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MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

5:00 PM

Annex Meeting Room - Video Conference

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I. CALL TO ORDER - The Meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Councilor Saccone at 5:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers Town Hall Annex Building.

Councilor Saccone welcomed all to the Hybrid Meeting. He stated for the Town Council Finance Committee and members of the Public who were participating via video conference that the remote meeting information was available on the Agenda that was posted on the Town's Website – Granicus-Legistar Meeting Portal.

II. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Location	Arrived	Departed
Jessica Buhle	Town Councilor	Present	In-Person	5:00 pm	6:12 pm
Tim Ryan	Town Councilor	Present	Remote	5:00 pm	6:12 pm
Tony Saccone	Town Councilor	Present	In-Person	5:00 pm	6:12 pm
S. Naomi Rodriguez	Town Council Chairman	Present	In-Person	5:00 pm	6:12 pm
Carmen Garcia-Irizarry	Town Councilor	Present	In-Person	5:00 pm	6:12 pm
Fred Allyn, III	Mayor	Present	In-Person	5:00 pm	6:12 pm
Matthew Bonin	Finance Director	Present	In-Person	5:00 pm	6:12 pm
Alex Rode	Board of Education Chairman	Present	In-Person	5:00 pm	6:12 pm
Joanne Kelley	Board of Education Finance Committee Chairman	Present	In-Person	5:00 pm	6:12 pm
Earl (Ty) Lamb	Board of Education	Present	In-Person	5:00 pm	6:12 pm
Jennifer Reguin	Board of Education	Present	Remote	5:00 pm	6:12 pm
Roxanne Maher	Administrative Assistant	Present	Remote	5:00 pm	6:12 pm

III. RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

Ms. Joanne Kelley, 12 Thamesview Pentway, Gales Ferry, Board of Education Finance Committee Chairman, stated that she attended the Town Council's February 28, 2024 meeting to present the Board of Education's proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget in the amount of \$38,369,823 an increase of \$2,461,455 or 6.85%; and that she wanted to again state her support for the Education Budget as it was proposed, noting that the Finance Committee would be discussing the budget later this evening. She went on to note that she attended two of the three Town Council Finance Committee's Fiscal Year Budget Work Sessions on March 7 & 11, 2024. She stated one of the Department Work Sessions that struck her relative to the Board of Education's proposed budget was presented by Youth Services Director Karen Goetchuis. She noted that the Youth

Services Department attempted to use Intern Clinicians to provide Mental Health Services for Ledyard's students, using American Rescue Plan Act Funding. (ARPA). She noted during Ms. Goetchuis' Budget Work Session that she explained although efforts were being made, the program was not meeting the needs of the students. She noted that Ms. Goetchuis explained that there was a lack of coordination and supervision over the Intern Clinician/Social Worker. She stated the University of Connecticut (UCONN) conducted an evaluation of the Youth Services Mental Health Program, noting that the UCONN Report was dismal because Ledyard was not doing what they needed to do. Ms. Kelley stated after hearing the Youth Services Budget Work Session that she wanted to reiterate that the Board of Education has added a Clinical Supervision position which would complete their school-based Student Centrix Mental Health Team; noting that mental health was a critical area. She concluded by noting that Councilor Ryan was not present when she presented the Board of Education's proposed Fiscal Year budget on February 28, 2024 and that she offered to answer any questions he had regarding the proposed Education Budget this evening.

Councilor Ryan thanked Board of Education Finance Committee Chairman, Ms. Kelley, noting he did not have any questions at this time.

Mr. Earl (Ty) Lamb, 95 Lambtown Road, Ledyard, Board of Education Member, stated he was present this evening to address New Business Item #3 on tonight's Agenda regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget. He expressed his appreciation to the Town Council, Board of Education, and Staff from both the Board of Education and General Government, for the extra time and work they put in to prepare the proposed budget. He stated that the Town Council and Board of Education were all volunteers and he specifically thanked Board of Education Finance Committee Chairman Joanne Kelley, noting that she worked to streamline the process and the budget for the Board of Education. He stated that he was only speaking as one member of the Board of Education, and although he supported the Board of Education's proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget in the amount of \$38,369,823 an increase of \$2,461,455 or 6.85% as proposed, that he would have liked to see them do more. He stated there were a number of needs that were not funded, noting that they delayed implementing the Strategic Plan, and could have used more funding to support expenses such as Substitute Teachers pay and Paraprofessionals. He stated at \$100 per day the Board of Education was not even paying Substitute Teachers minimum wage (\$16.59 per hour).

