

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Ludwick on Monday, April 19, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m.

PRAYER – The prayer was given by Councilor Sferrazza.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL-CALL – Present were Councilors Bosco, Cekala, Cressotti, Hemmeler, Ludwick, Mangini, Muller, Riley, Sferrazza, Szewczak and Unghire. Also present were Town Manager, Christopher Bromson; Assistant Town Manager, Kasia Purciello; Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey; Town Attorney, James Tallberg; Director of Finance, John Wilcox; Director of Public Works, Donald Nunes; Chief Technology Officer, Paul Russell

FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Ludwick made the fire evacuation announcement.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

MOTION #5750 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2021 Special Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5750** adopted.
11-0-0.

MOTION #5751 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Muller to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5751** adopted.
11-0-0.

SPECIAL GUESTS

There were no special guests this evening.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Caroline Cogtella, 5 Main Street

Stated during the fire at 33 North River Street on March 24, 2021, a massive plume of dust and ash drifted across the Thompsonville area dropping ash and particulate matter across homes,

cars, trees, and streets in this mostly low-income, diverse neighborhood. She noted after a few days, signs were placed at this site stating it was contaminated with asbestos and PCB's. She stated they are in the middle of a respiratory epidemic with Covid 19 and yet no communication regarding this fact was provided to the residents of the area. She noted the post demolition and remediation efforts are ongoing still with no communication. She stated multiple agencies were at the fire site to evaluate the conditions. She noted she requested reports from these agencies and the Town of Enfield, and to date have received nothing that indicates the air quality or any other issues because of the fire. She stated the population within the immediate area should have been informed, especially with children and people with breathing problems and those that are sensitive to dust. She stated she's particularly questioning the transfer of funds in the amount of \$360,000 this evening relating to the removal of debris. She noted if this building was insured, debris should have been covered. She asked if it was covered and if not, why not. She did commend the construction company on the work being done at this site.

Ms. Cogtella stated her understanding that the Brownfield Grant signed in September 2013 for \$350,000 was to be used to remediate this building. She questioned if that was the case.

She stated her belief it is a travesty that this happened. She noted in October and November she reported that there was a breach in that building, and she does not know if any maintenance was done. She stated her belief someone dropped the ball, which created a health and financial cost.

Ms. Cogtella stated the streetlights in front of the Mary Lou Strom clinic and Strand Theater have not been working for months. She feels lighting in this area is important because a lot of people hang around this area, particularly with the soup kitchen in that area.

She stated she is glad they didn't continue with the idea of paddleboats on the pond, and she did not think they would be covered by insurance.

Robert Tkacz, Enfield, CT

Stated the town needs to move on to new technology regarding roofs. He pointed out metal roofs last 100 years compared to regular roofs which last 10 to 20 years.

Mr. Tkacz stated his belief the town did not care about the people in Thompsonville as concerns the fire on North River Street.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Councilor Hemmeler announced a few upcoming events:

- The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 6 at noon on the Town Green.
- The Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Sunday, May 30th at 1:00 p.m. and it starts at Enfield Street School
- Enfield Instrumental Music Association is having a golf tournament on Sunday, May 2nd. Tickets are \$75.00 per person. Interested persons can call 860-508-1629. This benefits middle and high school music programs.

Councilor Sferrazza agreed with Chairman Ludwick about quality-of-life issues and passive recreation benefiting economic development. He stated this budget includes some passive recreation, i.e., splash parks, Higgins Park, upgrades to Enfield High and Powder Hollow, new softball field at Brainard Park, an increase in community gardens and two new basketball courts.

Councilor Mangini stated the Enfield Rotary is having their Cinco K Mayo road race on May 1st, and money raised will be used towards scholarships and other related town functions.

Councilor Cressotti stated today was the first day that all the students attended classes. He commended school staff and administration.

He stated on April 27th at 6:30 the Enfield High School varsity baseball team will be playing Tolland at Dunkin Donuts Park. He noted it is \$5.00 to park a car, and all sales at the event will be cashless at the concessions and gift shops. He stated they will be maintaining social distancing and the wearing of masks.

Councilor Cressotti stated he's happy to see all the economic growth and improvements that will be put forth in this budget. He commended the Town Manager and his staff as well as all the departments and staff for a job well done in this year's budget.

