

*Town of New Fairfield*  
**Board of Finance**  
**4 Brush Hill Road**  
**New Fairfield, CT 06812**

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Finance Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 3, 2019**  
**7:30 PM**  
**New Fairfield Community Room**

***Members present:***

Wes Marsh, Chairman  
Erin Badillo  
Michael Cammarota  
Jane Landers  
Cheryl Reedy  
Anthony Yorio (arrived 7:35 pm)  
Tom Garben, Alternate  
Rick Salem, Alternate  
***Members not present:***  
Brian Shea, Alternate

***Other Town Officials Present:***

Ed Sbordone, Finance Director  
Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman  
Khris Hall, Selectman  
Dr Pat Cosentino, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Rich Sanzo, Director of Business and Operations  
Peggy Katkocin, BOE Chairman

**Call To Order** Chairman Wes Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Appointments**- None

**Correspondence and Announcements**- Cheryl Reedy noted that there were no emails received from the public in the BOF email.

**Public Comment**- None

**Approval of Minutes**

Jane Landers made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Erin Badillo seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved- Anthony Yorio arrived late and did not vote on this motion).**

**Budget Transfers**- None

**Medical Plans for 2019-2020**

Tom Kowalchik from USI Insurance Services spoke of different prices for Stop Loss and specifically ISL for 120% and 125%. He spoke of the negotiations with Anthem and a high claim that was identified recently and how it affects the premiums. There was a brief discussion of claims history and levels of risk and it was noted that New Fairfield has a healthy medical reserve fund. There was a brief discussion of the prescription rebate. It was decided that that the claims number should be \$6 million.

### **Discussion and vote on final markup of the Board of Finance recommended 2019-2020 budget**

Wes Marsh made a motion for a final markup of the municipal expenditure budget to add \$145,284 to the Ambulance-Paramedic/EMT operating expenditures, to deduct \$14,000 from the Medical Insurance Fund contribution, and to deduct \$525,000 from the Capital & Nonrecurring expenditures as follows: \$295,000 from Bridge and Drainage, \$85,000 from Public Works Trucks and Equipment, \$50,000 from Paramedic, \$30,000 from Town Clerk, \$20,000 from Town Properties, \$17,300 from Zoning, \$17,000 from Fire Department and \$10,700 from Business Machines and Equipment. Jane Landers seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Wes Marsh made a motion for a final markup of the education expenditure budget to deduct \$198,219 from the operating expenditures, \$86,000 from the Medical Insurance Fund contribution, and \$201,781 from the Capital and Nonrecurring expenditures. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

**Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **Vote to bring BOF recommended 2019-2020 budget to a Town Meeting**

Wes Marsh made a motion to recommend to a Town Meeting a Board of Finance recommended budget consisting of the following: Municipal expenditures totaling \$12,516,732 from the General Fund and \$762,306 from the Capital and Nonrecurring fund and \$849,757 from other Governmental funds for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 and Education expenditures totaling \$42,949,443 from the General fund and \$398,369 from the Capital and Nonrecurring fund for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 be approved. Anthony Yorio seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **Town Tribune article**

Cheryl Reedy will write an article for the Town Tribune explaining the budget. Wes Marsh showed some slides and explained exactly the components of the budget noting that the taxable grand list times the Mill Rate equals Total Property taxes.

### **Public Comment**

BOE Chairman Peggy Katkocin thanked the Board of Finance and everyone involved in the budget for all their hard work and a smooth budget season.

### **Future agenda items**

The following items will be discussed at the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Medical plan
- School Security
- Budget transfers
- Ongoing updates

### **Board member comments**

Members of the BOF thanked members of the other boards, administrators and town employees for their support and cooperation. They thanked Chairman Wes Marsh, Finance Director Ed Sbordone and Finance Department employees for all their hard work.

Members of the BOF noted their concerns regarding the lack of public participation in the budget process. Residents are encouraged to come out and vote at the referendum.

### **Adjournment**

Anthony Yorio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm. Cheryl Reedy seconded the motion.

**Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**