

Town of Longmeadow

Minutes of the Finance Committee for June 12, 2019

Fire Department

Finance Committee Members Present: Ed Clark-Clerk, Maury Garrett Jr, Chaya Kosofsky, Paul Santaniello, William Welch (left meeting at 7:48pm) and Eileen Morin

Finance Committee Members Absent: Andrew Lam-Chairman

Other Present: Paul J. Pasterczyk-Finance Director, Jason DuCharme-Town Accountant, John Dearborn-Fire Chief, Gerald Macsata-Deputy Fire Chief.

Paul Pasterczyk submitted the following requests to the Finance Committee for end of year Transfer of Appropriations, which is authorized under MGL Ch. 44 Section 33B:

The first is related to Fire OT (\$60,000) and the funding source for the first \$50,000 would be from our Unemployment Insurance account where we have only expended \$24,109 of the \$100,000 appropriation through the end of May leaving a balance of \$75,891. The remaining \$10,000 will be taken from the Veteran's Benefits account, which had a balance at the end of May of \$18,782.20.

(In favor 6-0)

The second transfer request (\$28,365) is for the softening of the speed bump / crosswalk on Williams St. at Grassy Gutter / Merriweather. This was originally requested as a Reserve Fund Request and has been vetted by the Select Board a few times and at least two Finance Committee meetings. This request to modify the speed bump / crosswalk was a directive from the Select Board. The source of the transfer would be \$18,365 from the Unemployment Insurance account and \$10,000 from the Asst. Town Accountant's salary line (attrition).

(Not in favor 5-0)

The third is a request (\$50,000) from the DPW Town Buildings division for an electrical switch gear at Glenbrook Middle School. The failure of the current switch gear represents a safety concern. Funding would come from our Health Insurance line for Retirees. Surplus funds exist as a result of premiums increasing less than projected / budgeted.

(Not in favor 4-1)

Reserve Fund Request:

Reserve Fund Request (\$20,000) to cover costs of utilizing a search firm and other incidental costs associated with the Town Manager's search.

(In Favor 5-0)

Paul Santaniello thanked Ed Clark for his three years of service on the Finance Committee.

Motion to adjourn at 8:18pm (5- 0 in favor).