



CITY OF DERBY
BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT & TAXATION
May 30 2012
7:00 p.m.
Aldermanic Chambers

David Anroman
Jeremy Bell
James Butler - Chairman
Jason Cronk
Anita Dugatto

Carolyn Duhaime
Richard Dziekan
Carlo Malerba
Daniel Sexton
Judith Szewczyk

A meeting of the Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Derby was held on Wednesday evening, May 30, 2012 in the Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall.

Chair James Butler called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

By roll call, members present were: James Butler - Chairman, Carlo Malerba, Richard Dziekan, Anita Dugatto, Jeremy Bell, David Anroman, Judy Szewczyk, Carolyn Duhaime, Daniel Sexton and Jason Cronk.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Staffieri - 17 O'Sullivan Rd. Mayor Staffieri stated 3 mills is insane. In today's day, when the economy is so bad, and we are in such a recession, it's the worst recession than the Great Depression, for us to be raising taxes and services is incomprehensible. There are a lot of seniors on a fixed income. They have to worry about paying their bills, medication and food. People have lost their jobs or overtime.

Emre Akter - Teacher - 18 Lombardi Dr. Mr. Akter opposes the mill rate increase. The increase will cause significant pain. He would be in favor of that increase if and only if basic and necessary reforms were in place guaranteeing the spending was going to provide an outstanding education to the students of Derby. The High School is failing and it is quite possible we are looking at an eventual State takeover of our education system. Regionalization could be looked at along with vouchers for school choice. An increase of 3 mills is too high.

Phil Martino – 24 Prairie Ave. Mr. Martino is on a fixed income and can't afford higher taxes and doesn't want to move. We still have a Superintendent, a Vice Superintendent,

a Principal, a Vice Principal....what do these people do? Let's cut this fat. Let's keep the good teachers that these kids need. I hope we can keep this down to where we are now.

Jan Kennedy - 204 New Haven Ave Apt 2D. She and her husband moved here twelve years ago. The taxes keep going up since they moved here. She doesn't see any changes. She is embarrassed to say she lives in Derby, because it is like Downtown Beirut. She is tired of paying the price, she doesn't want to move, but she may have to be forced to.

Tony Szewczyk - 166 MT. Pleasant St. Mr. Szewczyk agrees with everything that was spoken here until now tonight. On the other side, Mr. Szewczyk is most encouraged by words from Dr. Tracy during the past year regarding regionalization.

Dr. Tracy - Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Tracy stated the board is looking at regionalization. However, the discussion tonight is not about regionalization, it is about the children. Dr. Tracy stated the budget includes an increase of \$600,000 on the City side. Why should there be no increase for the kids and teachers. Any surplus left with the Board of Education goes back to the City on June 30th. Dr. Tracy invites anyone who wants to, to attend their meeting on June 6th when the real cuts begin.

Steve Dytko - 281 David Humphreys Rd. Mr. Dytko would like to know what cuts are being made within the City.

Mayor Staffieri - Mayor Staffieri stated his budget has cuts to every department and brought the mill rate down. Dr. Tracy doesn't live in town and doesn't know that Derby has a high percentage of seniors that live in this town or the pain that will be inflicted in this town.

Mr. Butler stated the Board of Apportionment & Taxation met for more than two months on the budget and the Mayor waited until the 11th hour to present his budget. There have been cuts over the months. The police department is looking for a 12% increase.

Jeremy Bell- The Mayor presented a budget with \$600,000 in cuts. \$400,000 of it was the Board of Education. The other \$200,000 was the City. The Mayor is minimizing what was done by the Board. It was at the last minute.

Stacey Whelan - 35 Coppola Terrace. The Mayor said he was for education. She understands seniors can't afford an increase, she can't afford it either. She will do what she has to do to raise her son. She can't support a lack of a school system, the downtown is stagnant. Ms. Whelan is begging the board to keep caring.

Marc Garofalo - 95 Academy Hill Rd. It's a special honor to be here tonight on what is the real Memorial Day. A lot of men and women fought to have us express our opinions here tonight. Mr. Garofalo stated some people received phone calls to attend tonight's meeting, but not everyone. Per Section 32 of the City Charter the Mayor shall Chair the Board of Apportionment & Taxation. The private endowment of the Derby Public Library is theirs, it is totally irresponsible to ask the public library to go into its private funds to run the public institution.

Tina Carlson - 59 Cottage St. Ms. Carlson is willing to take a small tax increase. Ms. Carlson is out of work, she is in favor of funding schools. Derby needs to look at regionalization or vouchers. The school system is looking for the bare minimums.

