



Town of Griswold

Board of Finance

Public Hearing

May 28, 2019

6:00pm

Griswold Middle School Cafeteria

MINUTES



1. **Roll Call/Call to Order:** S. Davis opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM

Board of Finance Members Present:

Scott Davis – Chairman

Steve Mikutel – Vice Chairman

Valerie Grills

Gail Rooke-Norman

Dan Webster

Board of Finance Member Absent:

Brian Baker

Also Present:

Julie Marcotte, Director of Finance

Sean McKenna, Superintendent of Griswold Schools

Jeannette Bell, Recording Secretary

21 Other People

2. **Public Input on the proposed 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget**

- **S. Davis, Chairman Board of Finance** opened the meeting with highlights of the current proposal for the Town Budget as well as the Board of Education budget. He stated the total current budget is at \$34,340,520.00. He stated the proposed budget for the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year is \$36,250,682.00 which is an increase of \$1,910,162.00 or 5.56%. The Board of Education budget has a proposed increase of 2.74%. The General Government Operating Budget has a proposed increase of 10.78% which does not include Capital or Debt Service. He stated as the numbers stand we are currently looking at an increase to the mill rate of 1.76 which includes the .36 mills for the three bonding projects. He stated if a home is assessed at \$150,000 that would amount to a \$264.17 increase in taxes. He invited any residents to come forward and speak.
- **S. McKenna, Superintendent of Griswold Schools** stated the Board of Education budget was at a 2.74% increase. He stated they have seen an increase in their tuition revenues and continue to turn away additional tuition students. He stated this increase is necessary in order to continue to provide for all students.
- **M. Wooten** supports the Education Budget as they cannot continue with flat funding and still provide services.
- **L. Sorder** urged the Board of Finance to push the Education Budget forward as presented.

- **S. Davis** asked if there was anyone else who wanted to come forward to speak.
After hearing none:

2. **Adjournment:** S. Davis closed the public hearing at 6:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannette Bell
Recording Secretary