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**TOWN COUNCIL**

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3/8/2023 - Minutes

**I. Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

Vice-President Simmons

Councilor Prescott

Councilor Gould

Patrick Reynolds

Craig Cameron

Chris Shamp

**Staff Present :**

Town Manager Michael Borg

Assistant Town Manager Antonio Morabito

Fire Chief Christopher Coleman

**Members Absent:**

John Porter

**II. Pledge Of Allegiance**

Vice-President Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and lead the Committee and other guests present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Approval Of Minutes**

- a. Approval of Finance Sub-Committee Minutes of February 9, 2023

Councilor Prescott moved to approve the February 9, 2023 Finance Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes.

Councilor Reynolds seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 5-0-1**

#### **IV. Town Councilor Community Announcements**

Nothing to report at this time.

#### **V. Resident And Community Comment**

Nothing to report at this time.

#### **VI. Old Business**

None at this time.

#### **VII. New Business**

- a. Measure 2023-041- Approval of Transfer of \$125,000.00 from Capital Improvement Stabilization for North Attleboro Fire Station Feasibility Study

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Capital Improvement Stabilization Funds, the amount of \$125,000.00 to be expended under the direction of the North Attleborough Town Manager, to be approved by the Town Council, for the feasibility study for the North Attleborough Fire Station (currently located 50 Elm Street, North Attleborough, MA.) to be constructed at a new location.

Town Manager Borg explained this measure to the Committee. He requested that the Town Council vote in favor of transferring the amount of \$125,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Stabilization Funds for a Feasibility Study for a new Fire Station. Conducting this study would be the first step that would need to be done.

Chief Coleman was in attendance to answer any questions that the Sub-Committee may have had. **He explained that a new Fire Station would be a great asset for the community as well as the firefighters.** Chief Coleman also stated that they were looking into building a Training Tower as a part of the new Facility. He explained that currently North Attleboro, Stoughton, Swansea and Norfolk all go to Fall River for their "Live Burn" Training Sessions. If North Attleboro had their own Training Tower, the Town could save money on the out-of-town training sessions and could also collect a fee from neighboring towns

who would also use the facility for their training sessions as well. Chief Coleman explained that a Request for Qualifications was conducted, and the most qualified bidder was selected and then a price was negotiated upon. Dore & Whittier was the company

selected to conduct the feasibility study. They were used by many surrounding towns and they are highly recommended and very qualified in Feasibility Studies for Fire Stations. The Study will include:

- Finding a location that is the right location for the community and the Fire Department.
- Look at 3.5 acres of land on Landry Ave. that is owned by the Town.
- Look at optimal response times.
- Detailed report on location.
- Deliverables
- Cost will be determined.
- Study will take about 6 months to complete.
- At the end of the study, we will have conceptual plans.

There was further discussion amongst the Fire Chief, Town Manager and the Committee.

Councilor Prescott made a motion to refer Measure 2023-041 - Approval of Transfer of \$125,000.00 from Capital Improvement Stabilization for North Attleboro Fire Station Feasibility Study back to the Full Town Council with a favorable recommendation.

Councilor Reynolds seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 6-0. UNANIMOUS**

- b. Measure 2023-043- Approval of Request for the Transfer of \$9,500.00 for an FY22 Invoice for Weights & Measures.

Purpose & Justification:

The Department of Standards from the State of Massachusetts has performed the Weights & Measures Sealer functions for the Town. The State informed the town that they are no longer able to perform these functions as of June 30, 2022. The FY23 funds budgeted in the Contracted Services Account to pay for these FY22 services were used to compensate the FY23 contract for the contractor, Kevin Duquette, who has been appointed as the Town Sealer of Weights & Measures.

It is requested that the amount of \$9,500.00 be transferred from the Boiler Fuel Allen Avenue Account 011929-521300 to the Contracted Services Fund 012469-530010. There is currently \$20,000.00 in the Boiler Fuel Allen Avenue Account and \$00.00 in the Contracted Services Account. The total amount needed for Invoice #2023DOSCONFEEDOS2338 is \$9,500.00.

Town Manager Borg explained that because this invoice was not received until FY23 and services were rendered in FY22 that it crossed fiscal years and therefore it required Town Council Approval.

Councilor Prescott made a motion to refer back to the Full Town Council with a favorable recommendation Measure 2023-043- Approval of Request for the Transfer of \$9,500.00 for an FY22 Invoice for Weights & Measures.

Councilor Reynolds seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 6-0. UNANIMOUS**

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Councilor Prescott made a motion to adjourn.

Councilor Reynolds seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 6-0. UNANIMOUS**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:37PM.**