Eric McDonnell - 134 Shagbark Dr. He understands there are a lot of seniors. They all had taxes for the Board of Education. Derby is a dying community. If the schools lose accreditation because we don't support them properly then all the people with children are going to move out of here. We are the ones who bring in the money into the community.

18 Cottage St. She hopes to be a future homeowner, she likes the town. Dr. Tracy's budget is to make education as good as possible. The public school's services are helping her daughter.

Erwin Williams - 125 Bradley Terrace. Mr. Williams thanks and respects the board for their work. He hopes the board uses fair judgment for the departments in the City and the schools. Mr. Williams voted for the Middle School. He would vote tomorrow for redistricting. Leave the politics out and do what is best for the City.

Diane Goodman - 26 Hillcrest Ave. The education budget is always the first one cut because it is the largest. She is on a fixed income herself. The word is compromise. Take the politics out of it.

(Inaudible)- Seymour Ave. The downtown attracts crime. We need more officers. Houses are being robbed. She may have to move and sell her house.

John - 345 Derby Ave. John is a senior and has a limited income. If the taxes keep increasing he will move out.

Ken Betlej - 55 Pleasant View Rd. Mr. Betlej questions the Board of Education surplus. Why not use it for special needs.

Dr. Tracy - The unemployment was over estimated.

Dan Waleski - 21 Elm St. This is the worst economic condition since the Great Depression. People are taking jobs for lower pay. Try to keep politics out of the discussion, we need a compromise. Mr. Waleski asks the board to hold the line on expenditures.

Denise Bottone - 87 Grove Ave. Ms. Bottone is here tonight to support the education budget. The children are the future. The children are entitled to education.

Tony Tillman - 74 West Fourth St. Mr. Tillman suggests going line by line. Some lines can be cut. We need to reach a compromise. We need good teachers in Derby.

Larry Busell - 152 Shagbark Dr. Mr. Bussell wants to know if there are any programs for seniors.

James Butler - there has to be some kind of an ordinance passed and bring it to the Board of Aldermen and have them pass some kind of regulation.

Theodore Kennedy - 204 New Haven Ave Apt 2D. You have to pay what you have to pay.

Chris Bowen - 1027 Roosevelt Dr. Mr. Bowen supports the education budget. If you can't approve the population people will move out. Don't be a retail hub without a base. Bite the bullet, and fund the schools to draw people in. The key issue is to have fixed costs on salary increases by unions.

Mayor Staffieri - Mayor Staffieri thanked Mr. Garofalo for remembering the original Memorial Day as today. Mayor Staffieri's administration is the one who fought and got the Middle School approved and passed. Dr. Robinson was given all the money she wanted, started new ideas and it always failed. The economy is bad. The City has to try and make everyone happy. The Mayor has to hear from everyone. The Board of Education has had a surplus for many years in a row. If Governor Malloy gets his way.....Derby will be getting \$283,000., plus what the Board of Appropriation and Taxation is giving them.

Steve Dytko - Mr. Dytko stated you are going on the assumption as to what the governor is going to do. Mr. Dytko wants to know what departments are doing to help the budget.

Ms. Szewczyk - Fifteen departments are asking for increases. All the rest have not asked for an increase or are going down:

Increases:

Registrar of Voters - \$4,000
Legal Dept - \$20,000
Data Processing - \$20,000
Insurance - \$8,000
Retirement Fund - \$76,000
Payroll Tax - \$25,000
Tax Collector - \$15,000
Police - \$320,000
Sanitation - \$5,000
Parks & Rec - \$10,000
? Services - \$2,900
Senior Center - \$2,000
Bonded Indebtness - \$189,000
City Wide Agencies - \$10,000
Board of Ed - \$421,000

Ms. Szewczyk stated this is equitable.

Cottage St. - we had a mild winter. Would if we get slammed this coming winter.

Andy Breda - 39 Derby Neck Rd. Mr. Breda feels since 2007 he has been paying taxes at a rate higher than the value of his home. There are no new businesses. There's nothing in Derby.

Stacy Whelan - Governor Molloy is giving us money...possibly. That money is to enhance the children's education. It is not to make up for the lack of funding by the Mayor.

Jan Kennedy - The board needs to go by each line item, do we need it or just want it. The wants and needs need to be the deciding factor.

Hans - 29 Derbyshire. The budget affects years down the line. The kids will be affected. You cannot build a budget overnight. Don't let the children and fixed income suffer. The Board has the best plan and he supports it.