Councilor Szewczak stated she has been at the vaccine clinic, and everyone should know scheduling should be done through the Trinity Health Network, which is www.trinityhealthofne.org

MOTION #5752 by Councilor Szewczak, seconded by Councilor Muller to suspend the rules to address under Miscellaneous Items 14A1, E, F, G, H, and I.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5752** adopted 11-0-0.

Councilor Szewczak stated she was reading some old records about 33 North River Street, and she was under the impression that building was fully remediated and there wasn't any asbestos, and she thought that building was a little too old for PCB's.

Chairman Ludwick referred to TIF and stated his understanding they can only have about 10%. He questioned the possibility of Development Services looking at a TIF district for the northern end of Route 5 and Scitico. Mr. Bromson indicated that can be done.

Chairman Ludwick stated the Council received an email that they're making some changes to the guards at the Osborn Prison. He noted one of Enfield's requirements is that DOC at least let Enfield know about these things. He questioned whether anyone let the Enfield Police Department or the Prison Liaison Committee know about these changes.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Bromson stated the President's picture has been hung at the request of Councilor Mangini. He noted the Council will be having their photograph taken at the next meeting.

Mr. Bromson stated his belief Enfield is blessed that they have such great representation by their State Representatives and State Senator. He noted they attended this evening's meeting to discuss an issue regarding a defunct freight line in Enfield that may be reactivated. He stated there is great concern about that by neighbors, and there is also concern about the potential of being able to use that rail area for trails, either in lieu of the freight line or at least adjacent to it. He noted the Deputy Commissioner of the State DOT will be at a future meeting to answer questions. He stated DOT will renew the lease for another year with the person who had it and then consider economic advantages and disadvantages to going further at that time.

He stated on May 17th, the DEEP will be at a meeting to discuss the Scantic Park.

Mr. Bromson stated Attorney Ritter from Shipman & Goodwin was present earlier this evening to discuss do's and don'ts relating to referendums and how they can advocate for them and how they can expend town funds in advocacy of the upcoming referendums.

Mr. Bromson stated there will be a transfer later on the agenda concerning 33 North River Street. He noted all information that he received about the fire starting that morning, he forwarded to Council. He stated they have been aware what the reports were with DEEP and what the initial analysis was with the companies that have been out there regarding what was in the left-over debris. He noted Ms. Cogtella has asked for an FOI, but the Town must wait for the formal reports before they can give them to anybody, but they will of course share them. He stated Mr. Nunes and Mr. Wilcox will be on the agenda later in the meeting to provide further information. He noted while nothing has changed in the scope or what is contained in the rubble, designations under DEEP and EPA require certain disposals and that affects the price. He noted that transfer is on the agenda this evening. He stated to insure these old buildings is prohibitive, and the Director of Finance had stated this topic was fully discussed with the Town Council and Town Manager, and he explained it's not possible to insure that building at any kind of reasonable expense. He stated they do have coverage for the removal of the environmental clean-up. He noted he said this to the press, and it was repeated in the press and they gave them all the costs of removal and the name of the contractor, and they kept the public fully informed about everything that's occurred, and nothing has been hidden. He stated the truth of the matter is it was an unfortunate and tragic fire. He noted there were no break-ins, no damage, no vandalism, there were no people living there, and there were no homeless encampments. He noted at one time, someone damaged some plywood, and DPW replaced it the same day and went through the building and inspected it. He stated almost on a weekly or monthly basis, they've been showing this building to prospective developers and providing complete tours and nothing untoward was occurring. He stated if DEEP or the EPA, who were on scene, had instructed the Town to go door-to-door, they would have done so. He stated they put the life and safety of Enfield residents first in this town. He noted when they hear from Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Nunes later in the meeting, they will understand that everything has been done appropriately and all communication that they could undertake has been done.

