

**MINUTES
JOINT BOARDS OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES
AND BOARD OF FINANCE
ADOPTION OF THE 2013-2014 BUDGET
May 16, 2013**

1. Mayor Robert A. Mezzo called the special meeting to order at **6:49 p.m.** with the following in attendance:

BURGESSES:

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

PRESS:

A. Malik
L. Marshall
P. Singley

FINANCE BOARD:

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| A. Bottinick | J. Branco Sampaio |
| A. Campbell | D. Scinto |
| M. Katra | D. Sheridan, Jr. |
| J. Merrill, absent | J. Tavares |
| A. Pistarelli, absent | |

ALTERNATES:

K. Kiernan, absent
S. Stirk, absent

RESIDENTS:

One

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

J. Tindall-Gibson, BOE Superintendent
R. Butler, BOE Asst. Business Manager
J. Kallipolites, IT Director
W. McAllister, Controller
C. Edson, Chief of Police

OTHERS:

J. Jordan, BOE
D. Heller, BOE
J. LaCharity, Police Dept.

2. Mayor Mezzo led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. Mayor Mezzo turned the meeting over to Finance Board Chairwoman Diane Scinto.
4. Chairwoman Scinto 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.

Board of Education

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by R. Burns that the **Board of Education Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$59,582,076.

Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Board of Education Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$56,000 reduction in dental, 25,305 reduction in the bus contract and \$22,000 reduction in gas) in the amount of \$59,478,771.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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FOR:

Mayor Mezzo
D. Scinto
T. K. Rossi
A. Bottinick
A. Campbell

J. Sampaio
J. Tavares
R. Neth
P. Scully

OPPOSED:

M. Katra
D. Sheridan
R. Burns
C. Ciacciarella
C. Ernsky
L. Jackson
R. San Angelo

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion carried 9-7-0

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Administrative

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Administrative Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$252,188.

Mayor Mezzo abstained.

Town Hall Building

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Town Hall Building Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$133,279.

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 \$187,710.

Department of Finance

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Department of Finance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$379,333.

Probate Court

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Probate Court Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$15,395.

Elections

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Elections Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$128,996.

Tax Department

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Tax Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$229,843.

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Property Assessment

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Property Assessment Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$222,942.

Building Inspector

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Building Inspector Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$198,833.

Information Technology

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Information Technology Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$222,193.

Town Clerk

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Town Clerk Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$200,526.

Downtown Development

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Downtown Development Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$324,700.

M. Ciacciarella opposed.

Naugatuck Economic Development Corporation

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Naugatuck Economic Development Corporation Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$94,050.

M. Ciacciarella and P. Scully opposed.

Prospect Street School Building Maintenance

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Prospect Street School Building Maintenance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$85,780.

Land Use

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Land Use Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$193,018.

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.

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Estimated Wage Increases

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Estimated Wage Increases Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$113,560** .

P. Scully opposed.

Mayor Mezzo abstained.

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 **\$85,324** .

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Police Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$6,380,609** .

A. Campbell, Mayor Mezzo and D. Scinto opposed.

Fire Department

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Fire Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$3,864,264** .

Ambulance

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Ambulance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$0** .

Office of Emergency Management

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

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 **\$19,900** .

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 **\$16,590** .

Safety Patrol

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

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Fire/Police

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

Chairwoman Scinto recessed the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Chairwoman Scinto reconvened the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

HEALTH AND WELFARE:

Social Services

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 .

C. Ernsky and P. Scully opposed.

Mayor Mezzo was not present for the vote.

Mayor Mezzo returned 8:12 p.m.

Youth Services

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Youth Services Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$121,984 .

C. Ernsky opposed.

Visiting Nurses Association

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Visiting Nurses Association Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,206,937 .

Water Pollution Control Authority

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Water Pollution Control Authority Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$6,558,141 .

Senior Center

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Senior Center Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$117,343 .

PUBLIC WORKS:

Department of Public Works Operations and Maintenance

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Department of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$4,198,725 .

M. Katra opposed.

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Engineering Department

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Engineering Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$410,208.

DEBT SERVICE:

Debt Service

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Debt Service Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$3,303,735.

PENSIONS:

Pensions

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Pensions Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$163,956 reduction in employee pension fund and \$75,900 increase in firemen's pension fund) in the amount of \$9,548,606.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL:

Insurance

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Insurance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$8,468,642.

Community Services

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Community Services Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$959,610.

M. Katra and D. Sheridan opposed.

General

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **General Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,273,810.

Reserve Fund

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Reserve Fund Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,496,878.

Motion unanimously opposed.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Reserve Fund Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$325,000 reduction in road resurfacing and \$8,000 increase in library) in the amount of \$1,189,878.

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Contingency

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Contingency Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$400,000.

Chairwoman Scinto recessed the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Chairwoman Scinto reconvened the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

J. Branco Sampaio left the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Revenues

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Revenues Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$110,907,423.

5. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by M. Katra and seconded by P. Scully that the Joint Boards meeting be adjourned at **9:43 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