

BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT & TAXATION
May 19 2009

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Mark Nichols
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A meeting of the Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Derby was held on Tuesday evening, May 19, 2009 in the Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall.

Chair Carolyn Duhaime called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

By roll call, members present were Chair Carolyn Duhaime, Anthony DeFala, Leone DiSorbo, George Kurtyka, Joseph Laskowski, Frank Lazowski, Mark Nichols, Julia Romano, Judith Szewczyk and Paul Varsanik.

PUBLIC PORTION

Tom Lionetti - 79 Sunset Drive, Derby. Mr. Lionetti wanted to know how you are to speak in a public portion when we don't know what to expect, regarding the proposed mill rate, budget etc. For example, it is an election year and we have a Middle School going up. We could go up a half mill increase, and then next year after the election we could get whacked with a five mill increase. Do we have an idea what the mill rate is going to be? Ms. Duhaime said tonight we are addressing proposed expenditures because the revenue figures are still being worked on. The public hearing next Tuesday at the Hotchkiss Hose, that is where we will have the revenue figures set.

Anita Dugatto - 69 Elizabeth Street. She wishes that the Board and the City will be fiscally responsible. She reads in the paper about these projects: the demolition ran out of money, the clean up; we might not be able to finish it, the Sterling Opera House, Spooner House needs to be rehabbed or rented. If we go with a very low increase, she doesn't want to pay extra taxes, but we have things to pay for. Mayor Staffieri responded by saying the Opera House is State money, the demolition is State money, the cleanup was for regular employees on Saturday that worked during the day - no extra funds were needed. So the City is being very fiscally responsible.

Ms. Duhaime asked three times if anyone else from the public wishes to speak. No one else from the public. The public portion was closed at 7:14 p.m.

1100 MAYOR

A motion was made by Mr. DiSorbo and second by Ms. Szewczyk to adopt a budget of \$181,139, discussion: Ms. Romano would like to have an open discussion about potentially cutting the Chief Administrative Assistant position salary line item in half and dropping the remaining to the special working fund balance and refer to the Board of Aldermen to look into potentially combining two administrative positions right now in the Mayor's office to one position.

Mayor Staffieri said that position is doing two jobs already as Chief of Staff and the Assistant Administrator.
The Board will go line item by line item. Mr. DiSorbo will rescind his motion in order to go line item by line item, second by Ms. Szewczyk.

Mayor wages: Mayor recommends \$50,000, Tax Board recommends \$50,000
Secretary wages: Mayor recommends \$45,446, Tax Board recommends \$45,446, Chief Administrative Assistant: Mayor recommends \$75,393, Tax Board recommends \$75,393,
Deputy Director: Mayor recommends \$0.00, Tax Board recommends \$0.00. Temporary Services: Mayor recommends \$2,000, Tax Board recommends \$1,500.

Mr. DeFala stated only the Tax Board recommended amounts need to be read. Mr. Nichols said the preference is to go department by department.

A motion to accept \$181,139 by Mr. Nichols with a second by Mr. DiSorbo, discussion...Mr. Kurtyka asks for a roll call vote. Mr. Kurtyka - no, Mr. Varsanik - no, Mr. Lazowski - no, Mr. Laskowski - no, Mr. Nichols - yes, Mr. DiSorbo - yes, Ms. Duhaime - yes, Mr. DeFala - no, Ms. Romano - no, Ms. Szewczyk - yes. Vote: 4 yes 6 no. Motion fails.

A motion by Mr. DeFala to adopt \$143,433 as the Mayor's office department budget, second by Ms. Romano. Roll call: Ms. Szewczyk - no, Ms. Romano - yes, Mr. DeFala - yes, Ms. Duhaime - yes, Mr. DiSorbo - no, Mr. Nichols - yes, Mr. Laskowski - yes, Mr. Lazowski - yes, Mr. Varsanik - yes, Mr. Kurtyka - yes. Vote: 8 yes 2 no. Motion passes. The money cut will go into special working balance.

1200 PROBATE

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala and second by Ms. Romano : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$8,000. Motion carried.

1201 FINANCE COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Mr. Varsanik and second by Mr. DeFala, Ms. Szewczyk abstained: Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$2,400. Motion carried.

1300 TOWN CLERK

A motion was made by Mr. DiSorbo and second by Mr. Lazowski: Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$167,269 all in favor, Mr. Varsanik opposes
Roll Call: Mr. Kurtyka - no , Mr. Varsanik - no , Mr. Lazowski - yes , Mr. Laskowski - yes , Mr. Nichols - yes , Mr. DiSorbo - yes , Ms. Duhaime - yes , Mr. DeFala - yes , Ms. Romano - yes , Ms. Szewczyk - yes . Vote: 8 yes 2 no. Motion carried.

