

CALL TO ORDER

The Budget Workshop/Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Large Program Room of the Simsbury Public Library. Present were: First Selectwoman Lisa Heavner; Board members Cheryl Cook, Michael Paine, Christopher Kelly, Sean Askham and Elaine Lang. Others in attendance included Thomas Cooke, Director of Administrative Services; Sean Kimball, Director of Finance/Treasurer; Melissa Appleby, Deputy Director of Administrative Services; Gerard Toner, Director of Culture, Parks and Recreation; Police Chief Ingvertsen, Captain Nicholas Boulter, and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, spoke about her concerns on the scope and services provided for in the budget that she feels has not directed costs for the needs of the Town. She spoke about issues she has with the proposed budget and why certain items shouldn't be included.

OVERVIEW OF BUDGET

Mr. Kimball gave an overview of the proposed changes made after the March 4th Budget Workshop. He said the Board agreed to add a part-time Police Clerk for 12 hrs./wk.; an increase in the budget for drainage supplies; the First Selectman's Stipend with a corresponding reduction in labor relations; and the auditor's fee reduction.

Mr. Kimball said all of these changes would bring the budget of 3.6% increase with a total budget of \$20,192,804.

Ms. Heavner said the Capital Budget Chart shows that budget at 6.7% for FY18-FY23.

Ms. Heavner said the Water Pollution Control motions will not be made until the next Board of Selectmen meeting as the Water Pollution Control Commission doesn't meet until Thursday, March 9th. This will not affect the mil rate or operating budget.

Ms. Paine said he looked through the budget again to see if he could come up with a way to reduce the budget further, but he didn't come up with anyway to do that. He is comfortable with where the Board is now.

Ms. Lang agreed with Mr. Paine. She feels everyone did a great job to put together this responsible budget.

Ms. Cook also agreed and is comfortable moving forward with this budget.

Ms. Heavner said she met with CCM today and they gave her some advice. She was advised to rely on the money from the April appropriations even though she didn't think it would be the final numbers. The Governor does feel very strongly about shifting some of the pension costs going back to the municipalities. Ms. Heavner said the Governor's proposed budget is an additional 6% on top of our budget.

Mr. Kimball said all included where the Board of Education budget is now and the revenues were are at a total 8.3% increase including the Governor's budget.

There was discussion on the Governor's budget and some other ways to save money. The Governor may not have a total budget until June or July, which is too late for Simsbury. Ms. Heavner said the Board did come in three years in a row flat.

Mr. Kelly spoke about different phases in the budget. He is also pleased with the way the budget is now.

Mr. Askham said everyone worked very hard on this proposed budget and he feels phase two will be challenging. He noted that health, pension and social security are 2% of the increase and that is not negotiable.

POSSIBLE ACTION/DISCUSSION INCLUDING POSSIBLE ACTION ON PREVIOUS BUDGET
WORKSHOP ITEMS

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve the Board of Selectmen 2017-2018 Operating Budget in the amount of \$20,192,804, to include the following changes from the First Selectman's

Proposed Budget:

- \$ 13,747 Inclusion of a part-time Police Clerk at 12 hrs./week
- \$ 127,000 Increase in Road & Drainage Supplies (53410) line for salt
- \$ 5,833 Inclusion of a First Selectman Stipend for FY18 (\$10k annualized over 7 months)
- \$ (2,400) Reduction in auditor fees
- \$ (127,000) Reduction in the Road improvements (58731) for road paving
- \$ (5,833) Reduction in Labor Relations budget

Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve the Residential Rental Properties 2017-2018 Operating Budget in the amount of \$34,222. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve the Simsbury Farms Special Revenue Fund 2017-2018 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,967,955. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund 2017-2018 Operating Budget in the amount of \$416,250. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Askham made a motion to add the following new projects to the Capital Improvements Plan for FY 2017-2018 in accordance with Charter Section 803(b):

Park Improvements	\$ 235,000
Regulation Update	\$ 65,000
Finance Security Upgrades	\$ 150,000
Library Lower Level Improvements	\$ 906,048
36 Drake Hill Rd. Dike Analysis	\$ 75,000
Phosphorous Removal Analysis	\$ 150,000
Hayes Road Pump Station Upgrade	\$ 45,000
Tariffville Area Sewer Repairs	\$ 100,000
Water Pollution Control Plan Update	\$ 100,000

Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Askham made a motion to take out the last 5 line items as the Water Pollution Control budget meeting won't be held until Thursday. These figures will be voted on at the Board of Selectmen meeting on Monday night. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve the Capital Improvement Program to include the following projects in FY 2017-2018:

SF Rink/Pool Improvements	\$ 950,000
Park Improvements	\$ 235,000
Open Space Planning and Improvements	\$ 150,000
Town-wide Park Master Plan	\$ 102,000
Street Lighting Purchase / Lighting Improvements	\$ 400,000
Iron Horse Blvd. Playground Renovation	\$ 298,000
POCD, Land Use Studies	\$ 35,000
Regulation Update	\$ 65,000
Finance Security Upgrades	\$ 150,000
Senior/Community Center	\$ 5,800,000
Bridge Improvements	\$ 805,000
Cold Storage Facility (Police/DPW Shared)	\$ 380,000
Dam Evaluations and Repairs	\$ 75,000
Town Facilities Master Plan	\$ 400,000
Various Drainage Improvements	\$ 125,000
Library Interior/Parking Renovations	\$ 584,500
Library Lower Level Improvements	\$ 906,048
HJMS - Renovation - Phase 3	\$ 22,825,000
SHS Tennis Court Replacement	\$ 740,000

Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Heavner said the CGS Section §8-24 voting will be held at the Board of Selectmen meeting on Monday night.

Ms. Heavner reminded everyone that the Board will be presenting this budget to the Board of Finance on March 21st with the Board of Education presenting their budget to the Board of Finance on March 14th.

ADJOURN

Ms. Lang made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Radocchio
Clerk