Councilor Sferrazza stated he was recently driving by the Scantic River Park, and the park was packed, and the cars were parked all along the bend where they are not supposed to be. He noted this is a State of Connecticut park, and it really bothers him that Enfield has to commit their police officers to take care of a State property because the State doesn't have the personnel for it. He noted he's glad there is to be a meeting on this park. Mr. Bromson stated this is a very small park and it is beautiful, and it attracts people from all over. He noted the State doesn't have the resources to properly address the concerns in that park.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Tallberg stated he has no formal report this evening.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Councilor Muller shared the following update regarding John F. Kennedy Middle School:

- Auditorium – ceiling is framed out; wood ceiling and wood panels to be on site next week.
- White Wing – demolition and abatement continues; overhead MEP rough in has begun.
- Kitchen area – walk-in coolers have been installed; kitchen hood scheduled to be on site this week.
- Blue Wing – AV tech equipment mock-up completed in one classroom; rest of equipment will be installed once the mock-up is approved.
- Gymnasium – demolition/abatement has begun, and the existing gym continues to be ongoing as well

Councilor Unghire stated the Commission on Aging met this month. She noted a lot of seniors are asking about the Senior Minor Repair Program. She stated that program is suspended at this time, but they hope to activate that program as soon as they can.

Councilor Unghire stated a lot of seniors still don't know about the Senior Living Public Access TV, and this would be a great resource for them. She noted Martha McCloud will interview different people throughout the month. She stated last month Ms. McCloud interviewed Officer Mark Rochette and the topic was Senior Safety. She noted this month they will discuss awareness for senior and how to watch out for scams, and next month she will interview Lucien LeFevre and Tony Torres from the American Legion, and they will discuss veterans. She noted this programming is repeated and offered at different times during the month, and for more information, people can call the Senior Center at 860-763-7425.

She stated the Friends of the Senior Center have ordered a new water fountain, and they are looking into installing some bocce courts at the Senior Center.

OLD BUSINESS

All Old Business items remained tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

All New Business remained on the agenda.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

All items have been moved to Miscellaneous.

MISCELLANEOUS

MOTION #5753 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini to accept the Consent Agenda.

Request to adopt proposed modifications to the Midtown Enfield Tax Increment Financing Master Plan.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5753** adopted 11-0-0

- Copy appended -

RESOLUTION #5754 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Cressotti.

RESOLVED, that Page 8, General Fund Revenue Summary and Page 12, Summary of Expenditure by Function of the Town Budget, as submitted by the Town Manager and the estimates for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 including estimates of receipts and expenditures and recommendations of said Town of Enfield for:

Water Pollution Control (pgs. 72, 74-79);
Social Services Fund (pgs. 82-85, 87-106);
Department of Library Fund (pgs. 108, 110-119);
Insurance Fund (pgs. 122, 123-127);
Information Technology Fund (pgs. 130, 132-137);
Dog Fund (pgs. 140, 141-142);
Emergency Medical Services (pgs. 144, 146-149); and
Capital Improvement Funds (pgs. 152-160)

Be accepted and approved along with the amendments specified on the attached schedule by the Town Council of the Town of Enfield.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5754** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5755 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Muller.

RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Enfield hereby finds and determines that each capital project for the 2021-22 fiscal year indicated as a Series or as a specific capital expenditure in the Capital Improvement Annual Budget shall constitute a single appropriation of funds for said Series or expenditure.

Councilor Cekala stated the Town is lucky to be able to do a lot of these CIP projects in this next year's budget. She noted Mr. Bromson did a phenomenal job. She stated her belief they need to understand that not only did the federal government help Enfield, but so did the State. She went on to state she loves the idea of Higgins Park, but she hates the idea of taking away the field and she does not approve of it, but this is a good budget, so she will not let that stay in the way. She did appreciate the addition of a new field since one is being taken one away, but she still very much dislikes it.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5755** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5756 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Cekala.

RESOLVED, that the Town Schools' Budget adopted by the Town Council in the amount of \$72,109,522 included the anticipated revenue of \$29,185,914 from the Education Block (Cost Sharing) Grant and Special Education Grant.

Chairman Ludwick stated if there is actually more money that the State allocates to the ECS Grant, that money will be transferred to the Board of Education as was done for the last three budgets.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5756** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5757 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Riley.

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 34.23 mills be set on the Real Estate and Business Personal Property Grand List of October 1, 2020 for the Town of Enfield and shall be payable in two semi-annual installments – July 1, 2021 and January 1, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 34.23 mills be set on the Motor Vehicle Grand List of October 1, 2020 and shall be paid in full on July 1, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, however, that real estate and personal property taxes amounting to \$100.00 or less shall be paid in full on July 1, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any motor vehicle, real estate, or business personal property taxes in the amount of \$5.00 or less, shall be waived, pursuant to Connecticut State Statute 12-144c.

