

SUBJECT: SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD OF FINANCE AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: Monday, April 30, 2007 Immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Budget Public Hearing

PLACE: Town Hall Community Room

PRESENT: Mayor Krampitz, Councilman Goodwin, Councilman Zagurski, Councilman Sekorski, Councilwoman Murawski, Board of Finance members Paul Ashton, Victoria Carey, Peter Giancesini, Mark Goodwin, David Merchant, Daniel Murray, Board of Education members Raymond Engle, Lisbeth Leonhardt, Patrick Perugino, Jennifer Zalaski, Dan Gentile, Leonard Morgan, Martin Wetzel.

1. Call Meeting to Order - The meeting was called to order by Mayor Krampitz at 9:33 p.m.
2. Discuss and take action on proposed FY 2007-08 budget – Mayor Krampitz explained that she would be taking comments from the Town Council and Board of Education members before turning the floor over to the Board of Finance for their action on the budget. The Mayor asked for Town Council comments. Councilman Zagurski stated that he appreciated the job that the BOF did and he did not have a problem going forward with the budget. Councilwoman Murawski stated that she had hoped that the BOF would have added the position in the tax collector's office because it seemed to be a way to bring in more money. Councilwoman Murawski did not think the budget will pass but it will have her vote at the referendum and if it does not pass she hoped there would be another public hearing before the next referendum so that changes could be explained to people before they vote. Councilman Goodwin stated that the BOF worked hard and the explanation was good. The BOE needed to show where the cuts would be made with the \$225,000 so that the voters would be better informed. Councilman Goodwin said that he will be voting for the budget. Councilman Sekorski stated that it was an outstanding presentation and the budget should be supported. Councilman Sekorski took issue with people who blame their financial woes on property taxes when it is because of so many other reasons. He also agreed with Councilman Goodwin that information needed to get out on where the BOE planned on cutting the \$225,000. Mayor Krampitz asked for comments from the Board of Education members. Martin Wetzel stated that we have champagne tastes but beer pockets so we will have to pay now or later. Patrick Perugino stated that people are living beyond their means because their charge cards are maxed-out, they have big cars and homes that are \$500,000 and now they do not want to pay the taxes because it is our fault that they are in debt. Leonard Morgan said he had been away for four months but people should support the budget. Dan Gentile stated that the BOF did an excellent job and people need to understand the process better. Lisbeth Leonhardt stated that everyone there had a personal interest in the town and she was going to vote for the budget. Jennifer Zalaski stated that she can think of no administrative positions that can be cut without crippling the education system. The cuts would come from teachers and programs. Raymond Engle stated that transportation costs were also capped so that reimbursement is less. The cut will hurt teachers and programs this time. Mayor Krampitz stated that before she turned the floor over to Chairman Merchant for action, she wanted to thank the BOF for getting the town to this point. She knew the long hours that they went through to prepare the budget because as liaison she witnessed those hours and the Mayor appreciated their time and effort. Mayor Krampitz also informed everyone that the referendum date had been scheduled for May 9 th. The Mayor turned the floor over to Chairman of the Board of Finance, David

Merchant. Mr. Merchant thanked the Town Council and the BOE for their comments. He asked the BOF if they had any changes to make to the budget that was presented to the people at the public hearing. Daniel Murray stated that everyone at the joint meeting was in favor of the budget and it is up to us to promote the budget. Peter Giancesini stated that people have made up their minds based on their life styles. The BOF has presented a responsible budget. MOTION: Daniel Murray moved to approve the budget as presented to be sent forth to referendum to be held on May 9 th. SECOND: Paul Ashton. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Adjournment – MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. SECOND: Councilman Sekorski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by: David M. Denis, Council Clerk