Tom Lionetti - 69 Sunset Dr. Mr. Lionetti questions the Chief Administrative Assistant position in the Mayor's office.

Sam Pollastro - that position was opened up by Mayor Garofalo.

A MOTION at 8:29 p.m. to close public portion by Mr. Sexton with a second by Mr. Anroman, all in favor, **motion carries.**

The public portion closed.

Adoption of Budget 2012-2013

The board took a five minute recess.

1100 MAYOR

A motion was made by Ms. Szewczyk and second by Ms. Duhaime to adopt a budget of \$197,574, all in favor, motion carried.

1200 DERBY PROBATE

A motion was made by Ms. Duhaime and second by Mr. Malerba adopt a total of \$7,649, all in favor, motion carried.

1201 FINANCE COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Mr. Sexton and second by Mr. Dziekan, to adopt a total of \$2,400, all in favor, Ms. Szewczyk recused, motion carried.

1300 TOWN CLERK

A motion was made by Ms. Duhaime and second by Mr. Bell to adopt a total of \$171,742 all in favor, all in favor, motion carried.

1500 REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

A motion was made by Mr. Sexton and second by Mr. Cronk to adopt the amount of \$47,803, all in favor, motion carried.

1600 LEGAL

A motion was made by Ms. Duhaime and second by Mr. Dziekan to adopt a total of \$248,900, all in favor, motion carries.

1700 DATA PROCESSING

A motion was made by Mr. Malerba and second by Mr. Bell to adopt a total of \$63,800, all in favor, motion carried.

2100 TREASURER

A motion was made by Mr. Malerba and second by Mr. Bell to adopt a total of \$90,380, all in favor, motion carried.

2200 INSURANCE

A motion was made by Ms. Szewczyk and second by Mr. Malerba to adopt a total of \$469,097, all in favor, motion carried.

2300 RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Duhaime and second by Mr. Dziekan to adopt a total of \$1,232,479, all in favor, motion carried.

2400 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A motion was made by Mr. Sexton and second by Mr. Bell to adopt a total of \$5,254,065, all in favor, motion carried.

2500 FINANCE DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Anroman and second by Ms. Duhaime to adopt a total of \$156,587, all in favor, motion carried.

2600 PAYROLL TAXES

A motion was made by Mr. Cronk and second by Mr. Dziekan to adopt a total of \$451,000, all in favor, motion carried.

2800 TAX COLLECTOR

A motion was made by Mr. Malerba and second by Ms. Duhaime to adopt a total of \$123,622, all in favor, motion carried.

2900 ASSESSOR

A motion was made by Mr. Sexton and second by Mr. Cronk to adopt a total of \$96,686, all in favor, motion carried.

3000 AUX POLICE

A motion was made by Mr. Malerba and second by Mr. Dziekan, to adopt a total of \$17,605, all in favor, motion carried.

3100 POLICE

A motion was made by Mr. Dziekan and second by Mr. Malerba, to adopt a total of \$3,558,920, all in favor, motion carried.

3200 FIRE

A motion was made by Ms. Szewczyk and second by Mr. Anroman, to adopt a total of \$233,221, all in favor, motion carried.

3300 CIVIL DEFENSE/OEM

A motion was made by Mr. Cronk and second by Ms. Duhaime, to adopt a total of \$17,475, all in favor, motion carried.

3400 FIRE MARSHALL

The amount should be \$96,098.00. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Duhaime and second by Mr. Anroman to adopt a total of \$94,796, discussion....last night's meeting had \$94,796 and found it's office wages were off one week, so that brought it up to \$96,098.00, Ms. Szewczyk had a communication with Corporation Counsel Joe Coppola today who stated it was correct as it is on the spreadsheet, Mr. Butler stated he had the contract with him last night, and his contract was for the \$67,000, Ms. Szewczyk...I think the interpretation of the contract that's at what is at question and how it's applied but I just thought I would pass along what Joe told me, because I don't think it matters which we take, because it may be corrected....Mr. Butler stated we will take the greater amount and correct it if we have to, it's only about \$1,300 all in favor, motion carried.

3600 FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE

A motion was made by Mr. Malerba and second by Ms. Duhaime to adopt a total of \$353,500, all in favor, motion carried.

3700 MISCELLANEOUS CAPITAL

A motion was made by Mr. Sexton and second by Mr. Cronk to adopt a total of \$450,000, all in favor, motion carried.

