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1/11/2024 - Minutes

I. Pledge Of Allegiance

Vice-President Simmons called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and lead the Committee and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present:

John Simmons
Dan Donovan
John Costello
Craig Cameron
Pat St. Pierre

Members Absent:

Chris Shamp

Kathleen Prescott arrived at 6:35PM

Staff Present:

Town Manager Michael Borg
Assistant Town Manager Antonio Morabito
Clerk of the Council Kerrin Billinghoff
Dr. John Antonucci Superintendent of Schools
Ernie Director of Facilities of Schools

Residents Present:

None at this time.

Documents Reviewed:

- Finance Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes of the December 4, 2023, Meeting
- Measure 2024-041- Approval to repurpose remaining funds in the amount of \$128,100.58 from previous School Capital Improvement Projects be used for the Early Learning Center Playground Project
- Measure 2024-042- Approval to repurpose remaining funds in the amount of \$131,802.00 from previous School Capital Improvement Projects to be used for the Purchase of Two F-Series Super Duty Pickup Trucks and Truck Equipment

II. Approval Of Minutes

- a. Approval of Finance Sub-Committee Minutes of December 4, 2023

Approval of Finance Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2023.

Councilor Donovan made a motion to approve the Finance Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2023.

Councilor Costello seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

III. Resident And Community Comment

None at this time.

IV. Old Business

None at this time.

V. New Business

- a. Measure 2024-041- Approval to repurpose remaining funds in the amount of \$128,100.58 from previous School Capital Improvement Projects be used for the Early Learning Center Playground Project

Measure 2024-041- Approval to repurpose remaining funds in the amount of \$128,100.58 from previous School Capital Improvement Projects be used for the Early Learning Center Playground Project

This request is to ask for approval to repurpose remaining funds from the following:

Measure 2020-034- Utilization of Free Cash to Fund Capital Projects and One Time Expenses- FY20 Free Cash. One of the Capital Improvement Projects was for the Middle School Walk in Freezer Replacement in the amount of \$75,000.00 The walk-in freezer project has been completed. The current balance in this account is \$33,100.58. Account

30300287 - 587001

Measure 2023-015- General Government Capital Improvement Plan Projects- FY23 Free Cash. One of the Capital Improvement Projects was for Lavatory Remodeling Projects for various schools in the district in the amount of \$75,000.00. Multiple bathroom remodel projects have been completed district wide. The current balance in this account after completion of the bathrooms is \$35,000.00. Account 30300315-582004

Measure 2023-062- General Government Capital Improvement Plan Projects-FY23 Free Cash. One of the Capital Improvement Projects was for the Early Learning Center Surface Replacement in the amount of \$60,000.00. This project has not begun. At the Early Learning Center, there was an oil tank that was recently removed, which has disturbed a portion of the existing playground. In order to have the playground fully functional, we need to fix the structure to include a ramp, replace the existing surfacing, repair a portion of surrounding asphalt surfacing and install a new fence. The original amount allocated in the CIP did not take into account the oil tank removal and other relevant repair work. Account 30300362-558202

Therefore, it is requested that \$35,000.00 from Measure 2023-015, \$33,100.58 from Measure 2020-034, in addition to the \$60,000.00 from Measure 2023-062 (which had already been allocated to this project) remaining funds in the amount of \$128,100.58 be repurposed for the Early Learning Center Playground Project.

Town Manager Borg reviewed this measure with the Council.

Councilor Donovan made a motion to send Measure 2024-041- Approval to repurpose remaining funds in the amount of \$128,100.58 from previous School Capital Improvement Projects be used for the Early Learning Center Playground Project back to the Full Town Council with a favorable recommendation.

Councilor Costello seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

- b. Measure 2024-042- Approval to repurpose remaining funds in the amount of \$131,802.00 from previous School Capital Improvement Projects to be used for the Purchase of Two F-Series Super Duty Pickup Trucks and Truck Equipment

Measure 2024-042- Approval to repurpose remaining funds in the amount of \$131,802.00 from previous School Capital Improvement Projects to be used for the Purchase of Two F-Series Super Duty Pickup Trucks and Truck Equipment

This request is to ask for approval to repurpose remaining funds from:

Measure 2021-065- FY2022 Capital Improvement Projects- Utilization of FY22 Free Cash. Account 30300165 - 585100. One of the Capital Improvement Projects was for the School Department's Replacement of Two Maintenance Vehicles in the amount of \$110,000.00. One vehicle was purchased in the amount of \$33,198 and the remaining balance is \$76,802.00. The original measure had a reference to hybrid vehicles. After further evaluation of the needs of the department, the recommendation is to fund the purchase of two F-Series Super Duty Pickup Trucks.

Measure 2023-015- FY2023 General Government Capital Improvement Plan Projects- FY23 Free Cash. Account 30300315-585100. One of the Capital Projects was for the School Department's Replacement of One Maintenance Vehicle in the amount of \$55,000.00. This CIP was intended to fund vehicle replacement for the School Maintenance Department.

Justification:

When the request was originally submitted, a quote was secured for two transit vans from state bid vendor MHQ. The Schools then received a notification from the vendor that Ford cancelled all outstanding orders and would not be offering price protection, due to inflation, global microchip shortage, supply chain issues, and lingering impacts of the pandemic. The transit vans, as well as comparable hybrid vehicles, were no longer available, and would not be available for the foreseeable future. The Schools then requested a quote for vehicles that they feel will equally support the Facilities Department. Measure 2023-015 was originally funded for \$55,000; however, the cost of the individual vehicle is \$65,901. This article needs to be modified, as requested, to reflect appropriate funding.

Town Manager Borg reviewed this measure with the Council.

There was discussion amongst Dr. Antonucci, Mr. Sandland, Mr. Borg, and the Town Council. Items discussed:

1. These two vehicles are brand new.
2. They will replace two older vehicles.
3. The vehicles originally approved were to be "Hybrid", these two vehicles will not be Hybrid.
4. The two trucks will be for plowing.
5. Purchased from MHQ.
6. It was decided that the trucks will be housed in a garage at the High School.

Councilor Donovan made a motion to send Measure 2024-042- Approval to repurpose remaining funds in the amount of \$131,802.00 from previous School Capital Improvement Projects to be used for the Purchase of Two F-Series Super Duty Pickup Trucks and Truck Equipment back to the Full Town Council with a favorable recommendation.

Councilor Costello seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

VI. Adjournment

Councilor Donovan made a motion to adjourn.

Councilor Costello seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.