

Marlborough Board of Finance
Marlborough Elementary School
And via Zoom and Speaker Phone
Special Meeting
March 8, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Chairman Nastri called special meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Present and seated were Mike Nastri, Jack Fidler, Ken Hjulstrom, and Jeff Plourde. Alternate Karen Pakulis-Paul was present and seated for Robert Mirabal. Alternate Chris Barella was present and seated for Liz Gorgoglione.

Public Comments

None

Budget Revenue and Capital Items Analysis/Discussion

\$50,000 Request for Locking in Price for Replacement of EHT17 Truck – 1991 Mack

MOTION: Mr. Fidler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pakulis-Paul, to recommend moving this item to a town meeting for approval to transfer \$50,000 out of reserves to capital for locking in the price for a truck in the fire department. **DISCUSSION:** This vote is just to move this to a town meeting. This is to lock in the price of the truck. The cost has gone up \$200,000 since last year. The meeting will be held in the school library on March 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

VOTE: All voted in favor of the motion.

\$50,000 Transfer for School Cameras

MOTION: Mr. Fidler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pakulis-Paul, to recommend moving this item to a town meeting for approval to use \$50,000 from the undesignated fund balance to purchase security cameras for the school. **DISCUSSION:** These funds are from the retired Jones Hollow Road bridge project that has been completed. The funds didn't get reallocated. The meeting will be held in the school library on March 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

VOTE: All voted in favor of the motion.

BOS Answering Questions from the BOF

Chairman Nastri received answers back from Interim Town Manager Amy Traversa. She was present to answer further questions. Also present were Selectmen Deb Bourbeau and Betty O'Brien. Peter Hughes from the Planning Department also was there to answer questions about the projects. The school didn't request capital items this year because they are utilizing the money from the reserve fund. The cemetery survey will lay out the graves and show what is left for future use. The excavator is small enough to use to clean the catch basins and to do roadside mowing. The boat launch needs to be rebuilt to become ADA compliant. This may be on a wish list this year. It seems like all the reserves are being used. Revenue increased due to the car tax, building permit fees, and there was a typo in interest revenue. Total revenue and

total expenses don't match up. This is because they had to put the budget together without the previous two years information. It is being corrected as errors are found. There have been vacancies in the Finance department. The new director is starting on March 13, 2023. All capital items were discussed. They believe the town will need to go out for bonding in the next year or two.

The Board is touring the public works garage on Monday, 3/13/23, at 7:30 in the morning.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Rihm

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Board Clerk