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By Darlene Brady at 10:37 am, Aug 29, 2022

Board of Finance Regular Meeting
Wednesday August 17, 2022 6:00 pm

Present- Nancy O'Dea-Wyrick, Fran Goodsell, Tegan Gawel, Rufus deRham, Jason Wright

Zoom- Jim Blackketter

Public and Invited Guests- Jean Speck, Barbara Herbst, Debbie Deveaux, Scott Trabucco, John Grant

Chairman Nancy O'Dea-Wyrick called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Acceptance of Agenda-remove item 8B (move to September meeting)
Motion by Ms Goodsell, seconded by Mr deRham to accept the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr Wright arrived

Approval of Minutes-Motion by Mr Wright, seconded by Ms Goodsell to accept the minutes of the July 20, 2022 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment on agenda items- none

Correspondence- John Grant read letter (attached), other emails sent to the board attached as well.

Reports:

- a. **Board of Education-** will cover under agenda item 8A
- b. **Tax Collector-**attached
- c. **Board of Selectman-**First Selectman Ms Speck
 1. StreetScape project has begun
 2. Cell Tower still not complete

3. Update on EV charging stations

- d. **Treasurer**-Ms Herbst reported she has released 9 Grant Checks from ARPA funds totalling \$53,500 so far. Treasurer's report attached

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **BOE Resource Officer proposal** -lengthy discussion on this topic.
Motion by Mr deRham, motion to place \$143,000 from fiscal year 2021-2022 KCS budgeted appropriation into a non lapsing account for funding the school resource officer. NO SECOND
(note \$143,00 is the max amount (2%) allowed by statute) Money will be returned to the General Fund and if taxpayers vote in support of a School Resource Officer, there will need to be another vote to take monies out of the General Fund.

New Business: none

.Public Comment- Ms Deveaux commended the board on their courage

Motion to adjourn by Mr Blacketter at 7:10

Next meeting- September 21, 2022 @ 6 pm

Minutes are not considered final until approved. Please check the ensuing meeting minutes for corrections/changes.

Bonnie Donzella
Board Clerk

Original Beginning Balance Totals

REAL ESTATE

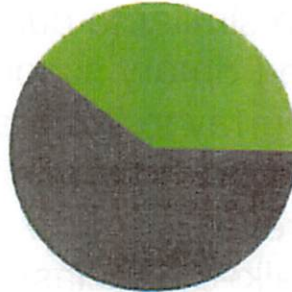
Uncollected - 46.67%
Collected - 53.33%



Total Due = \$4,826,771.69
Total Paid = \$5,515,079.63

PERSONAL PROPERTY

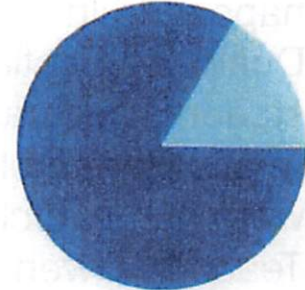
Uncollected - 39.80%
Collected - 60.20%



Total Due = \$145,220.53
Total Paid = \$219,681.04

MV REGULAR

Uncollected - 16.91%
Collected - 83.09%



Total Due = \$114,275.83
Total Paid = \$561,320.34

Type	Total Billed	Total Paid	Total Due	Percent Collected
REAL ESTATE	10,341,851.32	5,515,079.63	4,826,771.69	53.33
PERS PROPERTY	364,901.57	219,681.04	145,220.53	60.20
MOTOR VEHICL	675,596.17	561,320.34	114,275.83	83.09

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Debra Deaux
Tax Collector

I am here tonight as a parent and grandparent and as a tax payer and not as a representative speaking on behalf of any groups boards commissions or committees.

On March 13th 1996 One of the very first mass shootings happened In a small town similar to ours in Dunblane,Scotland at the Primary school which included students such as Andy Murray in 3rd grade later to become a tennis star and his brother in 2nd grade there lives and others were about to change forever.

Teacher Gwen Mayor walked her class of 31 students of kindergarten age to the gymnasium at about 9:30 am for a class.An individual got inside the gym carrying guns and began shooting at the students and teacher.

Within 5-7 minutes 18 were dead.1-Teacher 16 -students 1-perpetrator and 15 other students were injured some severely.It should be noted again the time it took for all this to happen within 5-7 minutes, this is an important fact as since other events have happened within that time line.Some might believe that this would never happen here and so did the residents of Dunblane,Scotland

Having an SRO in our schools would be a great preventative measure against this from happening.We must not put a price on this as protection of our schools is priority number 1 from my view point.

