

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

TOLLAND TOWN COUNCIL HICKS MEMORIAL MUNICIPAL CENTER 6th FLOOR COUNCIL ROOM

MARCH 29, 2016 – 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Field, Chair; William Eccles, Vice-Chair; Robert Green; Kristen Morgan and David Skoczulek

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Krasusky and Jeanne Schroeder

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Wilkinson, Director of Administrative Services; Lisa Hancock, Director of Finance and Records

1. **Call to Order:** Rick Field called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited.
3. **Moment of Silence:** Observed and dedicated to Steven Werbner and his family.
4. **Public Participation (2 minute limit):** None.
5. **Consideration of the Town Council's Proposed FY 2016-2017 Budget:**

Mr. Field commented that he agrees with this budget and he thinks it is the right thing to do. Mr. Krasusky was not present at tonight's meeting, but informed Mr. Field via text that he is in full support of this budget.

6. **Approval of Budget Resolution**

Bill Eccles motioned to accept the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed the Town Manager's proposed budget and has made certain modifications to estimated revenues and expenditures, the details of which will be properly incorporated into the total budgetary document by the Town Manager and Director of Finance and Records;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tolland Town Council that it hereby adopts a FY 2016-17 Town Operating and Capital Budget in the amount of \$55,972,582 to be appropriated as follows:

CATEGORY	AMOUNT
Town Government	\$11,901,533
Board of Education	\$39,420,471
Debt Service	\$ 4,550,000
Capital	\$ 100,578
TOTAL	\$55,972,582

Said appropriations shall require an increase of 0.98 mills for a mill rate of 34.34.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, pursuant to the requirements of the Town Charter, is authorized to advertise this budgetary outlay as part of the April 21, 2016, Annual Budget Presentation Meeting at the Tolland High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Seconded by Robert Green. All in favor. None opposed.

7. **Approval of a resolution authorizing the form of the ballot for the May 3, 2016 budget referendum and any subsequent budget referendum; the time and place for the budget referendum; authorizing the Town Manager or his designee to place the required legal notices in the local newspapers; and authorizing the preparation and printing of an explanatory text and the mailing of same to local residents in accordance with the provisions of CT General Statutes 9-369b explaining the budget referendum question.**

Bill Eccles motioned to accept the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Tolland Town Council has adopted a proposed FY 2016-2017 Town Operating and Capital Budget to be considered by the Tolland electorate at a May 3, 2016 budget referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Council must now establish the appropriate ballot language for this referendum and the date, time and place of said referendum;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tolland Town Council the following:

1. The ballot question for the May 3rd referendum shall be worded as follows:

“Shall the Town of Tolland’s proposed 2016-2017 budget of \$55,972,582, reflecting a spending increase of \$1,373,652 or 2.52% which requires a tax rate of 34.34 mills, be adopted? Yes/No.”

2. The time and place for the referendum shall be between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on May 3, 2016 at the Tolland Recreation Center Gymnasium and the Tolland Senior Center.
3. The Town Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to place the required legal notices in the Journal Inquirer and other places as conditions permit, advertising the May 3, 2016 Referendum and the April 21, 2016 Annual Budget Presentation Meeting.
4. The Town Manager or his designee is authorized to prepare and print an explanatory text and mail same to local residents in accordance with the provisions of CT General Statutes 9-369b explaining the budget referendum question.

Seconded by David Skoczulek. All in favor. None opposed.

8. **Adjournment:** Bill Eccles moved to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Kristen Morgan at 7:33 p.m. All were in favor.