Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Charlotte Madar, Chairman of Board of Apportionment and Taxation, called the Budget Hearing meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Board of Apportionment and Taxation
Charlotte Madar, Chairman- Present
Joe Palmucci- Present
John Belden- Present
Louis Dagostine, Present
Joe Knapik- Present
John Zikaras- Present

Board of Alderman
John Anglace, President- Present
Jack Finn- Present
Anthony Simonetti- Present
Eric McPherson-Present
John Papa- Present
Noreen McGorty-Present

Administrative Office
No representation

Employee Benefits
No representation

Legislative
No representation
**Board of Ethics**  
No representation

**Elections**  
Department Requested $156,470; Mayor recommends $156,471

Pete Pavone and Jack Finn represented the Elections Department. Pete Pavone and Jack Finn held a discussion for each line item and gave justification for each amount requested. The department was happy with what the mayor recommended.

**Probate Court**  
No representation

**Elected/Appointed Officials**  
Department Requested $18,450; Mayor recommends $18,450

Paul Hiller discussed that the appointed officials are set by ordinance. We have four filled and two vacancies. The two unfilled positions are the hearing officer and one of the two veterans graves positions.

**Public Employee Appeals Board**  
No representation

**Legal-Corporation Counsel**  
No representation

**Drug & Alcohol Commission**  
No representation

**Public Health**  
Department Requested $245,125; Mayor recommends $238,000

Karen Spargo and Janet Gernat represented the department and discussed that the Naugatuck Valley Health provides local public health services, investigation, enforcement, disease control, education, inspections for a range of areas such as infectious diseases, food services establishments, child day care and we did provide you with a list of services. The main concern was that $235,125 requested this budget is set by the state Connecticut by formula from the Board. A public hearing was held and the amount was set by $5.84 per person and the population was set at 40,261.

**Recreation**  
Department Requested $1,576,356; Mayor recommends $1,534,195
Ron Herrick represented the Parks and Recreation department held a discussion about the cuts to payroll and how that he is ok with them as well as a discussion about revenue. Ron Herrick also went over the checks and balances and how there are done within the Park and Recreation Department.

**City Town Clerk**
Department Requested $455,442; Mayor recommends $438,202

Marg Domorod represented the department and explained that the department handles; land records, dog licenses, fishing licenses, elections and a lot more. When the budget was set it was carefully done by looking back at what was spent in previous years. The department handles a lot of legal notices around election time. Connecticut Post continues to get more and more expensive each year. Mostly the hunting and fishing licenses are a wash but it is a service we provide. Even though the part-time line item was cut it is still fine. There was a provisional employee that was being charged to the part-time account but is now full-time and should not be a problem. Discussion was held on record preservation and revenue.

**Senior Center**
Department Requested $341,797; Mayor recommends $315,740
Kathy Ramia represented the department and discussed that the two fulltime positions still open perhaps with the decrease maybe the Mayor is planning on filling at least one of the positions. Besides my position everyone else is part-time but I’m hoping to bring in another fulltime employee. There is now a part time kitchen manager and the meal sales have increased by a lot now there is a lot less waste and less over-ordering. Discussion was held about looking into an increase the senior center membership cost.

**Municipal Parking Authority**
No representation

**Youth Service Bureau**
No representation

**Adjournment**
John Belden moved to adjourn the March 31, 2014 Budget Hearing meeting; seconded by Louis Dagostine. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned approximately 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Camerato
Clerk, Board of Apportionment and Taxation