Again we can't put a price on life.

I urge you the board to do the right thing and to fund an SRO
Thank you for allowing me to read this letter.

Sincerely
John Grant
Resident

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Accrual Basis

TOWN OF KENT
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
 July 2021 through June 2022

	Jul '21 - Jun 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income	13,244,755.99	13,336,529.00	-91,773.01
Gross Profit	13,244,755.99	13,336,529.00	-91,773.01
Expense			
Voided Checks	0.00		
66000 - Payroll Expenses	0.00		
A - General Government			
010-000 - BOARD OF SELECTMEN	214,014.04	214,509.00	-494.96
012-000 - PROBATE	4,378.82	4,500.00	-121.18
013-000 - REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	32,420.48	33,841.00	-1,420.52
014-000 - BOARD OF FINANCE	27,047.98	27,074.00	-26.02
015-000 - TREASURER	64,338.70	64,350.00	-11.30
016-000 - TAX ASSESSOR	74,452.47	85,413.00	-10,960.53
017-000 - TAX COLLECTOR	75,664.45	76,276.00	-611.55
018-000 - BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APP...	0.00	2,817.00	-2,817.00
021-000 - CONSERVATION	644.16	2,495.00	-1,850.84
022-000 - TOWN CLERK	138,477.49	138,840.00	-362.51
024-000 - PLANNING AND ZONING	70,375.16	80,096.00	-9,720.84
025-000 - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	1,556.50	2,206.00	-649.50
026-000 - INLAND / WETLANDS	39,731.07	41,802.00	-2,070.93
027-000 - BUILDING INSPECTOR	8,336.10	14,072.00	-5,735.90
030-000 - TOWN HALL	128,769.02	129,200.00	-430.98
051-000 - ATTORNEY FEES	23,134.39	41,500.00	-18,365.61
060-000 - GRANTS	308,500.00	310,100.00	-1,600.00
070-000 - ASSOCIATIONS	61,512.57	61,729.00	-216.43
074-000 - HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSI...	0.00	500.00	-500.00
075-000 - INSURANCE	92,488.76	106,829.00	-14,340.24
079-000 - CONTINGENCY	0.00	130.00	-130.00
Total A - General Government	1,365,842.16	1,438,279.00	-72,436.84
B - Public Safety			
028-000 - FIRE MARSHAL	35,397.21	37,319.00	-1,921.79
054-000 - POLICE PROTECTION	195,429.86	196,000.00	-570.14
054-500 - EMS Staffing	130,156.45	130,544.00	-387.55
055-000 - LITCHFIELD CNTY DISPATCH	31,796.65	31,797.00	-0.35
056-000 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	7,826.18	7,950.00	-123.82
Total B - Public Safety	400,606.35	403,610.00	-3,003.65
C - Public Works			
031-000 - TOWN GARAGE BUILDING	21,806.63	21,910.00	-103.37
040-000 - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	1,253,178.99	1,409,095.00	-155,916.01

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Profit & Loss Budget Overview
 July 2021 through June 2022

	Jul '21 - Jun 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget
041-000 · TOWN AID ROAD	291,531.00	291,531.00	0.00
042-502 · Lighting - Town Utility	8,124.37	9,000.00	-875.63
042-504 · Water - Town Utility	36,902.11	39,000.00	-2,097.89
045-680 · Tree Work	16,160.00	27,075.00	-10,915.00
Total C · Public Works	1,627,703.10	1,797,611.00	-169,907.90
D · Health and Welfare			
029-000 · SOCIAL SERVICES	69,249.33	77,288.00	-8,038.67
033-000 · SENIOR CENTER	17,159.88	17,175.00	-15.12
050-501 · Welcome Center Public Restro...	16,429.64	16,500.00	-70.36
052-000 · Dir of Health/Hlt Dist.	15,217.96	15,218.00	-0.04
Total D · Health and Welfare	118,056.81	126,181.00	-8,124.19
E · Recreation			
023-000 · PARK & REC	108,897.35	169,236.00	-60,338.65
032-000 · Community House	24,855.00	24,855.00	0.00
034-000 · Swift House	13,520.13	13,550.00	-29.87
046-000 · KCS Ballfield Maintenance	5,327.49	8,750.00	-3,422.51
Total E · Recreation	152,599.97	216,391.00	-63,791.03
F · Sanitation			
043-000 · TRANSFER STATION	125,459.68	142,154.00	-16,694.32
044-000 · Landfill Monitoring	1,934.00	2,000.00	-66.00
Total F · Sanitation	127,393.68	144,154.00	-16,760.32
G · Board of Education			
300-000 · BOE Operating	1,018,750.23	958,980.00	59,770.23
310-000 · BOE Payroll	3,694,871.10	3,727,833.00	-32,961.90
320-000 · BOE Regional Budget	2,429,063.00	2,509,743.00	-80,680.00
Total G · Board of Education	7,142,684.33	7,196,556.00	-53,871.67
H · Debt Service	38,906.00	38,906.00	0.00
I · Transfer to Capital	1,001,341.00	1,001,341.00	0.00
J · Transfer to Dog Fund	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00
K · Current Year Capital Projects	936,000.00	936,000.00	0.00
Total Expense	12,918,633.40	13,306,529.00	-387,895.60
Net Ordinary Income	326,122.59	30,000.00	296,122.59
Other Income/Expense	-30,000.00	-30,000.00	0.00
Net Income	296,122.59	0.00	296,122.59

