

**MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**405 Main Street**  
**Middlefield, Connecticut 06455**

Minutes of the May 24, 2021 Budget Finalization Special Meeting Video Conference

Jim Irish started the meeting at ~7:04 pm.

Attendance:

Members

Others

X	Irish, Jim	X	Rusilowicz, Al
X	Kowal, Melissa		
X	Lowry, David		
X	Nick, Joel		
X	Skelps, Michael		
A	Wolak, Mary		

A=Absent

X=Present

**Discussion of FY22 budget concerns raised at 5/20/21 Public Hearing - modification to budget proposal as appropriate**

- Concerns raised by M. Johnson included: insurance cost, Lake Beseck funding, payers for Lake Beseck sewer, the auditorium floor and the value of looking for grant funding to help with the fire department facility renovation. It was felt that all of these concerns were adequately discussed during the public hearing, and that no funding modifications were appropriate to any of these items.
  - Al Rusilowicz mentioned that we have recently received a bid for repair of the auditorium floor and that it is within the scope and expectations of the first selectman and the funding provisions made in the current budget proposal.
- A concern raised by both Marianne Corona and Mary Johnson concerned the timing of the PZC initiating work on development of new design guidelines - given recent initiation of Senate Bill 1024 that deals with design guidelines. This matter was subsequently brought to the attention of both Jan Wojas (PZC chairman) and Robing Newton (Town Planner) as promised at the public hearing by Jim Irish.
  - The Town Planner offered a memo to the BOF Monday 5/24/21 that clarified multiple elements of the concern, and resulted in the BOF being comfortable leaving the funding for the PZC's design guidelines in the budget proposal.
- No other areas of budget modification were raised.

**Motion to Forward the FY22 Budget Proposal to Town Meeting**

- A motion was made by Melissa Kowal and Seconded by Michael Skelps to send the 2021-2022 Middlefield budget of \$16,524,232 total expenditures to Town Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- Jim to provide the Town Clerk with a copy of the slides to post and to alert the 1st Selectman of the motion, requesting his office's help in noticing the town budget proposal and the town meeting in the Middletown Press. Al will provide the town clerk with a copy of the overall budget for posting and public availability.

The meeting was adjourned at ~7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Irish