



**City of Derby**

**BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT AND TAXATION**

**TAX BOARD MINUTES**

**TUESDAY March 11, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**ZOOM MEETING**

**Jennifer Desroches  
Colleen Germain-Ezzo  
Michael Gray  
Kristen Mancini-Wright  
Tina Parelli-Silkoff**

**Bhamini Patel  
Jose Rivera  
Vacancy  
Ashley Simon  
Laura Wabno**

**1 & 2.Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance**

**The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Germain-Ezzo at 6:01 P.M.  
followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**

## **Roll Call:**

**Present** Ms. Desroches, Ms. Germain-Ezzo, Mr. Gray, Ms. Mancini-Wright,  
Ms. Parelli-Silkoff, Ms. Patel, Mr. Rivera, Ms. Simon and Ms. Wabno

## **4. Additions, Deletions, Corrections and Adoption of the Agenda**

**Mr. Hall asked to have Items 10 and 12 deleted, along with Items 4,5, and 6 under #11. A motion was made by Ms. Simon and seconded by Ms. Desroches. Motion Carried**

## **5. Public Portion**

**Mr. George Kurtyka, 46 Mohawk Avenue, President of the BOA/A, wanted the BOAT to know that everyone appreciates all they do, when working to put this budget together, please keep the taxpayers and citizens of Derby in mind. Adopt a budget which is fair to all.**

**Ms. Germain-Ezzo asked that anyone speaking during the public portion should not put anyone in the limelight, please keep your comments and any questions asked would not get answered tonight.**

**Mr. Brian Hall, weekly meetings for the BOAT can only be he there are items to be discussed. On the 4<sup>th</sup>, there was nothing, so the Town Clerk canceled the meeting. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, we have transfers to be taken care of, so the meeting was called. I would like to say that I was not aware of the fire truck being broken down, and that the garage would not do the work that was needed until he received a “PO” to do the work. We have paid all the bills to the garage that have been given to us. This may have happened previously, but we are current. If this should happen again, please reach out to me directly, if I cannot give you an answer, then you should contact the mayor. The media should be the last place you go.**

**Mr, Steve Jalowiec, 61 Academy Hill. Company 4 Paugussett Hook & Ladder, and I am here to support Gary Parker. We know money is tight, but we are still here to support his requests going forward, regarding the apparatus, etc. These repairs need to be done to keep the fire**

houses going. When you go through the budget process, please keep this in mind. Thank you for letting me speak.

No one else from the public spoke, Ms. Germain-Ezzo closed the public portion.

#### **6. Police Department 2025-2026 Budget Presentation**

Chief Scott Todd presented the Derby Police Department Budget.

- The raises include 2 fiscal years
- All increases are contractual
- Costs of uniforms etc. have all gone up
- No longer need the cost for a K-9
- Force is presently 32, should be at 34
- Overtime may increase because of the shortage, we may have to come back and request monist to cover the overtime

Mr. Hall said the cost for outside work is going to increase, the revenue will be higher

Ms. Patel asked if the training was standard at 18 months, and Chief Todd explained why it was.

#### **7. Auxiliary Police 2025-2026 Budget Presentation**

Chief Todd gave the presentation for the Auxiliary Police. He said they were a great help to the Police department for directing traffic when needed and their costs have basically stayed the same.

#### **8. Fire Department 2025-2026 Budget Presentation**

Mr. Parker spoke on the Fire Department budget. He said he was sorry for what happened with the article on Facebook. He went on to go through the budget stating that everything stayed the same. Building Maintenance, he put at \$110,00, he would have liked to raise that to \$120,000. All the trucks are getting old and are always in need of some sort of repair. In the previous budget, The Fire Alarm System Removal has been deactivated, so there is no money in the budget for this year. Annual Service Contracts have increased and that is due to the cost of doing business. Lastly, the breathing Equipment increased and it is because of the state mandate to keep this up to date.

## **9. Executive Session**

**A Motion to go into Executive Session was made by Ms. Desroches and seconded by Ms. Parelli-Silkoff. Included in the session were Mr. Hall and Chief Todd. Motion Carried.**

**The meeting was paused at 7:00 PM.**

**The BOAT meeting was called back into order at 7:30 PM.**

## **11. Transfer and Additional Appropriations**

### **Fire Department**

**Transfer from: Account (4203-53540) \$10,000 Fireman Physicals**

**Transfer to: Account (4203-54300) \$10,000 Repairs and Maintenance**

**A motion to accept was made by Mr. Rivera and seconded by Ms. Patel. Motion Carried.**

**Transfer from: Account 4203-53200) \$5,000 Training & Education/Seminars**

**Transfer to: Account (4203-54300) \$5,000 Repairs and Maintenance**

**A motion to accept was made by Ms. Simon and seconded by Ms. Mancini-Wright. Motion Carried.**

**Transfer from: Account 4203-56210) \$7,000 Yankee Gas**

**Transfer to: Account (4203-54300) \$7,000 Repairs and Maintenance**

**A motion to accept was made by Ms. Parelli-Silkoff and seconded by Mr. Rivera. Motion Carried.**

**Budget Working Balance**

**Transfer from: Account (5020-58500) \$50,000 Working Balance**

**Transfer to: Account (4157-55200) \$50,000 Insurance /Liability**

**A motion to accept was made by Ms. Wabno and seconded by Ms. Simon. Motion Carried.**

**13.2025-2026 Budget Adoption Timeline Update – Brian Hall**

**Mr. Hall presented the following dates for the Budget timeline.**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>- Board of Education**

**March 25<sup>th</sup>- Mayor's Budget**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> – Preliminary Adoption (Critical all members of BOAT attend)**

**April 8<sup>th</sup> - Public Portion**

**APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>- Budget Adoption**

**A motion to accept was made by Mr. Rivera and seconded by Ms. Patel. Motion Carried.**

**Adjournment**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Wabno and seconded by Ms. Patel. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Louise Pitney**

**Recording Secretary**

**\*These minutes are subject to approval by the Board of Apportionment & Taxation at their regular meeting.**