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By Darlene Brady at 9:47 am, Sep 06, 2022

From: **Scott Trabucco** <trabucco@kentcenter.com>

Date: Wed, Aug 3, 2022 at 9:23 PM

Subject: KCS BOE Motion

To: Nancy O'Dea-Wyrick <nodeawyrick@gmail.com>, Treasurer-Kent
<treasurer@townofkentct.org>

Hi Nancy,

I have also copied Barbara on this email. Tonight at the BOE meeting we passed the following motion:

That the KCS Board of Education approve and formally request that the Kent Board of Finance take the following action. Contingent upon and pursuant to State of CT Statute 10-171, Section 10-248a which is printed below, deposit into an existing non-lapsing account, for the funding of a School Resource Officer, funds totaling \$143,000 from the FY 2021 - 2022 KCS budgeted appropriation for education for the town.

Governing Statute: Section 10-248a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019): For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2011] 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter, notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any special act, municipal charter, home rule ordinance or other ordinance, the board of finance in each town having a board of finance, House Bill No. 7424 Public Act No. 19-117 397 of 580 the board of selectman in each town having no board of finance or the authority making appropriations for the school district for each town may deposit into a nonlapsing account any unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year from the budgeted appropriation for education for the town, provided

- (1) such deposited amount does not exceed [one] two per cent of the total budgeted appropriation for education for such prior fiscal year
- (2) each expenditure from such account shall be made only for educational purposes
- (3) each such expenditure shall be authorized by the local board of education for such town.

This amount should be just under the 2% of our total budget that we are allowed to encumber from unexpended funds each year. This money will be used to fund the second State Trooper in FY 2022-2023 if the resolution to approve this expenditure is passed by town vote. Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is anything additional that you need from me, otherwise I will see you in a couple of weeks at your August meeting.

Thanks,

Scott

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Scott Trabucco
Chairman, KCS Board of Education
9 Judd Avenue
Kent CT 06757
Mobile: 203-837-6499

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By Darlene Brady at 9:47 am, Sep 06, 2022

From: **Marco Balassone** <marco.balassone1@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Jul 18, 2022 at 9:18 PM

Subject: Citizen's request regarding future law enforcement - Marco Balassone

To: <nodeawyrick@gmail.com>

To Nancy and the Town of Kent Board of Finance:

I am sending this message regarding the board's upcoming decision to approve additional enforcement in our community. I am deeply concerned that the pending decision to approve a second state trooper to our community will not solve our deficits in safety or security.

I have lived in the heart of Kent Village for almost 2 years to this date, and became a homeowner in the neighborhood approximately 8 months ago. Since becoming a resident in Kent, I have observed state trooper response to emergency calls (including a motor vehicle accident I was a victim of earlier this year), for which I am grateful. However, I have observed very little to no enforcement of reckless drivers and other suspicious activity in this community with our current state trooper services. In reviewing our Town of Kent current state trooper contract, I have assessed the majority of trooper service and responsibility is in the hands of the state police. The outlined sections in the current contract for a state trooper in Kent are woefully inadequate in providing the town of Kent with control over the trooper's service. Based on this, I anticipate a second contract for a state trooper to result in spending more funds for more of the same situation, leaving less funds available for other future town matters.

The board should critically review this plan, and consider other alternatives to supplying effective enforcement for Kent Center School and the town (ie. constable, retired police officers, funding to train current Kent residents on law enforcement, etc.). I would prefer to see Kent thrive on its own resources effectively, rather than hire state-level service that does not benefit our community holistically.

Please deeply consider this information and make an informed decision that is sustainable, cost-effective, and improves the safety and security of the Town of Kent. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Marco Balassone