

**TOWN OF CROMWELL, CT  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022 6:00 pm  
CROMWELL TOWN HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman John Ireland, Vice Chairman Steve Wygonowski, Dan Kelly, Ed Maley, Matthew Blanchette, Brian Stermer, Alternate Gail Richey Alternate Ann

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Anthony Salvatore, Director of Finance Marianne Sylvester, Assistant Finance Direct Sharon DeVoe, Police Chief Denise Lamontagne, Captain Fred Sifodaskalakis, Director of Public Works William Russo

CALL TO ORDER- Chairman John Ireland called the meeting to order at 6:01PM

SEAT ALTERNATES – No alternates

DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS ON THE 2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

**BUDGET LINE #36 POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Steve Wygonowski made a motion to approve the Police Department budget of \$3,837,472; Dan Kelly seconded. Police Chief Denise Lamontagne presented the Police budget. Discussion followed on staffing and body cameras. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

**BUDGET LINE #37 ANIMAL CONTROL**

Steve Wygonowski made a motion to approve the Animal Control budget of \$95,414; Dan Kelly seconded. Chief Denise Lamontagne presented to budget and discussion followed on number of calls. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

**CNR APPROVAL**

Steve made a motion to approve the all items in the Police CNR budget for \$215,000; Dan seconded. Chief Lamontagne discussed the items listed in their request. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

**BUDGET LINE #27 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Steve Wygonowski made a motion to approve the Public Works budget of \$4,797,205; Dan Kelly seconded. Public Works Director William Russo presented the Public Works budget. Lengthily discussion followed on the different line items and CNR requests. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

**CNR APPROVAL**

Ed Maley made a motion to appropriate \$20,000 for Receiver and tablet out of the CNR budget; Dan Kelly seconded. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

Steve Wygonowski made a motion to appropriate \$200,000 for Road Improvements out of the CNR budget; Dan Kelly seconded. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

Steve Wygonowski made a motion to appropriate \$65,000 for a Pickup Truck out of the CNR budget; Dan Kelly seconded. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

Steve Wygonowski made a motion to appropriate \$21,000 for a mower head out of the CNR budget; Dan Kelly seconded. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

Steve Wygonowski made a motion to appropriate \$118,000 for Police Station improvement out of the CNR budget; Dan Kelly seconded. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

Steve Wygonowski made a motion to appropriate \$25,000 for PBA building repairs (Pierson Park) out of the CNR budget; Dan Kelly seconded. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

Ed Maley made a motion to appropriate \$13,000 for brick sealing and repointing out of the CNR budget; Dan Kelly seconded. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

Steve Wygonowski made a motion to appropriate \$24,000 for a Zero Turn Mower out of the CNR budget; Dan Kelly seconded. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

Chairman John Ireland called a break from 8:11PM. Meeting resumed at 8:17PM

Steve Wygonowski made a motion to appropriate \$38,000 for Server Upgrades out of the CNR budget; Dan seconded. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

Ed Maley made a motion to appropriate \$50,000 for the Charter Revision Commission for Contractual obligations out of the CNR budget; Dan Kelly seconded. Discussion followed on a possible need for a professional attorney to help go through the charter top to bottom.

**Ed Maley and Dan Kelly voted in favor of the motion. Steve Wygonowski, Brian Stermer and Matthew Blanchette voted against the motion. John abstained. MOTION FAILS.**

#### **BUDGET LINE #16 GENERAL EXPENSES**

Steve Wygonowski made a motion to approve the General Expenses budget of \$754,002; Dan Kelly seconded. Discussion followed. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

#### **BUDGET LINE #45 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

Steve Wygonowski made a motion to approve the Employee Benefits budget of \$4,208,128; Dan Kelly seconded. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

**BUDGET LINE #46 DEBIT SERVICES**

Steve Wygonowski made a motion to approve the Debit Services budget of \$3,429,415; Dan Kelly seconded. Discussion followed. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

Steve Wygonowski made a motion to approve the General Government budget of \$18,556,627; Dan Kelly seconded. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

Ed Maley made a motion to appropriate \$739,000 from the CNR fund to be expended; Steve Wygonowski seconded. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

Ed Maley made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Dan Kelly seconded. Meeting ended at 9:17PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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