Councilor Saccone thanked the Board of Education Members for their comments this evening. He stated the proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget that was before the Finance Committee this evening was as proposed by the Mayor noting that it was in the amount of \$67,086,407 comprised of General Government Budget in the amount of \$29,032,334; and a Board of Education Budget in the amount of \$38,054,073 (5.98% increase). He stated the Finance Committee would discuss the proposed budgets later this evening, noting that the Board of Education submitted a proposed Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$38,369,823; which called for an increase of \$2,461,455 or 6.85% over the current year's budget.

IV. PRESENTATIONS/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – None.

V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION to approve the following:

- Regular Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2024
- Budget Work Session Minutes of March 7, 2023
- Budget Work Session Minutes of March 11, 2023
- Budget Work Session Minutes of March 14, 2023

Moved by Councilor Buhle, seconded by Councilor Ryan

VOTE: 3 – 0 Approved and so declared

VI. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT(see Financial Reports noted below)

VII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Finance Director Matthew Bonin stated Fiscal Assistant Nancy Michaud was doing a great job, noting that all the Revenues were now posted into the Munis Financial System. He stated that he provided a Revenue Year-to-Date through February 29, 2024 for tonight's meeting, and he asked if the Finance Committee had any questions. The Finance Committee noted that they did not have any questions and that they were pleased that Ms. Michaud has been able to get the work caught up, since the position had been vacant for a few months.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. MOTION to approve appropriations from the receipt of sales of vehicles through GovDeals in the total amount of \$8,185.00 to the Pooled Vehicles CNR Account #21040101-57315.

Moved by Councilor Buhle, seconded by Councilor Ryan

Discussion: Mayor Allyn, III, stated the Town received a total of \$8,185 from the sale of several surplus vehicles on GovDeals.com that took place in January and February, 2024. He noted it has been the town's practice to appropriate the revenues to the respective capital reserve fund to supplement/offset direct budgetary appropriations in meeting lifecycle replacement costs and other needs. He noted some of the vehicles sold included the following items: 2004 Toyota Tacoma; 2006 Dodge Stratus; 2020 Ford F-350 fleetside bed, tailgate and bumper; 2005 Ford Taurus; and 2010 Ford Explorer

VOTE: 3 – 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT: RECOMMEND TO APPROVE 3 – 0

MOVER: Jessica Buhle, Town Councilor

SECONDER: Tim Ryan, Town Councilor

AYES: Jessica Buhle, Tim Ryan, Tony Saccone

2. MOTION to recommend the Town Council approve two tax refunds in the combined total amount of \$5,892.30 with each exceeding \$2,400.00 in accordance with tax collector departmental procedures.

- Attorney Ellin Grenger \$2,438.56
- Wayne Korteweg \$3,453.74

Moved by Councilor Buhle, seconded by Councilor Ryan

Discussion: Mayor Allyn, III, noted in accordance with policies established for the Tax Collection Department, refunds to taxpayers exceeding \$2,400 were approved by the Town Council. He stated the paperwork was in order for each of these refunds, noting that a double payment was made, explaining that both the property owners and the mortgage escrow companies paid the taxes.

VOTE: 3 – 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT: RECOMMEND TO APPROVE 3 – 0

MOVER: Jessica Buhle Town Councilor

SECONDER: Tim Ryan, Town Councilor

AYES: Jessica Buhle, Tim Ryan, Tony Saccone

3. Proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget.

- MOTION to approve the following Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget Adjustments:

Account Number	Title	Change	Note	New Allocation
<u>Registrars</u>				
✓ 10110301-51700	Administrative Wages	Increase by \$318	New Appropriation	\$46,800
✓ 10110301-56100	Operating	Decrease by \$1,775	New Appropriation	-0-
<u>Elections</u>				
✓ 10110303-5170	Other Wages	Increase by \$3,398	New Appropriation	\$31,341
<u>Library</u>				
✓ 10150101-53645	Training	Increase by \$2,500	New Appropriation	\$2,500
✓ 10150101-53700	Contract Maintenance Lease	Increase by \$2318	New Appropriation	\$7,567
✓ 10150101-56100	Operating Expenses	Decrease by \$2,500	New Appropriation	\$13,513

