

**TOWN OF CROMWELL - TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
41 WEST STREET, CROMWELL, CT 06416
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 - 4:45 p.m.

Present: Mayor James Demetriades, Julia Aurigemma, Brian Bonneau, Stacy Dabrowski, Jack Henahan, Paula Luna, Al Waters

Also Present: Town Manager Salvatore, Finance Director Sharon DeVoe

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Demetriades called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Rich Waters, 84 South Street is opposed to installing a gate at the trestle in the amount of \$9,000. For years his brother, Al Waters, has been complaining about water coming over the road. He explained that sewer water containing E.coli comes over the road and runs off into the field across the street. We are going to have mosquitos and all that is being done is putting a locking gate over the road. This is dangerous, it's an emergency area and ambulances go through. He informed the Council that he has had 15 cancer surgeries and he believe it is from the air. This purchase is not fair to the taxpayers and he urged the Council to think twice before they install the gate.

C. BUDGET MATTERS

1. Discuss and Approve Board of Education CNR Requests

Director of Operations for the Board of Education was in attendance and answered questions of the Council regarding the Board of Education's CNR Requests. A brief discussion followed.

There was discussion regarding the surplus and the Town's Fund Balance Policy.

MOTION made by J. Henahan and **SECONDED** by A. Waters to approve CHS – Service Receptacles Lacking-Roof in the amount of \$51,000.

All in favor.

MOTION made by B. Bonneau and **SECONDED** by P. Luna to approve WIS – Water Heater Replacement in the amount of \$24,870.

All in favor.

MOTION made by A. Waters and **SECONDED** by J. Henahan to approve WIS- Replacement of Split System AC in the amount of \$12,037.

All in favor.

MOTION made by J. Henahan and **SECONDED** by P. Luna to approve ECS- Services Receptacles Lacking – Roof in the amount of \$16,511.

All in favor.

MOTION made by A. Waters and **SECONDED** by J. Henehan to approve CHS – Refurbish Weight Room Floor in the amount of \$15,000.

All in favor.

MOTION made by B. Bonneau and **SECONDED** by J. Henehan to approve CHS – Gym Floor Refurbish in the amount of \$25,000.

All in favor.

MOTION made by J. Demetriades and **SECONDED** by B. Bonneau to approve CHS Driveway Light Pole Repair in the amount of \$12,000.

All in favor.

MOTION made by A. Waters and **SECONDED** by J. Henehan to approve WIS – Underground Oil Tank Repair in the amount of \$15,000.

All in favor.

MOTION made by B. Bonneau and **SECONDED** by A. Waters to approve ECS – Classroom Blinds Replacement (phase 1 of 4) in the amount of \$27,500

All in favor.

MOTION made J. Henehan and **SECONDED** by A. Waters to approve ECS – Replacement of Roof Exhaust Fans in the amount of \$22,000.

All in favor.

MOTION made by A. Waters and **SECONDED** by J. Henehan to approve ECS – Replace Ceiling Tiles in 6 Classrooms in the amount of \$49,000.

All in favor.

2. Discuss and Approve General Expense Budget

MOTION made by A. Waters and **SECONDED** by J. Henehan to approve the General Expense Budget in the amount of \$676,573.

All in favor.

3. Discuss and Approve Grand Total of General Fund Budget

MOTION made by S. Dabrowski to remove the \$85,000 for the leaf vacuum. There was no second. ***Motion died.***

MOTION made by A. Waters and **SECONDED** by S. Dabrowski to withdraw the approval of the item for the gate on South Street from CNR.

In favor: J. Demetriades, A. Aurigemma, S. Dabrowski, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters

Opposed: B. Bonneau

Motion carried.

MOTION made by J. Aurigemma and **SECONDED** by J. Henehan to cut the Public Works overtime line by \$15,000 for a new Public Works Department total of \$4,930,532.

In favor: J. Demetriades, A. Aurigemma, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters

Opposed: B. Bonneau and S. Dabrowski

Motion carried.

MOTION made by P. Luna and **SECONDED** by A. Waters to approve the Grand Total of General Fund Budget in the amount of \$19,893,215.

All in favor.

D. ADJOURN

MOTION made by A. Waters and **SECONDED** by B. Bonneau to adjourn.

All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda M. Calve
Secretary