting Nurses Association Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,187,442 .

D. Scinto opposed.

Water Pollution Control Authority

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Water Pollution Control Authority Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$6,298,727 .

D. Scinto opposed.

PUBLIC WORKS & RECREATIONAL

Street Department

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. Rossi that the **Street Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$3,048,386 .

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Park and Recreation

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Park and Recreation Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$930,435.

J. Tavares opposed.

Hop Brook Golf Course

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Hop Brook Golf Course Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$395,096.

Mayor Mezzo, M. Katra and K. Kiernan opposed.

Senior Center

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Senior Center Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$115,780.

Engineering Department

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Engineering Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$324,564.

DEBT SERVICE:

Debt Service

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Debt Service Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$2,808,875.

Pensions

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Pensions Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$8,553,585.

Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Pensions Budget** be accepted with specified changes (reduction of the contribution to the employees pension fund and the firemen's' pension fund) in the amount of \$8,401,440.

K. Kiernan opposed.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL:

Insurance

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Insurance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$8,491,633.

Motion unanimously opposed.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Insurance Budget** be accepted with specified changes (reduction in workers compensation) in the amount of \$8,357,065.

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Community Services

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Community Services Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$947,663.

R. Butler, J. Merrill and M. Bronko opposed.

General

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **General Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,260,037.

Motion unanimously opposed.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **General Budget** be accepted with specified changes (reduction in the dog fund) in the amount of \$1,235,037.

Reserve Fund

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Reserve Fund Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,222,243.

K. Kiernan, C. Ernsky and M. Bronko opposed.

L. Jackson abstained.

Contingency

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Contingency Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$400,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

FOR:

R. Butler, Jr.
D. Carten
R. Gallant
J. Merrill
D. Scinto
D. Sheridan, Jr.
R. Burns

OPPOSED:

Mayor Mezzo
T. K. Rossi
M. Katra
J. Tavares
K. Kiernan
M. Bronko

ABSTAIN:

None

M. Ciacciarella
C. Ernsky
L. Jackson
R. Neth
R. San Angelo
P. Scully, Sr.

Motion failed 7-12-0

Motion by M. Katra and seconded by P. Scully that the **Contingency Budget** be accepted with specified changes (reduction of \$25,000) in the amount of \$375,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

FOR:

Mayor Mezzo
T. K. Rossi
D. Carten
R. Gallant
M. Katra
J. Merrill
D. Scinto

OPPOSED:

J. Tavares
D. Sheridan, Jr.
M. Bronko
R. Burns
L. Jackson
P. Scully, Sr.

ABSTAIN:

None

R. Butler, Jr.
K. Kiernan
M. Ciacciarella
C. Ernsky
R. Neth
R. San Angelo

Motion carried 13-6-0

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Board of Education

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Board of Education Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$57,200,000.

R. Butler, J. Merrill and D. Scinto in favor.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Board of Education Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$57,000,000.

C. Ernsky, J. Merrill and D. Scinto opposed.

Revenues

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Revenues Budget** be accepted with changes in the amount of \$105,548,765.

K. Kiernan, C. Ernsky, R. San Angelo and M. Ciacciarella opposed.

5. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by P. Scully that the Joint Boards meeting be adjourned at **10:59 p.m.**

A digital recording of this meeting is available in the office of the Borough Clerk for further review.

Attest:

Nancy K. DiMeo
Borough Clerk