		2024		2025			Diff from Mayor proposed
DEPARTMENT		REVISED	DEPT PROPOSED	MAYOR PROPOSED	COUNCIL PROPOSED		
ACCOUNT #		ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION					
REGISTRARS							
10110301	51700	ADMINISTRATIVE WAGES	43,940	46,482	46,482	46,800	318
10110301	5611	OPERATIONS	-0-	\$1,775	\$1,775	-0-	(1,775)
ELECTIONS							
10110303	51710	OTHER WAGES	23,440	27,943	27,943	31,341	3,398
LIBRARY							
10150101	53645	TRAINING	-	-	-	2,500	2,500
10150101	53700	CONTRACT MAINTENANCE/LEASES	2,060	2,207	5,249	7,567	2,318
10150101	56100	OPERATING EXPENSES	10,500	21,262	16,013	13,513	(2,500)
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Moved by Councilor Buhle seconded by Councilor Ryan

Discussion: Councilor Ryan stated the proposed adjustments were as the Finance Committee discussed during the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget Work Sessions.

VOTE: 3 – 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT: RECOMMEND TO APPROVE 3 – 0

MOVER: Jessica Buhle, Town Councilor

SECONDER: Tim Ryan, Town Councilor

AYES: Jessica Buhle, Tim Ryan, Tony Saccone

❖ MOTION to recommend the Town Council adopt a proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget in the amount of \$67,086,407 comprised of:

- General Government: \$29,032,334
- Board of Education: \$38,054,073

Moved by Councilor Buhle, seconded by Councilor Ryan

Discussion: It was noted that the proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget, as proposed by the Mayor was an increase of \$2,537,008 or 3.94% over the current year's budget and would call for a 34.94 mil rate for a 0.38 mil increase.

The Finance Committee discussed the following adjustments to the proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget:

- ***Gales Fire Station Generator Replacement: Add \$8,000*** – Councilor Saccone noted that although the Town applied for and received Grant Funding for the replacement of some equipment which included the generator, that the State has been slow in releasing the funding. He stated the Gales Ferry Fire Company has been requesting funding to replace their current generator as part of their budget request for a number of years; however, the purchase has not been funded. He suggested adding \$8,000 to replace the generator and reimbursing the Account when the Grant Funding has finally been received.
- ***Public Works Building Upgrade Reserve: Add \$200,000 for Board of Education Capital Needs*** – Councilor Saccone noted the *Committee to Review the Budget Process* presented their Final Report dated October 31, 2024 to the Town Council at their January 10, 2024 meeting. He stated the Report suggested the Town manage funding for long-term capital needs such as the replacement of school roofs and other anticipated facilities expenses similar to what the town has been doing for the purchase of large pieces of equipment such as fire trucks, and public works heavy equipment, by setting aside funding each year. He stated by putting \$100,000 or \$200,000 into a Capital Sinking Fund for the Schools that in ten-years they would have \$1 million to pay for projects. He stated this would also reduce their costs to borrow (bond) funding. He stated that Public Work/Town Engineer Steve Masalin manages a Facilities Maintenance Plan for the General Government buildings, therefore, he suggested that \$200,000 be added to Account#2104011-58240 (PW Building Upgrade Reserve) for School Facilities projects.
- ***Juliet W. Long School Fire Alarm: \$75,000*** - Councilor Buhle addressed safety issues regarding Fire Alarm System at the Juliet W. Long Elementary School. She suggested rather than put the replacement of the Fire Alarm System off for three years while they were putting funding aside to replace the Fire Alarm Systems at the Juliet W. Long and High School; that \$75,000 be allocated in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget to replace the Fire Alarm System at the Juliet W. Long School this summer.

