

Michael Borg  
Town Manager



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### INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 04, 2025  
**TO:** Town Clerk Pat McNielly  
**FROM:** Michael Borg *MMB 04 FEB 25*  
**CC:** Linda Catanzariti, Town Accountant  
NAPD Chief McQuade  
Jane Gannon Executive Assistant  
Chris Sweet, Tax Collector & Treasurer

**RE:** **Measure 2025-029- Authorization to finance Dispatch Console Replacement project with free cash re-purposed from Emergency Operations Center Upgrade project and Capital Improvement Program Stabilization funds..**

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**Town Council Meeting- President Justin Paré**  
**Measure 2025-029- Authorization to finance Dispatch Console Replacement project with free cash re-purposed from Emergency Operations Center Upgrade project and Capital Improvement Program Stabilization funds.**

**Purpose and Justification:**

During the FY 2025 budget process, the Town Council approved the Dispatch Console Replacement project, an effort aimed at replacing the furniture and associated hardware for the dispatcher console located at the police facility. Both Chiefs of NAPD and NAFD cite this as a critical need as current obsolete console is failing, and the manufacturer no longer produces parts or components. If current console were to fail, dispatchers would need to resort to using inefficient portable radios, and NAFD would lose emergency buttons and automatic station alerting that would result in less efficient emergency response. The fund source for this project remained unspecified.

Total amount needed to complete the Dispatch Console Replacement project is \$498,634.00.

On November 7, 2023, the Town Council unanimously approved measure 2023-015, Approval of the General Government Capital Improvement Plan Projects - FY2023 Free Cash. This measure included the project, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Upgrade, for \$250,000.00. The ongoing Police Facility HVAC Replacement Project initially delayed this project, and changes in technology and methods of staff collaboration have rendered the planned EOC upgrades obsolete and unnecessary. The Town Manager contends that it is in the best interest of the Town to transfer this funding to the Dispatch Control Replacement Project.

To complete funding for the Dispatch Control Replacement project, the Town Manager requests a transfer of \$248,634.00 from Capital Improvement Program Stabilization funds.

The Town Council met on January 13, 2025, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Vice-President Simmons to refer Measure 2025-029- Authorization to finance Dispatch Console Replacement project with free cash re-purposed from Emergency Operations Center Upgrade project and Capital Improvement Program Stabilization funds to the Finance Sub-Committee for further review and discussion.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Donovan.

**Motion carried. 7-0 UNANIMOUS**

The Finance Sub-Committee met on January 15, 2025 and on behalf of the Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Donovan to refer Measure 2025-029- Authorization to finance Dispatch Console Replacement project with free cash re-purposed from Emergency Operations Center Upgrade project and Capital Improvement Program Stabilization funds back to the Full Town Council with a favorable recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Costello.

**Motion carried. 6-0 UNANIMOUS**

The Town Council met on January 27, 2025, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Vice-President Simmons to approve Measure 2025-029- Authorization to finance Dispatch Console Replacement project with free cash re-purposed from Emergency Operations Center Upgrade project and Capital Improvement Program Stabilization funds.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Donovan.

**Motion carried. 8-0 UNANIMOUS**