4100 HIGHWAY

A motion was made by Ms. Duhaime and second by Mr. Malerba to adopt a total of \$1,504,445, all in favor, motion carried.

4200 CITY ELECTRICITY

A motion was made by Mr. Dziekan and second by Mr. Sexton adopt a total of \$451,300, discussion....Mr. Malerba stated there was a transfer from this account of \$250,000 in February, Ms. Szewczyk stated we already reduced the budget \$30,000, a friendly amendment by Mr. Malerba to reduce the budget amount by \$30,000 for a new total of \$431,300, second by Mr. Bell, amendment accepted by the motion makers, all in favor, motion carried.

4300 SANITATION

A motion was made by Mr. Malerba and second by Mr. Anroman to adopt a total of \$1,277,298, all in favor, motion carried.

5100 PARKS

A motion was made by Ms. Duhaime and second by Mr. Bell to adopt a total of \$255,530, all in favor, motion carried.

5400 HEALTH SERVICES

A motion was made by Mr. Cronk and second by Mr. Malerba, to adopt a total of \$175,768, all in favor, motion carried.

5500 LIBRARY

A motion was made by Mr. Sexton and second by Mr. Malerba to adopt a total of \$446,388, all in favor, motion carried.

5600 CARETAKER OF GRAVES

A motion was made by Mr. Dziekan and second by Mr. Malerba to adopt a total of \$600, all in favor, motion carried.

6100 BUILDING INSPECTOR

A motion was made by Ms. Szewczyk and second by Ms. Duhaime to adopt a total of \$138,479....discussion.....Mr.Dziekan questions the wages for the number of weeks.....Mr. Butler stated the number is good.... all in favor, motion carried.

6300 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Duhaime and second by Mr. Sexton to adopt a total of \$135,241 all in favor, motion carried.

6400 FLOOD CONTROL

A motion was made by Mr. Dziekan and second by Mr. Bell to adopt a total of \$11,550, all in favor, motion carried.

6500 PLANNING & ZONING

A motion was made by Mr. Sexton and second by Mr. Anroman to adopt a total of \$100, all in favor, motion carried.

6510 INLAND WETLANDS

A motion was made by Mr. Anroman and second by Mr. Malerba to adopt a total of \$200, all in favor, motion carried.

6800 SENIOR CENTER

A motion was made by Mr. Sexton and second by Ms. Duhaime to adopt a total of \$189,073, all in favor, motion carried.

7100 PRINC & INT BONDED DEBT

A motion was made by Mr. Malerba and second by Ms. Duhaime to adopt a total of \$2,100,000 all in favor, motion carried.

7200 LOCIP FUNDS

A motion was made by Mr. Dziekan and second by Mr. Sexton to adopt a total of \$102,316, all in favor, motion carried.

8100 CITY HALL MAINTENANCE

A motion was made by Ms. Duhaime and second by Mr. Dziekan to adopt a total of \$266,540, all in favor, motion carried.

8200 CITY WIDE AGENCIES

A motion was made by Mr. Cronk and second by Mr. Malerba to adopt a total of \$147,615, all in favor, motion carried.

8300 CITY WIDE FUEL

A motion was made by Ms. Szewczyk and second by Mr. Bell to adopt a total of \$200,000, all in favor, motion carried.

8400 BUDGET WORKING BALANCE

A motion was made by Mr. Sexton and second by Ms. Duhaime to adopt a total of \$320,000, all in favor, motion carried.

8600 CITY ENGINEER

A motion was made by Mr. Malerba and second by Ms. Duhaime to adopt a total of \$55,001, all in favor, motion carried.

9100 EDUCATION A motion was made by Ms. Dugatto with a second by Mr. Cronk to adopt a total of \$15,969,000, all in favor...roll call: Mr. Bell - no, Ms. Duhaime - no, Mr. Sexton - no, Mr. Cronk - yes, Mr. Dziekan - yes, Mr. Anroman - yes, Mr. Malerba - no, Ms. Dugatto - yes, Ms. Szewcayk - no, and Mr. Butler - yes....5 - opposed, 5 - in favor....motion fails.

9200 YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

A motion was made by Mr. Cronk to adjourn with a second by Mr. Malerba to adopt a total of \$35,000, all in favor. Meeting ended at 9:08 p.m.

9100 EDUCATION - (Continued)

A motion was made by Mr. Malerba with a second by Mr. Sexton to adopt a total of \$15,800,000, all in favor...roll call: Mr. Bell - no, Ms. Duhaime - no, Mr. Sexton - yes, Mr. Cronk - no, Mr. Dziekan - yes, Mr. Anroman - no, Mr. Malerba - yes, Ms. Dugatto - no, Ms. Szewcayk - no, and Mr. Butler - no....7 - opposed, 3 - in favor....motion fails.