Chairman Rodriguez noted that she spoke to Fire Marshall Jim Mann about the Fire Alarm Systems at the Juliet W. Long School and the High School. She stated that Mr. Mann stated that the High School Fire Alarm was not urgent, but that Juliet W. Long School's Fire

Alarm was urgent. She stated that Mr. Mann explained that they could fix the electrical module for about \$200,000 - \$300,000; as a holdover until they could replace the entire system. Chairman Rodriguez went on to state that fixing the electrical module would only be a BanAide, noting that the Board of Education classified the Juliet W. Long School Fire Alarm System as a High Priority.

- **Dispatch Emergency Communications CAD/RMS System Replacement** – Councilor Buhle noted that the Dispatch Emergency Communications CAD/RMS System Replacement may be eligible to receive a Congressional Directed Spending Grant that Congressman Chris Murphy's Office was working on. Therefore, she suggested reducing the allocation by 50% (\$45,000) for 2025 and leaving the funding the same for the second year of the funding plan. She stated if the town does not receive the Congressional Directed Spending Grant that they could increase the funding allocation in the second year to keep the project on track. She noted the two-year funding plan was as follows: 2025: \$90,000 and suggested reducing allocation to \$45,000 (2025); 2026: \$89,030.

Councilor Ryan explained the reason projects needed to be 100% funded in the budget was in case the town does not receive the anticipated grant funding; they would be responsible to pay the full amount of the project. Councilor Buhle stated the full cost of the *CAD/RMS System Replacement* was \$180,000 and was being funded over a two-year period. Therefore, she was suggesting they reduce the funding in the first year by 45,000 or 50%; and if the town does not receive the grant that they increase the second year's funding by \$45,000 to fully fund the replacement cost of *CAD/RMS System Communications System*.

- **High School Elevator \$222,000** – Councilor Buhle stated the existing elevator was original to the High School (1962 & 1966) and needed to be replaced. She stated the Capital Improvement Plan has scheduled a three-year funding Plan to begin in 2026. She suggested they adjust the funding plan to begin in: 2025: \$74,000, 2026: \$74,000; 2027: \$74,000. (**Total Request: \$222,000**).
- **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding \$2.9 million – Board of Education** – Councilor Saccone noted that he worked in the Board of Education's Facilities Department for a few years, noting that many of the Board of Education's Capital Improvement Project Requests were needed then. Therefore, he questions the reason the Board of Education did not use some of their ARPA Funding to address projects such as the Fire Alarms Systems and the Elevators.

Board of Education Finance Committee Chairman Joanne Kelley stated that although she was serving as a Member of the Board of Education during that time, that she did not serve on the Facilities Committee, and therefore, she could not answer Councilor Saccone's question regarding the use of the Board of Education ARPA Funding.

- **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding – General Government- Mental Health Clinicians** – Councilor Saccone noted Board of Education Member Joanne Kelley's comments earlier this evening (III. Residents and Property Owners – see above) regarding the Board of Education taking on the role to provide clinical mental health support to students. He noted the Town allocated \$190,000 from their ARPA Funding for Mental Health Clinicians. He stated with the changes that Ms. Kelley mentioned the Town's ARPA Funding was being used to pay the Clinicians that were providing services at the schools. He stated that currently this ARPA allocation had a balance in the amount of

\$151,500; explaining that as Clinicians were providing services the Board of Education was invoicing the Town for the costs.

The Group discussed the use of the Town's ARPA Funding that was allocated to pay for the Mental Health Clinicians and the importance to understand the Federal Government's Guidelines relative to the expenditure of funds noting the following: (1) Need to have a Contract in-Place by December 31, 2024; (2) Need to fully expend the funds by December 31, 2026; (3) Using the funding for Payroll Expenses that would go beyond 2026; (4) Disburse the ARPA Funds to the Board of Education and a Sub-Recipient; to pay for the Mental Health Clinicians and whether the Board of Education would qualify as a Sub-Recipient of the Town. Finance Director Matthew Bonin stated that he would review the ARPA Guidelines to determine the best approach with regard to the town's ARPA allocation for Mental Health Clinicians.

- **Board of Education Fiscal Year Budget Request \$38,369,893** – Councilor Buhle stated the Mayor's proposed Budget reduced the Board of Education's Budget request by \$315,750. She suggested reinstating the \$315,750 to the Board of Education's Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget and fully funding the Education Budget as requested at \$38,396,893; an increase of \$2,461,455 or 6.85% over the current year's budget.