Councilor Mangini commended the Town Manager and Town staff for their work on this budget. She noted she has served on the Town Council over 20 years, and she never experienced such a

smooth budget. She noted she attributes that to the Town staff, and she thanked everyone for their work on this budget.

Mr. Bromson expressed his and the Town staff's appreciation to the Town Council because this could not have occurred without the cooperation and guidance that this Council provides throughout the entire year.

Councilor Szewczak expressed appreciation for all the hard work done, which resulted in a growth in the grand list.

Chairman Ludwick commended John Wilcox, the Director of Finance, and his staff for their hard work on this budget.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5757** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5758 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Szewczak.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

GENERAL FUND

FROM:

10040000-499000 \$200,000
General Fund Revenue-Appropriated
Fund Balance

TO:

10800092-593010 \$200,000
General Fund-Unallocated-Transfers to
Capital

CAPITAL AND NON-RECURING FUND

FROM:

31042021-480001 \$200,000
CIP Fund Revenue FY2020-2021-
General Fund Transfers In

TO:

31008208-545000 \$200,000
Higgins Park Playscape -
Construction Services

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of April 13, 2021.

/s/ John Wilcox, Director of Finance

Ms. Purciello presented a plan for the playscape. She noted one area is for ages 2 to 5, and the bigger playground is for ages 5 to 12. She pointed out the different amenities of this playscape.

Councilor Cekala questioned exactly where this playscape will be located, and Mr. Nunes used an illustration to show the location of the playscape. Councilor Cekala questioned whether they will have the new softball field by the fall season. Mr. Bromson stated they must go out to bid, and Mr. Nunes indicated construction would be next year. Mr. Bromson stated Mark Gahr stated he reached out to all the different teams to let them know where they'll be playing. Councilor Cekala stated that is the only softball field with lights, so if they are not going to have a softball field with lights by the end of August, then softball has nowhere to play. Mr. Bromson stated there will be fields made available, and he noted that Councilor Sferrazza indicated Mt. Carmel's field could be made available, and it has lighting. He noted there will be impacts and interruptions, but that's the Council's decision.

Councilor Cekala stated she supports having a playground, but for two years she has been so clear that if the Town removes the only field for girls' softball and the women's softball league, they don't have a place to play. She noted for two years, she was told a place would be found, but now she's being told that for an entire fall that they will not have a place to play. Mr. Nunes stated the summer league will be playing on Monday nights at Brainard Park under the lights. Mr. Bromson stated there is no way they will be without a place to play, and if they must provide night lights for a field, they can rent them. He stated he is not the last word on this because this is the Town Council's decision,

Councilor Cekala request the Higgins softball field lights be moved to Eli Whitney, and Mr. Bromson stated they have a back-up plan for the fall and have looked at portable lights.

Councilor Szewczak referred to the Whitney field and questioned whether it might be better to make a commitment to put lights on that field. Mr. Nunes stated brand new lighting for a softball diamond is \$195,000, which includes installation. Chairman Ludwick questioned whether that is permanent or portable, and Mr. Nunes responded permanent with a 25-year warranty. Chairman Ludwick stated he would be supportive of portable lighting until they look for a permanent solution.

Councilor Bosco stated his belief they should see if they could buy some used lighting instead of renting lighting because they could then use it for other purposes.

Chairman Ludwick questioned when they can price this out, and Mr. Nunes stated rental from United Lighting is \$2,500 per month per unit. Councilor Bosco stated instead of months of rental expense, they could purchase a used light tower, and the Town could use that light tower for other purposes in the future should they need it. He requested this be looked into.

Mr. Bromson stated they can meet with Councilor Cekala to see what works, and they can bring this up at the second meeting in May.

Councilor Cekala stated Mr. Bromson should have called her first rather than hearing this tonight. She noted if he spoke to Councilor Sferrazza about what could happen in the fall, he should have called her and let her know.

