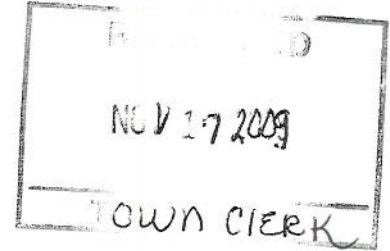


TOWN COUNCIL OF NEW CANAAN
Special Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2009
7:00 PM –Lapham Community Center

Final



MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen Karl
Kenneth Campbell
Kathryn Devereaux
Penny Young (7:34)
Christine Hussey
Paul Foley

Mark DeWaele
Tucker Murphy
Johnny Potts
Elizabeth Jones
Tom O'Dea
Dick White

ALSO PRESENT: Jeb Walker; Ex-Officio member, Gary Conrad, Chief Financial Officer, Police Commissioner James Cole, members of Board of Finance, numerous members of the public, Fire Commissioner Roger Williams, Assistant Chief Hennessy, Fire Marshal Fred Baker.

Dr. DeWaele convened the meeting at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Item 1 – To Hear Budget Presentation New Canaan Library

Alice Knapp, Executive Director for the Library presented the library's proposed budget. See same attached. New Canaan library has 1,000 to 1,200 people per day on average and has seen an increase since the economic crisis, four times the state average. Busiest time is 4-6 pm.

Mr. Karl noted Ms. Knapp froze her own salary to help with the budget.

To hear and act upon a Report and Recommendation made by the Board of Finance under the date of March 17, 2009 relating to the town appropriations for budget period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Item 2 – Budget Presentation for the Fire Marshall

Fire Marshall Baker gave the presentation. See attached PowerPoint. Mr. Baker indicated that the 2 part-time inspectors had their hours cut in half resulting in 450 less inspections.

Dr. DeWaele inquired as to how the inspections are chosen. Mr. Baker indicated they choose generally by occupancy – apartments, commercial enterprises and multi-family of 3 or above are the only places they have jurisdiction.

Item 3 – Budget Presentation for the Fire Department

Roger Williams presented the proposed budget.

Mr. Foley indicated he spoke with his insurance agent who indicated home owners insurance for his home is \$980 more per year in non-hydrant areas. The agent also

indicated that while Chubb did not have a different cost based on ISO ratings, he believed Safeco and Travelers did.

Chief Karl indicated that there were 35 volunteers, but only 26 active. Of those only 9-10 of whom had interior training and 3 more were in training for their interior qualifications. They've had 10 new recruits in the last year and there are 2 more "on the board" now.

Dr. DeWaele inquired whether volunteers were ever scheduled on a shift. According to Chief Karl, they are not scheduled but can put their name "on the board" to go out on a call. The volunteers record their time in a log book.

Mr. Williams stated they would look for further reductions.

Item 4 – Town of New Canaan Rating Presentation

Mr. Conrad gave the attached Moody's rating presentation.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom O'Dea, Secretary