1400 ZONING BOARD

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala and second by Mr. Laskowski : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$0.00. Motion carried.

1500 REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

A motion was made by Mr. Nichols and second by Mr. Laskowski to accept the amount of \$35,324, all in favor Mr. DeFala opposes: : Roll Call: Mr. Kurtyka - yes , Mr. Varsanik - yes , Mr. Lazowski - yes, Mr. Laskowski - yes , Mr. Nichols - yes , Mr. DiSorbo - yes , Ms. Duhaime - yes , Mr. DeFala - no , Ms. Romano - yes, Ms. Szewczyk - yes. Vote: 9-1. Motion carried.

1600 LEGAL

A motion was made by Mr. DiSorbo and second by Mr. Lazowski : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$ 281,900: Roll Call: Mr. Kurtyka - yes , Mr. Varsanik - yes, Mr. Lazowski - yes , Mr. Laskowski - yes , Mr. Nichols - yes , Mr. DiSorbo - yes, Ms. Duhaime - yes, Mr. DeFala - no , Ms. Romano - yes , Ms. Szewczyk - yes. Vote 9 yes 1 no. Motion carries.

1700 DATA PROCESSING

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala and second by Mr. Nichols : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$28,000.

2100 TREASURER

A motion was made by Ms. Romano and second by Mr. DeFala : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$87,200.

2200 INSURANCE

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala and second by Ms. Romano : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$498,401.

2300 RETIREMENT

There is an addition in the amount of \$25,000 under police pension. A motion to accept the addition of \$25,000 by Ms. Romano, second by Mr. DiSorbo...discussion: Mr. Domurad said the contribution went up by 1.5% based on wages, all in favor. Motion carries. A motion was made to accept the revised budget of \$ 887,472 by Mr. DeFala and second by Mr. Nichols.

2400 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala and second by Mr. Laskowski : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$2,147,274.

2500 FINANCE DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Nichols and second by Mr. DeFala : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$188,460.

2600 PAYROLL TAXES

A motion was made by Ms. Romano and second by Mr. Varsanik : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$435,334.

2800 TAX COLLECTOR

A motion was made by Ms. Romano and second by Mr. Lazowski : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$96,900.

2900 ASSESSOR

A motion was made by Ms. Romano and second by Mr. Nichols : Roll Call: Mr. Kurtyka - no, Mr. Varsanik - no, Mr. Lazowski - no , Mr. Laskowski - yes, Mr. Nichols - yes , Mr. DiSorbo - yes , Ms. Duhaime - yes , Mr. DeFala - yes , Ms. Romano - yes, Ms. Szewczyk - yes. Vote: 7 yes 3 no. Motion carries. Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$98,033.

3000 AUX POLICE

A motion was made by Mr. Varsanik and second by Mr. Kurtyka, Mr. DiSorbo abstained : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$17,750.

3100 POLICE

There is an addition of \$35,000 for supernumerary line item. A motion to accept the addition by Ms. Romano, second by Mr. Kurtyka...discussion: Mr. Nichols wanted to know when the Board became aware of this. It was on Friday and added in on Saturday, all in favor, Mr. DiSorbo abstained. Motion carries. A motion was made by Mr. Kurtyka and second by Mr. Nichols, all in favor, Mr. DiSorbo abstained. : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$3,017,629.

3200 FIRE

A motion was made by Mr. Kurtyka and second by Mr. DiSorbo. Mr. Varsanik recused himself : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$233,615.

3300 Civil Defense

A motion was made by Mr. Kurtyka and second by Mr. Laskowski : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$17,365.

3400 FIRE MARSHALL

A motion was made by Mr. Nichols and second by Mr. Laskowski : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$89,397.

3600 FIRE HYDRANT

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala and second by Mr. Nichols : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$350,000.

3700 MISCELLANEOUS CAPITAL

There is an addition of a new line item for \$8,000 for HVAC indoor air quality study for the Board of Education. A motion to create a new line item in the amount of \$8,000 by Mr. DiSorbo, second by Mr. DeFala, all in favor. Motion carries.

There is another addition of \$104,000 for LOCIP. A motion to accept the addition by Mr. DeFala with a second by Ms. Romano, all in favor. Motion carried.

