

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2019 AT 7:30 PM
PCS CAFETERIA**

In Attendance: Board of Finance members Margie Huoppi, Debi Thompson, Michael Baum, Jennifer York, Dayna Flath. Also present: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Superintendent of Schools Stephen Cullinan, BOE Chair Kate Cerrone, Tax Collector Pam Gaumond and four or five citizens.

I. Open Meeting – M. Huoppi opened meeting at 7:55 PM

1. New Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed FY 2019/2020 Board of

Education and General Government Budgets – Some discussion regarding the cut to Abington Library and the adjustment needed for the Public Library. M. Nicholson asked for some flexibility in moving a few small amounts in the budget while keeping the bottom line the same. J. York moved to approve the proposed General Government budget in the amount of \$2,755,426 and proposed Board of Education budget in the amount of \$10,154,955 for a total amount of \$12,910,381. D. Flath seconded. Some discussion. Vote 4 in favor: M. Huoppi, D. Thompson, J. York, D. Flath. One opposed: M. Baum. Motion passes.

b. Discussion and Possible Action – Use of General Funds in Balancing 2019/2020 Budgets – M. Huoppi stated that the undesignated fund remains at approximately 12%. She would propose use of it in balancing the budget with \$79,620 of undesignated fund to be used to off-set the Woodstock Academy capital expense and \$145,380 of the undesignated fund, and \$100,000 of the BOE Non-lapsing Fund, be used to balance the budget. D. Flath moved to use undesignated and BOE non-lapsing funds as stated by M. Huoppi. J. York seconded. All in favor.

c. Discussion and Possible Action – Determination of Tax Reserve/Collection of 2019/2020 Budgets – The current reserve is 1.5%. Collections remain high. Some discussion and D. Thompson moved to approve the reserve for FY 2019/2020 at 1.5%. M. Baum seconded. All in favor.

2. Other Business

a. Review/Possible Approval – Transfer of Uncollectible, Uncollected Property Taxes to the Suspense Tax Book as recommended by the Tax Collector – P. Gaumond provided a brief explanation of this report and stated that these funds can still be collected. M. Baum moved to approve the transfer of uncollectible, uncollected property taxes to the suspense book as recommended by the Tax Collector. D. Flath seconded. All in favor.

II. Citizen's Participation – It was asked if any budget totals had changed as an outcome of this meeting. Both budgets were approved as presented.

II. Adjournment – M. Baum moved to adjourn. D. Thompson seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____