

Litchfield Board of Finance
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2020

Chairman James Stedronsky called the meeting to order in the First Selectwoman's office in town hall at 7:00p.m. with Ed Gadomski, Erich Marriott, Jodi Tenney, Pat Donovan, and Matt Blasavage (Alt.) present.

Absent: Richard Quay and Daniel Morosani (Alt.)

Also Present: Denise Raap, Amaechi Obi, Stacey Dionne, and Raz Alexe,

Chairman Stedronsky appointed Matt Blasavage as a full member in the absence of Richard Quay. Chairman Stedronsky shared a message from Richard Quay.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of the February 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: Jodi Tenney moved to accept the minutes for the 2-10-2020 regular meeting. Ed Gadomski seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Consider and act upon proposed BOS annual Operating and Capital Debt Budgets

The 2020-2021 Budget Summary Preliminary Post BAA Appeals was distributed and discussed. Total expenditures of \$31,888,577 were equaled by \$31,888.577 and Denise Raap said she asked all departments for a zero per cent budget increase. There is a 0.6 decrease represented in the new mil rate of 27.6, down from 28.2, for the proposed town budget of 2020-2021.

The budget breakdown for 2020-2021 is \$8,347,429 for BOS, \$19,277.500 for BOE and \$4,263,648 for Debt/Capital Outlay. The net collectible Grand List is \$1,041,324,481, an increase of 1.02%.

Motion: Erich Marriott moved to accept the BOS budget of \$8,347,429 and the Debt/Capital outlay of \$4,263,648. Jodi Tenney seconded the motion. There was discussion about staff positions, the need for a Park & Rec assistant director, and reductions effected in Public Works uniform costs, and garbage collection. The First Selectwoman noted that cleaning bills were reduced from \$1700/month to \$700/month at the annex, the town will be receiving revenue from recycling and they will be investigating ways to reduce the number of items brought to recycling. She discussed the need to have access to a state trooper as well as the two constables for greater control and safety. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Raz Alexe discussed traffic control costs for road work projects and ways to reduce those costs, and the five-year capital plan through 2025-2026 that was approved by the BOS. The Pay as you Go Fund Balance will be \$418,500. Amaechi Obi discussed capital debt and bonding. Stacey Dionne explained health insurance which is now with Anthem Blue Cross, and how changing working hours could bring savings.

Motion: Matt Blasavage moved to appropriate \$4,904,169 for capital project requests. Erich Marriott seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion: Erich Marriott moved to approve \$2,737,826 in bonding. Ed Gadomski seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Finance Director's Monthly Reports

Amaechi Obi distributed reports on Revenue and Expenditures for February, 2020 and discussed the highlights, including legal, equipment, property taxes, and educational cost sharing.

Motion: Erich Marriott moved to accept the finance director's monthly report. Jodi Tenney seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

New Business

a. **Financial Transfers:**

- i. **Motion:** Erich Marriott moved to approve F/Y 2019-2020 Budget Transfer #1 for \$15,000 to cover the costs needed for legal fees for the Land Use Department. Jodi Tenney seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

b. **Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

c. **Payment of Bills:** There were no bills for payment.

d. **Board Member Comments:**

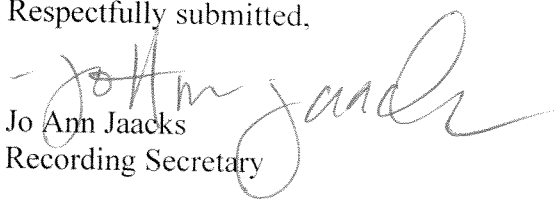
- i. Pat Donovan and Jodi Tenney talked about surveys from student graduates. They would coordinate with BOE on this.

e. **Future Agenda Items:** There were no future agenda items.

Adjournment

Motion: Erich Marriott moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45p.m. Ed Gadomski seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Jo Ann Jaacks
Recording Secretary