

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Town of Fairfield was held on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 501 Kings Highway East, Fairfield and via Webex.

<https://www.youtube.com/Budget>

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM by Moderator Mark McDermott.

PRESENT: 36 ABSENT: 4 VACANCY: 0

PRESENT: Bateson, Furey, Longo, Ruggiero, Gerber, McCormack, Perham, Steele, Durrell, Galdenzi, Lambert, Pistilli, Karson, McCabe, Spolyar, Zezima, Barahona,, Garskof, Wolk, Berecz, Havey, Kuhn, McDermott, Vergara, Wackerman, Choniski, Ference, Iacono, Meyers, Brown, Georgiadis, Horton, Astarita, Britton, Sparacino, S. Tallman

ABSENT: Siebert, Gale, Graceffa, Scinto

ITEM NO. 1 ON CALL: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moderator McDermott led the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM NO. 2 ON CALL: TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON SELF-SUPPORTING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,197,932 FOR THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024.

Pamela Iacono, District 8 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

VOTE: This item was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 3 ON CALL: TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON SELF-SUPPORTING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,401,887 FOR THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024.

Jay Wolk, District 5 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

VOTE: This item was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 4 ON CALL: TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON SELF-SUPPORTING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$326,373 FOR THE REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024.

Hank Ference, District 8 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

VOTE: This item was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 5 ON CALL: TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$356,775,787 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE, FOR ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. THE TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Board of Finance Recommended Budget

\$356,775,787

Less: Non-Current Tax Year Revenue	<u>(34,074,099)</u>
Net Revenue to be raised by Current Year Taxation	322,701,688
Plus: Senior Tax Relief	3,893,776
Plus: Assessment Appeals (Open Court Log)	400,000
Plus: Reserve for Uncollected Taxes/Other Credits	<u>3,550,000</u>
Gross Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$330,545,464

Sharon Pistilli, District 3 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

Dru Georgiadis, District 9 asked the status of the Penfield insurance and asked what account it would come out of. CFO Jared Schmitt said CAO Tom Bremer gave an update at today's BOS. Any expenditure would come from the mitigation fund that has been specifically set up for Penfield.

VOTE: The appropriations in the amount of \$356,775,787 the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 were approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 6 ON CALL:

To consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Tax Collector: "RESOLVED, that upon approval of the town budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, and, in accordance with Section 12-142 & 12-144a of the Connecticut General Statutes, insofar as the adoption of the budget calls for the laying of a tax on property other than motor vehicles, the Real Estate tax shall be due in four quarterly installments on July 1, 2023, October 1, 2023, January 1, 2024, and April 1, 2024, respectively, and shall be payable without penalty by August 1, 2023, November 1, 2023, February 1, 2024, and May 1, 2024. The Personal Property tax shall be due in two semi-annual installments on July 1, 2023 and January 1, 2024 and shall be payable without penalty by August 1, 2023, and February 1, 2024, and FURTHER RESOLVED, that insofar as such tax applies to motor vehicles, in accordance with Section 12-144a of the Connecticut General Statutes, such tax shall be due in two semi-annual installments on July 1, 2023 and January 1, 2024, and shall be payable without penalty by August 1, 2023 and February 1, 2024. As to Supplementary taxes on motor vehicles, as provided in Section 12-71b of the Connecticut General Statutes, such tax shall be due in a single installment on January 1, 2024 and payable without penalty by February 1, 2024."

Pamela Iacono moved to waive the reading of the item, duly seconded and carried unanimously.

VOTE: This item was approved by unanimous voice vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth P. Browne, MMC, MCTC
Town Clerk