

**Town of New Hartford
Board of Finance – Special Meeting
May 9, 2022 @ 7 pm**

Present Chairman Kerry Guilfoyle, members: Dan Charest, Lou Helt, Charlie Neale, Ben Witte, alternate: Ryan Bingham, Allen Voghel and Recording Secretary Penny Miller

Absent Krish Dasgupta and Paul LeClair

Also, present Tax Collector Karen Wieduwilt and Mary Beth Greenwood

Chairman Guilfoyle opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Seating of Alternates Chairman Guilfoyle seated Allen Voghel for Paul LeClair.

Approval of Minutes

Recording Secretary noted there was a typo in the April 12, 2022 minutes. On Page 3 under *Other Business* the new date for the June 14th meeting should be June 13th.

Mr. Neale also noted that the mill rate on page 1 should read: *We were looking at a mill rate of 30.617 and 30.606.*

MOTION by Ms. Helt to approve the amended minutes. Second by Mr. Charest.

Unanimous

Communications and Other Items Presented to Board

BOE Chairman Hermonat sent an email about the addition of a Pre-K teacher for the 2022/2023 school year. There will be no changes to their budget. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the salary will be paid by the Pre-K tuition. Ms. Guilfoyle has invited them to the next meeting.

Member Krish Dasgupta emailed that because of a change in his job he is resigning from the Board of Finance. Chairman Guilfoyle has been in touch with DTC Mary Beth Greenwood about a replacement. The town clerk has not received his official notification of this change as of May 9, 2022.

A discussion on his replacement will take place at the June 13th meeting.

Tax Collector's Suspense List Presentation, discuss and take action- Karen Wieduwilt

Ms. Wieduwilt presented the list of accounts that she has tried to collect. They are either out of state, deceased, bankrupt and she is unable to collect them. These will be put into suspense and deemed as uncollectible. They will be sent to Tax Serv for collection. There are 77 accounts for a total of \$20,595.63.

Motion by Mr. Witte to approve the Suspense List as presented in the amount of \$20,595.63.
Second by Mr. Neale.

Unanimous

Mr. Witte amended the motion to include the date – May 9, 2022. Second by Mr. Neale.

The motion now reads:

To approve the Suspense List as presented, dated May 9, 2022, in the amount \$20,595.63.

Unanimous

Discuss and take action on setting mill rate for FY 22/23.

Mr. Witte said he is happy where the collection rate is. His recommendation is a 97.5% collection rate.

Mr. Charest said last year we were at 30.63 which was a tax bill of \$3,093.

Motion by Mr. Witte to set the mill rate for the approved 2022-2023 budget Town of New Hartford at 30.61 mills which is approximately 97.5% collection rate against the Total Tax Revenue of \$21,279,432. Second by Ms. Helt.

Unanimous

Reports As the First Selectman, Town Treasurer and Bookkeeper were not present, no verbal reports were given.

Public Comment None

Other Business Mr. Charest questioned why was the date on the Revenue & Expenditures April 29, 2022 instead of April 30, 2022. Ms. Guilfoyle will check with the Bookkeeper on this. He also said that he hadn't seen anything on the website about the budget passing. Mr. Neale said he found an article about it on the Town Clerk's page. He read how the votes were cast.

Adjournment by Chairman Guilfoyle motioned to close the meeting at 7:28 pm. Second by Ms. Helt.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted, Penny Miller, Recording Secretary

Attachment available for viewing with the Town Clerk
Pre-K Teacher from BOE Chairman Karl Hermonat