

**EAST GRANBY BOARD OF FINANCE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 19, 2024**

1) **Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the Board of Finance was called to order by Chairman Jeff Clark at 7:02 p.m. Members present were Oliver Davis, alternate Jeff Hecht, Mike Malloy and Todd Zessin. Jeff Hecht was designated a voting member. Alternate Chris Cochran arrived at 7:13pm.

2) **Public Comment**

A comment was made by the Fire Marshal indicating additional funds will be needed for the anticipated increase of inspections. A comment was made supporting an increase in funding for education. A comment was made asking the BOF not to consider including temporary funding such as ARPA into the operating budget. A comment was made requesting the BOF use data vs emotion when considering the budget and also to consider the retired residents with fixed incomes.

3) **Acceptance of Minutes –February 13, 2024 Meeting**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mike Malloy and seconded by Todd Zessin to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2024 meeting. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried.**

4) **Additions to Agenda**

None

5) **Communication & Correspondence**

- Email from Superintendent regarding school project audit
- Letter in support of the BOE budget
- Email correspondence from Assessor

6) **Old Business**

None

7) **New Business**

A) **Review PA 13-60 Non-Educational Services Report FY 24-25**

The report was reviewed

B) **Public Buildings Capital Request**

The BOF asked for additional information and deferred the capital requests to the next meeting

C) **Review Upcoming Budget Cycle Schedule and Deadlines for LTT Publication**

The schedule and deadlines were reviewed and discussed.

D) **Review Operating Budget Proposals from BOS and BOE**

First Selectwoman Eden Wimpfheimer and Finance Director Jay McMahon presented the BOS operating budget proposal of 6.7%. They noted and highlighted several of the budget drivers as well as some of the budget lines that had cost savings. They indicated that in order to reduce the budget to the 3.5% increase as requested by the BOF they would need to reduce staff.

BOE Chairman Bob Paskiewicz and Superintendent Missy Bavaro presented a BOE operating budget proposal of 5.25% as requested by the BOF. The superintendent recommends a budget proposal increase of 7.89%. At the 5.25%, the BOE would look to reduce in several areas including staffing, athletics and after school programs.

8) **Monthly Reports**

A) **Financial**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Oliver Davis and seconded by Mike Malloy to accept the January and February 2024 BOS, BOE and Treasurer's financial reports. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried.**

9) **Public Comment**

A comment was made regarding the chargeback of the facilities manager to the BOE. A comment was made regarding the addition of a police officer. A comment was made in support of the BOE staff.

10) **Adjournment**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Oliver Davis and seconded by Todd Zessin to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. **All votes were in favor and the motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly Jacobs, Board Clerk