9100 EDUCATION - (Continued)

A motion was made by Mr. Bell with a second by Mr. Malerba to adopt a total of \$15,858,944, all in favor...roll call: Mr. Bell - yes, Ms. Duhaime - yes, Mr. Sexton - yes, Mr. Cronk - yes, Mr. Dziekan - yes, Mr. Anroman - yes, Mr. Malerba - yes, Ms. Dugatto - no, Ms. Szewcayk - no, and Mr. Butler - yes....2 - opposed, 8 - in favor....motion passes.

TOTAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES is \$36,991,991.

The Board took a five minute recess at 9:19 p.m.

A MOTION by Ms. Duhaime with a second by Mr. Anroman to bring the working balance 8400-390-0390 up to \$378,877,.....Ms. Duhaime and Mr. Anroman withdraw their motion.

6000 Revenues

230-0230 Youth Service Bureau	\$21,000
230-0232 Youth Services Programs	\$5,000
610-6100 Property Taxes	\$26,046,455 (98%) recovery rate
610-6101 Supplemental Motor Vehicle	\$50,000
610-6120 Prior Year Tax Collected	\$75,000
620-6200 Interest/Lien Fees	\$50,000
640-6402 Transportation for Schools	\$77,369
640-6407 Adult Basic Education	\$101,722
640-6408 Education Block Grant	\$7,146,221
640-6410 Special Education Cost Grant	\$100,000
650-6500 LOCIP Reimbursement	\$102,316
650-6502 Elderly Property Tax Freeze	\$3,156
650-6503 State Distressed Municipality	\$17,684
650-6505 PILOT State Property	\$116,877
650-6507 Reimbursement BOAT Assessments	\$851
650-6508 Veteran's Property Tax Exemption	\$21,698
650-6509 PILOT Private Colleges/Hospitals	\$1,018,757
650-6510 Circuit Breaker Grant	\$103,380
650-6512 Property Tax Relief	\$36,750
650-6516 Non-Public Transportation	\$7,129
660-6602 Housing Authority PILOT	\$38,881
660-6604 Building/Electrical Permits	\$60,000
660-6614 Finance Office Permits	\$1,000
660-6615 Planning,Zoning,Wetland Fees	\$10,000
660-6616 Street Excavation Fees	\$400
660-6619 Assessor Copies	\$1,000
660-6620 Town Aid Revenue	\$132,179
660-6630 Tax Refunds	\$65,000
660-6632 Pequot Fund	\$256,558
660-6650 Parking Tickets	\$20,000
660-6651 Picnic Grove Rental Fees	\$9,000
660-6654 Tax Collector Information	\$500
680-6805 Cultural Revolving Loan	\$15,000
680-6807 Town Clerk Receivables	\$150,000

680-6810 WPCA Bonds	\$66,887
680-6820 PILOT Lincoln Housing	\$17,070
690-6901 Employee Med Co Pay Premium	\$104,000
690-6905 Housing Auth Health Ins	\$52,791
690-6912 WPCA Health Ins Premium	\$181,892
690-6914 BOE Health Ins Premium	\$400,000
690-6920 Recreation Receivables	\$60,000
690-6952 Police Outside Work	\$175,000
690-6967 Planning Consultant Reimbursement	\$5,000
xxx-xxxx BOE Surplus Rollback	\$200,000

TOTAL REVENUE is \$37,124,033.

A MOTION by Ms. Duhaime with a second by Mr. Malerba to accept the revenue amount, all in favor, motion passes.

The new figure for the working balance will be \$378,877. **A MOTION** to approve by Ms. Duhaime with a second by Mr. Cronk, all in favor, motion carried.

The new total budget amount is \$37,124,033. **A MOTION** by Mr. Bell with a second by Mr. Malerba to amend the total balance of \$37,124,033

A MOTION by Mr. Sexton with a second by Mr. Cronk that the new mil rate be 35.5, all in favor, motion passes.

Mr. Butler thanked the entire board for the time they have put in.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION to adjourn at 10:01 p.m. by Mr. Sexton with a second by Mr. Malerba, all in favor, **motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted

Denise Cesaroni
Recording Secretary

*****These minutes are subject to the approval of the Board of Apportionment and Taxation at their next regularly scheduled meeting.**