

**Minutes for the Litchfield Board of Finance
Public Budget Hearing
Litchfield Intermediate School Auditorium
April 27, 2011**

- 1) The Special Meeting was called to order at 8:15PM after the budget presentation to the attending public. Kelley Garden was appointed to full voting status on the absence of Regular member Ed Gadomski. Members present at this meeting were; David Geiger, David W. Wilson, Brenda Barnes, Kelley Garden, Ed Weik and Jeff Zullo. Members absent from this meeting were Ed Gadomski and Anne Dranginis.
- 2) Chairman David Geiger gave his introductory remarks and opened the floor up to comments, questions or motions.

A motion was made by Ed Weik to reduce the BoE budget increase from 1.69% down to .99% or \$163,394.00 over the 2010-2011 for a total 2011-2012 budget of \$16,548,000.00. The motion was seconded by Jeff Zullo. After a brief discussion, a vote was called. In favor of the motion was, Ed Weik, Jeff Zullo, Kelley Garden and David W. Wilson. Against the motion was Brenda Barnes. David Geiger abstained from voting. The motion passed 4-1.

A motion was made by Ed Weik to reduce the BoS requested budget by \$34,081.00. The motion was seconded by Jeff Zullo. After a brief discussion, a vote was called. In favor of the motion was, Ed Weik, Jeff Zullo, Kelley Garden. Against the motion was, Brenda Barnes, David Geiger and David W. Wilson. With a tie vote, the motion did not carry and was defeated.

Jeff Zullo motioned to cut \$3000.00 from the BoS contingency budget line item and move it to the Libraries line item, increasing it from \$6119 to \$9119 for a total of \$341,157.00. The motion was seconded by Ed Weik. After a brief discussion, a vote was called. In favor of the motion was, Ed Weik and Jeff Zullo. Against the motion was, Brenda Barnes, David W. Wilson and Kelley Garden. David Geiger did not vote. The motion failed 2-3.

Chairman Geiger asked for a motion to move the amended budget forward to a town meeting for final approval in the amount of , \$27,092,386.00. The motion was made by Brenda Barnes and seconded by David W. Wilson. All present voted in favor of the motion. There were no nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jeff Zullo to reduce the BoS requested budget by \$15,000.00. The motion was seconded by Ed Weik. After a brief discussion, a vote was called. In favor of the motion was, Ed Weik, Jeff Zullo, Kelley Garden. Against the motion was, Brenda Barnes and David W. Wilson. David Geiger abstained. The motion carried 3-2

- 3) Adjourn -- A motion was made to adjourn by Ed Weik at 9:30PM. Seconded by Jeff Zullo. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted by,

David W. Wilson, Recording Secretary