Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Olin, 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
Ken Olin, Chairman- Present
Judson Crawford- Present
Wayne Bragg- Present
Jim Tickey, Vice Chairman- Present
John Belden- Present
Charlotte Madar- Present

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

2300 Animal Control

Department Requested 126,741; Mayor recommends 126,741

Chief Joel Hurliman, Lt. Robert Kozlowsky and Lt. George Rodrigues were present to answer any and all questions for the Board of A&T and Board of Alderman.

Chairman Ken Olin asked, are you happy with the Mayor’s recommendation?

Chief Hurliman replied, yes.
Lt. Robert Kozlowsky explained that we try and stay proactive on any dog complains. We have a budget for one fulltime officer and two part time officers. There are a wide range of activities that happen there. Since the budget was prepared we had one staff leave so now both part time positions are open. It’s hard to recruit part time staff into the positions.

2500 Police Department

Department Requested $6,766,910; Mayor recommends $6,733,060

Chief Hurliman explained that the guys are doing such a wonderful job and that currently, Shelton is the 5th safest City in Connecticut. There are still things are need to be accomplished those are found in my goals and objectives.

Wayne Bragg asked for the Chief to go over the staffing.

Chief Hurliman explained that as of tomorrow we have one more starting in the academy and it’s our intention to hire all the way up to the budgeted amount. We have had a difficult time getting seats in the academy and we have also had a hard time holding onto the people on the list. Some have indicated that they were going to come on board and come to find out they were hired by a different agency. We do have two seats for the July and September class, use or lose. We still have an active list and we are planning on having a Sergeants exam. We want a full-time records clerk and we would like to add another part-time dispatcher.

Judson Crawford asked, your intent is to have your sworn staff to 62?

Chief Hurliman replied, that’s my intent.

Charlotte Madar asked, how many dogs do you have?

Chief Hurliman replied, we have one.

Alderman Finn asked, you mentioned you wanted to fill all your open positions; does this have to be advertised?

Chief Hurliman answered, we have an active list but when the list runs out we will have to retest.

Alderman McPherson asked the amount you have budgeted does that include what you need for blocking the box ordinance?

Chief Hurliman replied, it is not listed in here so I’m going to have to say this is not included in our budget.
Alderman Papa added, the Chief will have to add it in.

Alderman Anglace, asked the six year capital outlay request, I see some items but no numbers associated with it.

Alderman Finn asked, The Red Alert, the Office of Emergency Management explained that this should be coming out of their budget.

Chief Hurliman replied, I do not think it should be coming out of the Police budget.

Alderman Anglace added, it will go into the Administrative Budget.

4400 Library
Department Requested $1,170,050; Mayor recommends $1,132,205

Elspeth Lydon was present and stated, that she wanted to thank the Mayor because everything they requested was included at the rate that they requested it except for two places. One was the full-time line which isn’t in our control and the other is the part-time line which wasn’t funded as fully as asked. Other than that it was everything we asked for.

Wayne Bragg asked, where are you in the process of hiring that one full-time position?

Elspeth Lydon replied, we were told it was not needed at this time.

Wayne Bragg asked, what is your biggest concern with what the Mayor recommended?

Elspeth Lydon replied, nothing I’m happy with what we received.

4800 Municipal Property Maintenance
Department Requested $1,345,583; Mayor recommends $1,345,583

Chris Potucek was present and stated that they received everything they asked for.

Alderman Finn stated, that this department is worth every penny and they do a wonderful job.

Alderman Anglace asked, you are asking $137,000 what does that consist of?

Chris Potucek replied, It consists of a few new roof’s.
Alderman Anglace asked, didn’t the Police Department on the six year capital plan have a gas pump on there as well? Also two vehicles $57,000, I think we should move that up at the next Board of Alderman meeting.

5800 Community Development
Department Requested $6,766,910; Mayor recommends $6,733,060

3100 Building Department
Department Requested $258,731; Mayor recommends $249,739

Joseph Ballaro stated, our duties are to protect the Public Health and Safety and private property for the citizens of Shelton. Also we take care of the housing codes which includes anything rented in town. We are responsible for plan review, COE’s, permits, and Housing Code inspections.

Ken Olin asked, can you live with the Mayor's budget?

Joseph Ballaro replied, we will be fine. I have a question for you, my six year capital improvement, I never included that into my budget I thought it was just a request. We are never sure how we will do on our revenue’s it all depends on the projects that come in.

3500 Public Works
Department Requested $21,805; Mayor recommends $28,180

Non-attendance

3600 Engineering
Department Requested $293,033; Mayor recommends $293,033

Non-attendance

3700 Tree Warden
Department Requested $130,000; Mayor recommends $100,000

Non-attendance

3200 Highways & Bridges
Department Requested $3,547,652; Mayor recommends $3,252,524

Non-attendance

3300 Road Repairs
Department Requested $50,000; Mayor recommends $25,000
Non-attendance

3800 Recycling Program
Department Requested $32,700; Mayor recommends $32,700

Non-attendance

3900 Sanitation
Department Requested $2,207,155; Mayor recommends $2,107,155

Non-attendance

6300 Vehicle Funds
Department Requested $0; Mayor recommends $0

Non-attendance

Adjournment

Wayne Bragg moved to adjourn the April 4, 2013 Budget Hearing meeting; seconded by Charlotte Madar. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned approximately 6:57pm.

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