

**Litchfield Board of Finance  
Special Meeting Minutes  
April 27, 2023 ~ Following the Budget Hearing  
Litchfield Intermediate School**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Erich Marriott called the special meeting to order at 7:51 p.m.

Members Present: Erich Marriott, Pat Donovan, Patty Dauten, Elliot Fuessenich, Matthew Tobin (alternate), Sam Olmstead (alternate)

Members Absent: Jim Stedronsky, Richard Quay

Chairman Marriott seated both Matt Tobin and Sam Olmstead as regular voting members.

**Litchfield Town Budget for 2023/2024 – Discussion and Action:**

**Motion:** S. Olmstead moved to add \$26,000 to the Park & Recreation budget, Acct. 5201, changing it from \$108,923 to \$134,923. P. Dauten seconded. In discussion, P. Dauten said they should not be taking money from other people's funds. These special programs are a draw for families. S. Olmstead said there is a bizarre poverty mindset in Litchfield. We have the resources to do nice things, and we should pay for them. The programs have been built up by over collection of revenue, but they still need Contingency. E. Fuessenich then said that with \$73,000 in Contingency, they should spend it down to a reasonable amount. We are not saying we don't want to fund these, but with extra money, it should be used. M. Tobin said they have asked for \$7,600, and they have the additional banked, so let's give them what they asked for.

**Vote:** Upon a voice vote, E. Fuessenich, E. Marriott, P. Donovan and M. Tobin voted nay, and S. Olmstead and P. Dauten voted aye, causing the motion to fail 4-2.

**Motion:** M. Tobin moved to add \$7,600 to the Park & Recreation budget, Acct. 5201, changing it from \$108,923 to \$116,523. P. Dauten seconded. E. Fuessenich maintained that they should use the Fund 22 Contingency until it is spent down to a reasonable amount.

**Vote:** Upon a voice vote, there were 3 ayes (P. Dauten, S. Olmstead and M. Tobin) and 3 nays (E. Marriott, P. Donovan, and E. Fuessenich), causing the motion to fail.

**Motion:** E. Fuessenich moved to approve the total proposed budget of \$32,540,306 and P. Dauten seconded. A voice vote found six in favor and none opposed; motion carried.

**Motion:** E. Fuessenich moved to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. and M. Tobin seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.



Ann D. Combs  
Recording Secretary