Mr. Bromson stated when he was told that they had the summer worked out and they reached out to the softball league and they knew, he assumed Councilor Cekala knew. He noted at times he can't talk to each and every Council member on each and every issue every day. He explained the only reason he reached out to Councilor Sferrazza was because he wanted a back-up plan because it might be a better alternative.

Councilor Sferrazza stated he received a call from Mr. Bromson today and not prior to this. He noted the public uses that field now, and there is no fee and no money being made. He stated this was just meant to be helpful.

Mr. Bromson stated he meant no offense, but he wanted to have a back-up.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5758** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5759 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Riley.

GENERAL FUND

FROM:

10040000-499000 \$100,000
General Fund Revenue-Appropriated
Fund Balance

TO:

10800092-593010 \$100,000
General Fund-Unallocated-Transfers to
Capital

CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING FUND

FROM:

31042021-480001 \$100,000
CIP Fund Revenue FY2020-2021-
General Fund Transfers In

TO:

31008209-545000 \$100,000
Splashpad Parkman -
Construction Services

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of April 13, 2021.

/s/ John Wilcox, Director of Finance

Chairman Ludwick stated his belief this is the most exciting thing they've done in 25 years for the children of this town. He noted many previous Town Council members have asked for a splash pad in the past.

Mr. Bromson stated this is within the budget, and it isn't a separate expenditure.

Chairman Ludwick stated they are doing this tonight, so they can have it ready for the children this summer.

Councilor Riley thanked everyone who made this possible.

Councilor Szewczak questioned if this recirculating water, and Mr. Bromson stated the cost for the recycling was more exorbitant. He noted if everyone enjoys this, they can look at this again if they choose to do more.

Councilor Szewczak thanked everyone for helping make this happen.

Councilor Muller stated his belief this is very good news for the residents of Enfield. He noted the closest splash pad is in Hampden, Massachusetts, and it will be great to have it right here in town.

Councilor Bosco stated he's glad this is happening.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5759** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5760 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini.

GENERAL FUND

FROM:

10040000-499000 \$180,000
General Fund Revenue-Appropriated
Fund Balance

TO:

10800092-593010 \$180,000
General Fund-Unallocated-Transfers to
Capital

CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING FUND

FROM:

31042021-480001 \$180,000
CIP Fund Revenue FY2020-2021-
General Fund Transfers In

TO:

31008153-545000 \$180,000
Architectural & Engineering -
Construction Services

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of April 16, 2021.

/s/ John Wilcox, Director of Finance

Mr. Bromson stated Mr. Nunes will provide an update. He noted Mr. Wilcox can confirm that the Town's insurer has said they do have coverage for the removal of debris. He stated they are hopeful and confident that this expense will be reimbursed to the General Fund. He referred to Ms. Cogtella's earlier comments and noted he will keep her updated. He invited her to call him if she thinks there's any miscommunication or she would like more information, and they will make

an extra effort. He acknowledged being that close to that site must have been scary, and they will continue to do their best to remediate and clear this area in a safe manner. He stated his hope it will be a better area for it.

Mr. Nunes stated after the fire, it was determined the best method for disposal was to characterize the rubble as asbestos/PCB waste versus asbestos only because of the complexity of the regulations. He noted this recommendation was based on the best available information. He spoke about the air monitoring that has been set up during the removal process and noted so far there has been no exceedances on any thresholds of any kinds, so the air is within all their ranges which are identified through the Department of Public Health.

Mr. Wilcox stated when any monies come back from insurance reimbursement, those monies will go back into the Fund Balance.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5760** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5761 by Councilor Szewczak, seconded by Councilor Riley.

WHEREAS, Chapter III, Section 11 of the Town Charter states the Council shall annually designate an independent public accountant or firm to audit the books and accounts of the Town and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance solicited and reviewed the bids for such services and therefore recommends the appointment of the audit firm CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to audit the town's accounts for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council does hereby designate the audit firm CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to audit the town's accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 in accordance with the above recommendation.

Mr. Wilcox stated Blum Shapiro did a good job for the Town of Enfield in the past, and they've merged with this new firm, and they agreed to meet their original proposal terms, so it is believed it is acceptable to approve them for next year.

Councilor Szewczak stated her understanding this is a three-year bid. She questioned if this is the third year, and Mr. Wilcox responded yes.

