

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
BUDGET DELIBERATIONS SESSION – FY 2019-2020
APRIL 4, 2019**

The Board of Aldermen held a budget deliberation session regarding the Board of Finance's recommended budget for fiscal year 2019-2020, on Thursday, April 4, 2019 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. asking those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

B. Anderson
E. Beatty
K. Fortunati
C. Gaynor
A. Giannattasio (7:04)
J. Golden
J. Grant
M. Hardiman
F. Smith
A. Sutton
J. Tranquilli
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
J. Rosen, Chief of Staff
P. Erodict, Finance Director

Excused

D. German
A. Sutton

Chairman Vetro welcomed everyone to the 2019-2020 budget deliberations. He stated tonight's meeting was the public comment portion of the budget process. He stated the Board would begin hearing from those who wished to speak regarding the education portion of the budget.

Speakers regarding the Board of Education budget:

Emmeline Harrigan, 107 Oronoque Road, stated she supported the Board of Education budget as recommended by the Board of Finance. She stated the budget reflects fantastic initiatives and continues the good work of Milford Public Schools.

Aileen Sokol, 468 Burnt Plains Road, stated she was in support of the Board of Education budget. She believes the budget is accountable and transparent and makes better developed students. She believes the initiatives proposed are needed to make Milford schools more competitive.

Lisa Valerio, 200 Platt Lane, stated she supports the Board of Education budget. She believes Milford has a strong education system which will bring more people to town equating to more tax revenue.

Heather Haskedakes, 320 High Street, stated she support the Board of Education budget. She feels the Milford schools are offering her daughter a great education.

Chairman Vetro asked those who wished to speak on the city side of the budget to come forward.

Speakers regarding the City budget:

Greta Stanford, 32 Spicebush Lane, stated she has been reading the papers and listening to the news and does not see any other municipality reducing its budget. She stated this is the fourth time the budget has been reduced and that it due to the Mayor's leadership.

Chairman Vetro thanked everyone for their comments.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden moved to recess until April 8, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board recessed at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Jo Weeks
Recording Secretary