

Chairman Jack Knapp called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, in the Caucus Room, 3rd Floor, Danbury City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue. Present were Committee members Phil Curran, Mike Halas, Warren Levy, Ben Chianese.

Also present were Mayor Mark Boughton; David St. Hilaire, Finance Director; Antonio Iadarola, Director of Public Works; Nick Kaplanis, Director of Recreation; Becky Petro, Tarrywile Park Authority; Harvey Center, Cultural Commission;

Ex Officio Members: Colleen Stanley, Paul Rotello, Duane Perkins, Joe Cavo. Also present were members of the public.

Chairman Knapp opened up the meeting to Mr. St. Hilaire.

Mr. St. Hilaire pointed out that increases throughout the budget reflect contractual salary increases. He reviewed the line items as follows:

Recreation Department:

Budget was decreased from \$373,259 to \$339,728. \$46,000 is attributed to a personnel salary savings. Not a negative overtime salary line. A full-time position that was vacated last year. No intentions of funding the position in this year's budget. Part-time salary increased to accommodate the current part-time position.

Tarrywile Park Authority:

Budget remains flat at \$218,153.

Cultural Commission:

Budget remains flat at \$72,718.

Lake Kenosia Commission:

Budget remains flat at \$15,236.

Ives Authority Performing Arts:

Budget remains flat at \$55,404.

Danbury Museum/Hist. Soc. Authority:

Budget remains flat at \$65,792.

Sewer Fund:

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Mr. St. Hilaire noted a typographical error: Page 280, the amended budget needs to tie to \$11,741,000, revenues and expenditures have to tie out, proper adjustments will be made. Small adjustments have been made to individual line items. The budget remains relatively flat.

Water Fund:

Budget was decreased from last year from approximately \$8.8 million to approximately \$8.7 million, small adjustments made, lines tightened to allow more capital reserves.

Public Buildings:

Budget was increased from \$1,113,135 to \$1,143,535. Department is fully staffed with the exception of one engineer.

City Hall Building:

Budget was increased from \$404,498 to \$454,764. Mr. Iadarola noted upgrades to chiller and boilers.

Library Building:

Budget was increased from \$217,362 to \$224,407 due to heating fuel usage and increase in cost.

Police Station Building (375 Main Street):

Budget was decreased from \$493,190 to \$490,920.

Senior Center:

Budget was increased from \$49,625 to \$52,815.

Old Jail Building:

Funded at \$30,760, line item separated from Senior Center Building budget.

Old Library Building:

Budget was decreased from \$48,724 to \$48,110.

Park Buildings:

Budget was increased from \$145,652 to \$147,974.

Director of Public Works:

Budget was increased from \$216,303 to \$220,252 due to professional services.

Highways:

Budget was increased from \$2,506,022 to \$2,670,807. The department is almost fully staffed.

State Aid-Highways:

Budget remained flat at \$330,000.

Snow & Ice Removal:

Budget remained flat at \$852,500.

Street Lighting:

Budget remained flat at \$511,500.

Park Maintenance:

Budget was increased from \$1,222,149 to \$1,258,849. This department runs extended hours and weekends.

Forestry:

Budget was increased from \$245,357 to \$257,999.

Public Buildings Maintenance—Repairs:

Budget was decreased from \$635,155 to \$566,945. There was emergency maintenance work which occurred during the 2012/2013 budget.

Equipment Maintenance:

Budget was increased from \$1,422,447 to \$1,465,547.

Recycling/Solid Waste:

Budget remained flat at \$298,080.

Engineering:

Budget remained flat at \$943,171.

Construction Services:

Budget was increased from \$224,616 to \$232,784.

Public Works Empl. Benefits:

No funding. Department is fully staffed.

No funding.

A motion was made by Councilman Levy and seconded by Councilman Curran that the Committee recommends to the City Council that they accept the Mayor's proposed budget for Public Works as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Curran and seconded by Councilman Chianese. The motion carried unanimously at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Knapp, Chairman

Phil Curran

Mike Halas

Warren Levy

Ben Chianese