There is another addition of \$10,000 for Ryan Field. A motion to accept the addition by Ms. Romano, second by Mr. Kurtyka, all in favor. Motion carried.

There is an addition for \$10,000 for fire apparatus. A motion to accept the addition by Mr. Kurtyka with a second by Mr. Nichols...discussion....Mr. Varsanik pointed out this is already in the budget. Motion rescinded by Mr. Kurtyka and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Varsanik also pointed out the \$10,000 for Ryan Field is also already in the budget. A motion to rescind by Ms. Romano and Mr. Kurtyka.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to rescind what was already passed as \$10,000 fire apparatus, \$104,000 for LOCIP to remove those from the capital budget, second by Ms. Romano, all in favor. Motion carries.

A motion was made by DeFala and second by Mr. Nichols to adopt a total of \$464,154....discussion: Mr. Varsanik stated the Gramstein Memorial Grant of \$1,250 needs to be moved to City Wide Agencies department 8200 because it is not capital, second by Mr. Kurtyka, all in favor. Motion passes.

The new department total is \$462,904. A motion to accept the new department total of \$462,904 by Mr. DeFala, second by Mr. Nichols, all in favor. Motion carries.

4100 HIGHWAY

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala and second by Mr. Lazowski, all in favor, opposed Mr. Varsanik: Roll Call: Mr. Kurtyka - yes , Mr. Varsanik - no , Mr. Lazowski - yes , Mr. Laskowski - yes , Mr. Nichols - yes , Mr. DiSorbo - yes , Ms. Duhaime - yes , Mr. DeFala - yes, Ms. Romano - yes , Ms. Szewczyk - yes . Vote: 9 yes 1 no. Motion carries. Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$1,311,521.

4200 CITY ELECTRICITY

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala and second by Mr. Laskowski : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$579,300.

4300 SANITATION

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala and second by Mr. DiSorbo : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$1,231,881.

5100 PARKS

A motion was made by Ms. Romano and second by Mr. Varsanik : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$255,795.

5400 HEALTH SERVICES

A motion was made by Mr. Kurtyka and second by Mr. Lazowski, Mr. Varsanik recused himself: Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$186,759.

5500 LIBRARY

A motion was made by Ms. Romano and second by Mr. Laskowski : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$427,071.

5600 CEMETERY

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala and second by Mr. Lazowski : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$600.

6100 BUILDING INSPECTOR

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala and second by Mr. Nichols : Roll Call: Mr. Kurtyka - no, Mr. Varsanik - no , Mr. Lazowski - no , Mr. Laskowski - yes , Mr. Nichols - yes , Mr. DiSorbo - yes , Ms. Duhaime - yes , Mr. DeFala - yes, Ms. Romano - yes , Ms. Szewczyk - yes . Vote: 7 yes 3 no. Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$134,597: Motion carries.

6300 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala and second by Mr. DiSorbo. Roll Call: Mr. Kurtyka - no , Mr. Varsanik - no, Mr. Lazowski - no , Mr. Laskowski - yes , Mr. Nichols - yes , Mr. DiSorbo - yes , Ms. Duhaime - yes , Mr. DeFala - yes , Ms. Romano - yes, Ms. Szewczyk - yes . Vote 7 yes 3 no. Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$121,293.

6400 FLOOD CONTROL

A motion was made by Ms. Romano and second by Mr. Lazowski : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$7050.

6500 PLANNING & ZONING

A motion was made by Mr. Lazowski and second by Mr. DiSorbo. Roll Call: Mr. Kurtyka - no, Mr. Varsanik - no, Mr. Lazowski - yes, Mr. Laskowski - yes, Mr. Nichols - yes, Mr. DiSorbo - yes, Ms. Duhaime - yes, Mr. DeFala - no, Ms. Romano - yes, Ms. Szewczyk - yes. Vote: 7 yes 3 no. Motion carried. Motion: Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$16,200.

6510 INLAND WETLANDS

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala and second by Mr. Varsanik : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$1,000.

6800 SENIOR CENTER

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala and second by Mr. Varsanik : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$190,248.

7100 BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala and second by Mr. Varsanik : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$2,262,940.

7200 LOCIP

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala and second by Mr. Varsanik : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$104,000.

8100 CITY HALL MAINTENANCE

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala and second by Ms. Romano: Roll Call: Mr. Kurtyka - no, Mr. Varsanik - yes, Mr. Lazowski -yes, Mr. Laskowski - no, Mr. Nichols - yes, Mr. DiSorbo - yes, Ms. Duhaime - yes, Mr. DeFala - yes, Ms. Romano - yes, Ms. Szewczyk - yes. . Vote 8 yes 2 no. Motion carried. Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$271,951.

