

Town Of Harwich
Finance Committee Meeting
Town Hall, Griffin Room
Thursday, March 24, 2022, 6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Jon Chorey, Mark Ameres, Dan Tworek, Angelo S. LaMantia, Mark Kelleher, Dale Kennedy and Karen Doucette

I: Jon Chorey, as Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with a quorum present,

II: Public Comments/Announcements- none

III: Public Hearing

A: Presentation of Town Budget and Capital Plan

- FY 2024-2027 capital budget remains unchanged
- Board requested free cash to be freed up from the capital budget.
- Brooks Academy budget: \$150,000 is for the owner's project manager.
- Beautify Harwich villages- not approved
- Ch 18 \$66,470 funded from PEG funds
- Green Community Utilities: Town to receive grant of \$161,000 of total cost of \$459,000. Community Center HVAC work.
- Privacy fence at Community Center- can't use revolving fund
- Weight room equipment- CC revolving fund, not on warrant
- Stormwater MS4 unchanged- from free cash
- Fire Engines/other equipment: if grant received FD will fund remaining \$22,000.
- Fire Dept. vehicles: not in budget, on hold
- Golf vehicle purchase- on hold until Sept. 25th meeting.
- Police Dept request in operating remain and approved (vests, technology).
- Public Works- Ballfield mower- on hold
- Chap 90 funds of \$1,400,000. \$700,000 override/debt exclusion
- Voting equipment of \$75,000- approved
- Water Dept vehicle replacement- retained earnings
- \$300,000 for water main design still to be included
- Capital for FY 24 in \$3-5 million range excluding sewer construction. Allen Harbor jetty placeholder
- Any change in capital budget requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote to approve
- Operating budget: move police cruisers from to capital budget- warrant
- Salary and wages: COL and step increases

- Community Center budget increase \$2400
- Recreation increased \$2,500 for Town Band expenses.
- Harbormaster enhancement of \$11,500 for season assistant harbormaster.
- Public Work enhancement of \$60,00 for cleaning of comfort stations
- OPEB: contribution remains the same, \$250,000.

Angelo LaMantia suggested taking a good look at revenue figures for golf, harbor with excess into free cash, need to increase tax rate

- Stabilization fund not funded,
- Snow and Ice not determined yet.

The public hearing was closed at 7:33 with a vote of 7-0 to approve.

Voted to adjourn at 7:52 To continue until next Tuesday when warrants will have dollar figures attached. Vote 7-0 to adjourn.

Chair Chorey stated: The meeting is over there will be no further discussion.

Mark Kelleher

Acting Secretary