**KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Town Meeting Room

Killingly Town Hall

AGENDA

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The Town Council of the Town of Killingly held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room of the Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main Street, Killingly, Connecticut.  The agenda was as follows:

**1. Roll Call**

**2. Public Comment on proposed 2017/2018 budget**

**3. 2017/2018 Budget Review**

**4. Public Comment on proposed 2017/2018 budget**

**5. Adjournment**

Chairman D. Griffiths called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1.   On Roll Call, all counselors were present except Mr. Alemian, who was absent with notification, and Mr. Ide, who was late with notification and arrived at 7:02 p.m. Town Manager Hendricks, Finance Director Herasimowicz, and Council Secretary Buzalski were also present.

2.     Public Comment on proposed 2017/2018 budget:

Christopher Viens, 58C Hutchins St, Danielson, encouraged the Council to approve the Board of Education Budget.

Hoween Flexer, 5 Francis St, Danielson, also encouraged the Council to approve the Board of Education Budget.

John Burns, 544 L’Homme St Ext, also encouraged the Council to approve the Board of Education Budget.

3. 2017/2018 Budget Review:

Council Members discussed the general government budget and the Board of Education budget.

Mr. Grandelski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ide, to suspend the rules to allow Dr. Pierson and Mr. Rios to speak.

Voice vote: Majority, Ms. Pratt opposed. Motion passed.

Dr. Pierson and Mr. Rios responded to questions and comments from Council members.

Mr. A. Griffith made a motion, to reduce the Killingly Business Association budget by $1,000 and add $1,000 to the Public Safety Commission budget.

Discussion followed.

Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Mrs. Pratt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ricci, to add $200,000 to the Town Manager’s budget for the purpose of hiring an Assistant Town Manager and an additional secretary.

Discussion followed.

Ms. Pratt amended the motion, seconded by Ms. Ricci, to add $175,000 to the Town Manager’s budget.

Discussion followed.

Voice vote: Majority, Mr. Grandelski opposed, Mr. Ide and Mr. A. Griffiths abstained. Motion passed.

Mr. A. Griffiths made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ide, to cut OPEB to $5,000.

Discussion followed.

Voice vote: Unanimous.

Mr. A. Griffiths made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ide, to cut $5,000 from the reserve for maintenance for dams and reduce the bridge maintenance fund to $10,000.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Duquette made an amendment to the motion, seconded by Ms. Ricci, to reduce the bridge maintenance reserve fund down to $25,000 and reduce the maintenance of dams to $10,000.

Voice vote: Majority, Mr. A. Griffiths opposed.

On the amended motion, voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Ms. LaBerge made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ricci, to remove $546,853 from the Board of Education budget.

Discussion followed.

Roll call vote: Ms. LaBerge – Yes, Ms. Pratt – No, Ms. Ricci - Yes, Mr. Grandelski – No, Mr. A. Griffiths – No, Mr. Duquette – No, Mr. Ide – No, Mr. D. Griffiths – Yes.

Motion failed.

Mr. Ide made a motion to cut the Board of Education budget by $300,000. There was no second.

Ms. Pratt made a motion to increase the Board of Education budget from last year’s by 3%, which would be an additional $1,244,812 over last year’s budget. There was no second.

Mr. Duquette made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pratt to increase the Board of Education budget by $1.5 million over last year, which would decrease their proposed budget by $750,493.

Discussion followed.

Roll call vote: Ms. Pratt – Yes, Ms. Ricci - Yes, Mr. Grandelski – No, Mr. A. Griffiths – No, Mr. Duquette – Yes, Mr. Ide – No, Ms. LaBerge – Yes, Mr. D. Griffiths – No.

Motion failed.

Mr. Ide made a motion, seconded by Mr. A. Griffiths, to add an increase of $1.7 million to the Board of Education budget over last year.

Mr. Ide rescinded his motion.

Ms. LaBerge made a motion, seconded by Mr. A. Griffiths, that the Board of Education budget be cut by $546,852, which would be an increase of $1,703,641 over last year.

Roll call vote: Ms. Ricci - Yes, Mr. Grandelski – No, Mr. A. Griffiths – Yes, Mr. Duquette – Yes, Mr. Ide – Yes, Ms. LaBerge – Yes, Ms. Pratt – No, Mr. D. Griffiths – Yes.

Motion passed.

Chairman Griffiths called for a 10-minute recess at 9:09 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 9:19 p.m.

Mr. A Griffiths made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ide, to adopt the following:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018**

**ORDINANCE APPROVING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY FOR FISCAL YEAR: JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY that, in accordance with Section 1005 of the Town Charter, the budget for the Town of Killingly, Connecticut, for the Fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, in the amount of **$­­­15,741,669** allocated to General Government and **$37,569,803** allocated to Education, for a total combined budget of **$53,311,472** is approved and shall be filed with Town Clerk for submission to the annual Town Meeting for its adoption.

                                                                    KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL

David A. Griffiths

                                                                    Chairman

Dated at Killingly, Connecticut,

this 19th day of April 2017

Discussion followed.

Mr. D. Griffiths called for a 5-minute recess at 9:25 p.m.

Mr. D. Griffiths called the meeting back to order at 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Grandelski made a motion, seconded by Mr. A. Griffiths, to extend the meeting until 9:45 p.m.

Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Mr. Grandelski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ricci to extend the meeting until 10:00 p.m.

Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Mr. Ide made a motion, seconded by Mr. A. Griffiths to add back $29,000 to the Board of Education budget.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Ide amended his motion, seconded by Mr. A. Griffiths, to add back $29,088 to the Board of Education budget.

Discussion followed.

Roll call vote: Mr. Grandelski – Yes, Mr. A. Griffiths – Yes, Mr. Duquette – No, Mr. Ide – Yes, Ms. LaBerge – Yes, Ms. Pratt – No, Ms. Ricci - No, Mr. D. Griffiths – No.

Motion failed.

Ms. Ricci made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pratt, to add back $29,088 to the Town budget for Capital Improvements

Discussion followed.

Roll call vote: Mr. A. Griffiths – No, Mr. Duquette – Yes, Mr. Ide – Yes, Ms. LaBerge – Yes, Ms. Pratt – Yes, Ms. Ricci - Yes, Mr. Grandelski – No, Mr. D. Griffiths – Yes.

Motion passed.

Mr. A. Griffiths made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ide, to adopt the following:

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David A. Griffiths

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Voice vote: Majority, Ms. Pratt opposed.

Motion passed.

4. Public Comment on proposed 2017/2018 budget:

Jeff Buchbinder, Wauregan Rd, personally took offense to the accusation that the Board of Education padded the budget.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Ide made a motion, seconded by Mr. A. Griffiths, to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote:  Unanimous. Motion passed.

The meeting ended at 10:02 p.m.

                                                                                                Respectfully submitted,

                                                                                                 Elizabeth Buzalski

Council Secretary

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