8200 CITY WIDE AGENCIES

There is a transfer of \$1,250 for the Gramstein Memorial Grant for which a new line item will be created for that. A motion to accept the transfer by Mr. DeFala with a second by Mr. Nichols, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Mr. DeFala to increase 8200-490-0497 by \$50.00 with a second by Mr. Nichols, all in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala to accept the new department total of \$124,109 with a second by Ms. Romano, all in favor : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$124,109.

8300 CITY WIDE FUEL

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala and second by Mr. Laskowski : Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$175,000.

8400 BUDGET WORKING BALANCE

A motion was made by Mr. Lazowski and second by Mr. Laskowski to accept the budget total of \$251,911:

A rescind in the motion due to a change in the special working balance; Motion rescinded by Mr. Lazowski to add \$37,696 to the special working balance, second by Mr. Laskowski.

A motion to accept the new total of \$189,607 for the special working balance by Mr. DeFala, second by Mr. Nichols, all in favor, opposed: Mr. Kurtyka. Roll Call: Mr. Kurtyka - no , Mr. Varsanik - yes , Mr. Lazowski - yes , Mr. Laskowski - yes , Mr. Nichols - yes , Mr. DiSorbo - no , Ms. Duhaime - yes , Mr. DeFala - yes , Ms. Romano - yes , Ms. Szewczyk - yes . Vote: 8 yes 2 no.

A motion to accept the revised department total of \$289,607 by Mr. Nichols, second by Mr. DeFala, all in favor, opposed Mr. DiSorbo.

Roll Call: Mr. Kurtyka - no, Mr. Varsanik - no, Mr. Lazowski - yes, Mr. Laskowski - yes, Mr. Nichols - yes, Mr. DiSorbo - no, Ms. Duhaime - yes, Mr. DeFala -yes, Ms. Romano -yes, Ms. Szewczyk -yes. Vote: 7 yes 3 no. Motion carries. Motion Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$289,607.

8600 CITY ENGINEER

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala and second by Mr. Laskowski, all in favor, opposed Mr. Kurtyka : Roll Call: Mr. Kurtyka - no, Mr. Varsanik - yes, Mr. Lazowski - yes , Mr. Laskowski - yes , Mr. Nichols - yes , Mr. DiSorbo - yes , Ms. Duhaime - yes, Mr. DeFala - yes, Ms. Romano - yes, Ms. Szewczyk -yes. Vote: 9 yes 1 no. Motion carries. Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$45,000.

9100 EDUCATION

Mr. Lazowski stated his wife is a para-professional for the Board of Education and her job could or could not be in jeopardy and because of it, he will recuse himself as this would be a conflict of interest.

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala and second by Mr. Nichols, discussion....Mr. DiSorbo asked about the stimulus money for \$200,000 if that has been appropriated for Derby. Dr. Tracy said we can't assume the money can be used for the operating budget. Mr. Kurtyka asked what the \$257,362 covers. Dr. Tracy said it covers clerical positions, a new custodian, a supplemental custodian for the schools, a new maintenance person for the district.

Roll Call: Mr. Kurtyka - no, Mr. Varsanik - yes, Mr. Laskowski - yes , Mr. Nichols - yes , Mr. DiSorbo - yes , Ms. Duhaime - yes, Mr. DeFala - no, Ms. Romano - yes, Ms. Szewczyk -yes. Vote: 7 yes 2 no. Mr. Lazowski has recused himself. Motion carries. Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$17,257,862.

9200 YOUTH SERVICES

A motion was made by Mr. DeFala and second by Mr. Nichols, all in favor, motion carries. Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$26,000.

TOTAL CITY BUDGET

A motion by Mr. Lazowski with a second by Mr. DeFala to accept the total budget of \$34,305,854: Roll Call: Mr. Kurtyka - no, Mr. Varsanik - no , Mr. Lazowski - yes, Mr. Laskowski - yes , Mr. Nichols - yes , Mr. DiSorbo - yes , Ms. Duhaime -yes , Mr. DeFala - yes, Ms. Romano - yes , Ms. Szewczyk - yes. Vote 8 yes 2 no. Motion carries. Move that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation adopt a total of \$34,305,854.

Ms. Duhaime thanked the Board for the many evenings and Saturday's for their time.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. DiSorbo to adjourn with a second by Mr. DeFala. Meeting ended at 8:23 p.m.

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.**