**Board of Finance**

**Special Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday May 2, 2012**

**7pm Brooklyn Middle School**

**Present:** Rick Ives, David Fuss, Carla Demers, Kim Conroy and Melissa Bradley; Recording Secretary

**Also Present:** Austin Tanner, Bob Kelleher, Drew Dionne, Tom Rukstela, Sherri Soucy, Bucky Lohbusch, Mike Gaudreau, Dr. Berry, Joe Voccio, JoAnn Gerardi-Voccio, Pat Gauthier, WINY and residents

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.
2. **Approve Previous Minutes:** Kim Conroy made a motion to table the meeting minutes from 4/25/12. David Fuss seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **2012-2013 Budget Discussion/Actions**

* **Board of Education:** Dr. Berry states Brooklyn is third from the bottom for spending money per pupil in the State. Sterling and Woodstock are below Brooklyn. Dr. Berry submits a worksheet explaining changes to the Board of Education budget. Proposed budget is $16,236,130, a $440,267 difference from the current budget. The current budget is over spent by $30,000.
* **Parks & Recreation:** No discussion.
* **Board of Fire Commissioners:** The ambulance budgeted $26,000 to return to the Town but it will only be returning approximately $7,000 this year and $3,000 next year. Mr. Ives will ask the commission for more information at the next meeting to understand this process. Mr. Gauthier states East Brooklyn needs the truck proposed in the capital plan whether or not a study is done. The current truck is thirty years old.
* **General Government:** Mr. Ives questions Mr. Tanner if he feels any change is needed in the part time assessor position. Mr. Tanner states he thinks it is a worthwhile thing to do but a lot of other things are as well. Mr. Fuss asks if the return on the investment would pay off. Mr. Tanner does not have those figures.

General Government Budget total: 5,442,751

Board of Education Budget total: $16,236,130

Revenue $21,018,176

Difference of $660,705

$125,000 will be returned to the general government budget

$10,000 will be returned from Recreation

$30,000 added to cover a shortage for the Board of Education

$110,000 in short term debt in the current budget that was not used will be dived $70,000 to pay debt down and $40,000 to pay for the Clifford B. Green roof.

This leaves the shortage at $555,705 with a mill increase at 1.08. Mr. Kelleher expresses his concern with the $75,000 in the budget for a finance director when other items have been cut. Mr. Ives states this budget stands with no cuts from the Board of Finance. Kim Conroy made a motion to accept the general government budget at 5,442,751, board of education at $16,236,130 with a difference of $555,705 and a mill increase of 1.08. David Fuss seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-1 (Demers). Ms. Demers states she is not comfortable with the current budget and feels there are too many unanswered questions.

1. **Public Hearing Schedule:** The hearing is set for May 14th.
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Adjourn:** David Fuss made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. Carla Demers seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley

Recording Secretary