

Town of Plymouth

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Board of Finance

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1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Jim Kilduff, Chairman called the regular November 21, 2024, Board of Finance meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Assembly Room. Members in attendance: Victoria Carey-Vice Chairman, Jennifer Brunnoli-excused absence, Eugene Croce, Tony Osipiak, and David Sekorski
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Jim Kilduff, Chairman led the group and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Notice of Fire Exits** – Jim Kilduff noted the Fire Exits for the record.

Jim Kilduff noted the ARPA Process, ARPA Committee, Board of Finance, and Town Council who makes the final determination.

4. **Discuss and take action as necessary on ARPA Proposal for \$19,000.00 for Antenna Upgrade, Heating Repairs, Humidifier line item into a new line item to purchase a used vehicle for the Assistant Fire Chief**

Mark Sekorski, Fire Chief gave a detailed explanation and noted multiple reasons for the ARPA proposal - noted above – presently had used a Police vehicle (for 3 ½ years -served purpose) - noted not worth fixing. This is for the Assistant Chief who goes to every (daytime) call, noted the importance of this position, and briefly elaborated.

Eugene Croce confirmed with Mark Sekorski, Fire Chief that the other items - Antenna Upgrade, Heating Repairs, and Humidifier line items have been taken care of.

MOTION

Dave Sekorski made a motion, seconded by Tony Osipiak to reallocate \$19 000.00 of the Antenna Upgrade, Heating Repairs, Humidifier line item into a new line item to purchase a used vehicle for the Assistant Fire Chief.

Motion passed unanimously

5. **Discuss and take action as necessary on ARPA Proposal for \$26,000.00 to the Terryville Fish and Game Club for the emergency dam repairs**

George Castle, President of Terryville Fish & Game gave a detailed explanation noting multiple reasons (dam and sinkhole issues, spillways & cracks, and state requirements) for the ARPA proposal requested above and briefly elaborated.

Eugene Croce questioned what if this is not done, and questioned past study.

George Castle stated could breach the dam, noted the scope of various scenarios, still awaiting impact, and briefly elaborated.

Eugene Croce stated is the property located in the Thomaston Dam flood control zone.

George Castle stated "no" noted various landmarks and briefly elaborated.

Eugene Crose questioned does Terryville Fish and Game have flood insurance.

George Castle stated "no".

Eugene Croce questioned if there was any insurance that would cover this.

George Castle stated "no"

Eugene Croce questioned if Emergency Management should be bringing this forward instead.

Jim Kilduff stated the flood study initially was mandated to the Terryville Fish and Game from the State of Connecticut and briefly elaborated.

George Castle stated the State of Connecticut's involvement - that is why we have to have an emergency evacuation plan, noted our responsibility and briefly elaborated.

Vicky Carey stated the Terryville Fish and Game are owners of dam - repairing per DEEP and briefly elaborated.

Dave Sekorski confirmed we are not paying directly Terryville Fish and Game, noted the importance of paying directly to the contractor (preventative measure), and briefly elaborated.

Tony Osipiak questioned if there were no ARPA funds who then would be paying for this.

George Castle stated we would be doing repairs on our own, noted various spillways and regulation of water, noted pipe and valve, ability to drain down in summer, clear debris, noted hydraulics, etc., preventative maintenance, and briefly elaborated.

Tony Osipiak questioned the timing and a solution was drafted within a day by a professional engineer when the government-involved cost goes up compared to doing this internally, noted the importance of safety, noted recent rain events, and briefly elaborated.

Tony Osipiak questioned projects (cost-approved up to a certain amount) and assumed all those projects were closed out.

Dave Sekorski noted if something big happens it will fall on the town and briefly elaborated.

MOTION

Eugene Croce made a motion, seconded by Vicky Carey to transfer from ARPA funds of \$26,000 to the Terryville Fish and Game Club for the emergency dam repairs.

Motion passed unanimously

6. Discuss and take action as necessary to allocate the balance of the unallocated funds of ARPA to the Town of Plymouth for technology upgrades, Funds ranging from \$54,989.00 to a maximum of \$100,000.00. This motion is intended to allow an offset of additional personnel (labor needed).

Jamie Terry, Technology Director distributed and discussed in detail the CenConnect, Page 1 of 7 -Town of Plymouth, Technology Request for ARPA funding dated November 18, 2024 Pg. 1 of 2, noted present -poor infrastructure, experienced major server failure, impacted and affected town agencies and emergency services, noted the importance to prevent cyber attacks, need disaster recovery and contingency plan available, noted the importance for the need of technology upgrades, firewalls and switches, and briefly elaborated.

Eugene Croce questioned cloud storage.

Jamie Terry, Technology Director stated moved into a government plan and certified - data stays within the United States, need to maintain a long-term plan, and briefly elaborated.

Tony Ospiak requested an example of a negative impact.

Jamie Terry, Technology Director stated Tax office and clerks office and briefly elaborated.

Eugene Croce questioned if this included others such as the Library, etc. will need their own upgrades, etc.

Jame Terry stated considered minor and will need mini firewalls, and the town has a large firewall to handle traffic and briefly elaborated.

Eugene Croce confirmed that offset additional personnel is contracted labor, not town personnel.

Jamie Terry stated "Yes"

MOTION

Vicky Carey made a motion, seconded by Dave Sekorski to transfer and allocate the balance of the unallocated funds of ARPA to the Town of Plymouth for technology upgrades, Funds ranging from \$54,989.00 to a maximum of \$100,000.00. This motion is intended to allow an offset of additional personnel (labor needed).

VOTE:

Dave Sekorski - Yes
Vicky Carey - Yes
Eugene Croce - Yes
Tony Osipiak - Yes

Motion passed unanimously

7. Public Comment

David Dudley, 19 Berry Road, Terryville, CT noted various Firewall wall specifications and uses.

James Mozlak, 18 Carriage Drive, Terryville, CT - Teacher's contracts – negotiations/information.

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, CT - past Minutes, dam responsibility, and police fund.

8. Correspondence

Board of Education's financial report

9. Board Member's Comments

Vicky Carey - Capital Improvement Committee sent out a letter – forward to committee ranking scoring of projects (5-year plan to Town Council/Board of Finance) mayor will meet with the committee and formulate the budget with fair scoring on various projects and briefly elaborated.

Dave Sekorski - Outstanding issues of funds, future agenda item before budget.

Eugene Croce - Definition of Capital Equipment

Tony Osipiak - questioned if Deputy Chief – car, capital improvements, ARPA projects closed and spent, questioned temporary Accountant – Finance Department (term end date) -function and amount, surplus or deficit for last fiscal year (town budget).

10. Adjournment

There being no further business of the Board of Finance, a motion was made by Tony Osipiak seconded by Dave Sekorski to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Yokubinas

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Recording Secretary