Councilor Buhle continued by stating that she attended the Board of Education's Budget meetings and she explained that because Ledyard was paying the lowest rate for substitute teachers in the area, they were not able to get the substitute teachers when needed. She stated the proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget in the amount of \$38,396,893 would increase the Substitute Teacher wages from \$100 to \$125 per day; and would provide an additional 10% coverage. She also stated that Ledyard's Per Pupil expenditure of \$16,871 continued to be in the lowest 10% of Connecticut's 169 towns; and that it was time to provide the School District with what they needed.

Councilor Ryan stated that he supported *Value Spending* to support the children's education. He stated that he did not care about what other School Districts spend. He stated he cared about what Ledyard spends on their Education Budget and whether it met their needs. He stated he agreed with increasing spending in strategic areas.

Councilor Saccone stated most of the Capital Improvement Projects the Finance Committee was discussing this evening were Board of Education Projects. He went on to note for clarification that the MOTION on the Table this evening was the Mayor's proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget which reduced the Board of Education's proposed budget request in the amount of \$38,369,823 (6.85% increase) by \$315,750 for an adjusted amount of \$38,054,073; (5.98% increase).

Councilor Saccone went on to state that he would support putting forward the Board of Education's proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget as the Board of Education requested in the amount of \$38,369,823; which called for an increase of \$2,461,455 or 6.85% over the current year's budget. Therefore, he questioned Councilor Buhle and Councilor Ryan's thoughts on restoring the \$315,750 to the Board of Education's proposed Fiscal Year for a revised total of \$38,369,823 (increase of 6.85%) as proposed by the Board of Education.

Councilor Buhle stated that she has made her opinion known that she supported fully funding the Board of Education's proposed Fiscal year 2024/2025 Budget in the amount of \$38,369,823 (increase of 6.85%), as proposed by the Board of Education.

Councilor Garcia-Irizarry, Board of Education Liaison, stated that there were a number of things that the Board of Education needed but did not include in their proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget request of \$38,369,823 (increase of 6.85%) explaining that they worked to minimize their budget increase request. Therefore, she stated that Superintendent Jason Hartling put together a list of things that he would like to include in future budgets such as Math Coaches, Late Buses, Special Education Teacher, LEAF Home Visitors, Critical Coordinator, Instrumental Updates, Expand Pre-K (Kindergarten) Program, Full-Time Math Teacher, Full-Time Family Consumer Science Teacher; two Elementary World Language Teachers, Elementary Instrumental Music Teacher, etc. She went on to note that currently Ledyard was paying Substitute Teachers \$100 per day, which was less than the Connecticut minimum wage (\$16.59 per hour). She stated they could earn more working at Walmart than working as a Substitute Teacher in Ledyard. She stated although Ledyard should not compare themselves to other School District's, because their needs may be different than Ledyard's needs; that the reality was that Ledyard was not meeting all of their student's needs. She stated they have been approving budgets that were only addressing their most urgent needs. She stated the Board of Education made a lot of compromises to get to the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget in the amount of \$38,369,823 (increase of 6.85%) as they have requested.

Councilor Saccone stated based on tonight's discussion, the Finance Committee had a number of adjustments that they would need to decide on before making a recommendation regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget. Therefore, he suggested the Finance Committee Table the proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget.

MOTION to Table the

MOTION to recommend the Town Council adopt a proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget, as proposed by the Mayor in the amount of \$67,086,407 comprised of:

- General Government: \$29,032,334
- Board of Education: \$38,054,073

Moved by Councilor Saccone, seconded by Councilor Ryan

VOTE: 3 – 0 Approved to Table

RESULT: APPROVED TO TABLE 3 – 0

MOVER: Tony Saccone, Town Councilor

SECONDER: Tim Ryan, Town Councilor

AYES: Jessica Buhle, Tim Ryan, Tony Saccone

The Finance Committee agreed to schedule a Special Meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. to continue their work on the proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget.

4. **MOTION to recommend the Town Council set a Hybrid Format (Video Conference and In-Person) Public Hearing date to be held on April 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to be held in the Council Chambers, 741 Colonel Ledyard Highway, to receive comments and recommendations regarding a proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget.**

Moved by Councilor Buhle, seconded by Councilor Ryan

Discussion: It was noted that last year the Budget Public Hearing and Annual Town Meeting were held in the Council Chambers, instead of holding it at the High School Auditorium, as had been done in years past, and that it worked out well. The Finance Committee agreed to schedule the Public Hearing to be held in the Council Chambers.

VOTE: 3 – 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT: RECOMMEND TO APPROVE 3 – 0

MOVER: Jessica Buhle, Town Councilor

SECONDER: Tim Ryan, Town Councilor

AYES: Jessica Buhle, Tim Ryan, Tony Saccone

5. MOTION to recommend the Town Council set the Annual Town Meeting to be a Hybrid Format (Video Conference & In-Person) regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget on May 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to be held in the Council Chambers, 741 Colonel Ledyard Highway and to adjourn to a Referendum to be held on May 21, 2024 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.

In addition, should the referendum fail, the subsequent Referenda will be held between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.; in accordance with Chapter VII, Section 6 of the Town Charter.

Moved by Councilor Buhle, seconded by Councilor Ryan

Discussion: (See discussion above Item #4)

VOTE: **3 – 0 Approved and so declared**

RESULT: RECOMMEND TO APPROVE 3 – 0

MOVER: Jessica Buhle, Town Councilor

SECONDER: Tim Ryan, Town Councilor

AYES: Jessica Buhle, Tim Ryan, Tony Saccone

6. MOTION to recommend the Town Council adopted a proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Water Operations Budget in the amount \$1,517,183.62.

Moved by Councilor Buhle, seconded by Councilor Ryan

Discussion: Mayor Allyn, III explained in accordance with Section 4 of Ordinance #400-001 “*An Ordinance Establishing a Water Pollution Control Authority*” which states: “*The WPCA shall provide, by the fourth Monday in April, a budget of estimated revenues, expenditures and capital improvements for the ensuing fiscal year for inclusion as an appendix in the Town annual budget. The Town Council shall approve the water system budget*”.

Mayor Allyn continued to explain that the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Water Operations in the amount of \$1,517,183.62 was an increase of \$54,604.84 over the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget. He stated because it was an Enterprise Fund that they were not allowed to make a profit.

VOTE: **3 – 0 Approved and so declared**

RESULT: RECOMMEND TO APPROVE 3 – 0

MOVER: Jessica Buhle, Town Councilor

SECONDER: Tim Ryan, Town Councilor

AYES: Jessica Buhle, Tim Ryan, Tony Saccone

7. Any other New Business proper to come before the Committee – None.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. No Action on the
Continued discussion regarding the status and possible changes to Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Capital Non-Recurring (CNR) Fund based on the *American Rescue Act Funding* (ARPA) and the process to approve ARPA Projects and expend ARPA Funding.

RESULT: NO ACTION

Next Meeting: 04/03/2024; 5:00 p.m.

2. Potential uses of the revenue received from Public Act No.21-58 “*An Act Concerning Solid Waste Management*” in accordance with “*Resolution Regarding Revenues Received from Beverage Container Surcharges*” adopted on June 8, 2022.

Councilor Buhle stated that she and Parks & Recreation Director Scott Johnson, Jr., were continuing to price out the cost of the *BigBelly* Solar Power Trash Compactors. She noted that Mr. Johnson was working to obtain cost estimates for the concrete pads to set the new trash receptacles on.

Councilor Ryan stated that he drafted a spreadsheet similar to the American Rescue Plan Act Projects List/Funding to track the revenues and expenditures of the Surcharge Revenues (Nip Bottles) and to plan for recurring expenses such as the street sweeper, the maintenance of Solar Powered Trash Compactors, as well as new purchases, etc. However, he stated in the interest of time, he would not go into the details this evening.

RESULT: CONTINUED

Next Meeting: 04/03/2024; 5:00 p.m.

3. No Action on the
Continued discussion regarding potential uses for the funding received from the National Opioid Settlement Payments.

RESULT: NO ACTION

Next Meeting: 04/03/2024; 5:00 p.m.

4. Any other Old Business proper to come before the Committee – None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Saccone moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilor Ryan.

VOTE: **3 - 0 Approved and so declared**, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Saccone, Sr.
Committee Chairman
Finance Committee