Councilor Szewczak questioned if the Town can go out to bid and choose them again. Mr. Wilcox stated hopefully they can use them again. He noted if they are the only bidder, State law requires the Town to have an audit every year, so he believes State law would overrule the Town Charter in that case, but he would have to check with the Town Attorney's office just to confirm that.

Mr. Bromson indicated they can look into that.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5761** adopted 11-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Caroline Cogtella, 5 Main Street

Stated she could not find 33 North River Street in the Town's insurance policy. She stated her understanding the Town must do the remediation, but she does not see the coverage in the policy. She noted she doesn't want this Council to think that there is coverage.

Mr. Bromson stated there is coverage, and they have a letter from the insurer that he can share with her. He noted it does not have to be enumerated in the policy. He stated Mr. Wilcox will share the email from the Town's carrier that the Town has coverage.

Ms. Cogtella stated within four or five days after the fire, the Town should have told people there was asbestos and PCB's.

Marie Pyznar, 25 Roy Street

Stated she looked over the budget. She complimented Town staff and the Town Council for a budget with no tax increase. She expressed appreciation for the upgrades the Town will be able to do, and she feels it is phenomenal. She stated her hope the residents of Enfield appreciate everyone's hard work and dedication after a very difficult year. She agreed with Councilor Cekala and stated it's heartbreaking that they had to take the field out, and she wished they could have worked around that field, but she understands they can't have everything. She understands accommodations will be made.

Walter Kruzel, 21 Charnley Road – Enfield Board of Education Chairman

Thanked the Council for the passage of the budget. He expressed appreciation for the cooperation between the Board and Town.

Mr. Kruzel stated from 1973 to 1980, 33 North River Street was like a childhood home for him because his father had a business on the first floor, and he spent 60-hour workdays in that building. He noted he would be dropped there after school and ride his bike around town. He stated he knew that building in and out, and he spent most of the day of the fire at that location. He noted they did have monitors all over monitoring the air. He stated he doesn't recall seeing asbestos in that building. He stated his belief if there was an issue, they would have been knocking on doors and getting people out of the area. He stated his belief they did a great job.

Robert Tkacz, Enfield, CT

Stated for a town to prosper and grow, they need people. He pointed out the State has lost 30,000 people since 2013 as well as 114,000 children. He noted there's no growth in school enrollment, and Enfield has an older population. He stated Enfield's population peaked in the mid 70's with over 50,000 residents, but it has been declining since then.

Mr. Tkacz stated incarceration rates have been extremely high, and they've been putting people in jail for ten years for having marijuana. He noted the State thinks they're going to make a lot of

money from marijuana. He stated Ronald Reagan started the expression that it is a gateway drug in the 1980's when they had a war on drugs, but the country is losing the war on drugs. He stated there is a group of people who want to take away guns from the police. He stated wrong decisions are being made everywhere and the trial in Indianapolis is going to be a big statement. He noted if he is found guilty, the police must change their ways. He stated every town is having problems. He noted there's corruption with the State Police in Massachusetts, and there's corruption in the Springfield Police Department and the Boston Police Department. He noted the union controls everything and covers everything up, and this must stop. He stated they must clean up their act before China operates the United States.

Mr. Tkacz stated Enfield has the highest mill rate for a town of this size in Connecticut, and they wonder why their house values aren't what they should be and why the population is declining. He stated people think a splash park is going to change everything, but children in Enfield are disappearing.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Szewczak stated the sewer usage fees will stay the same. She noted that was the most complained about thing.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #5762 by Councilor Sferrazza, seconded by Councilor Mangini to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5762** adopted 11-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey
Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council

Jeannette Lamontagne
Secretary to the Town Council

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**Resolution to Adopt Proposed Modifications to the Midtown Enfield Tax
Increment Financing Master Plan Relative to the Original Assessed Value of the
TIF Area and Associated Exhibits**

WHEREAS, the Enfield Town Council adopted the Midtown Enfield Tax Increment Financing Master Plan (TIF Master Plan) on June 3, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the TIF Master Plan was adopted with an Original Assessed Value (OAV) that was subsequently reduced due to stipulated court order; and

WHEREAS, the reduced OAV will afford more opportunity to collect money for the TIF Fund from the captured added value.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council modifies the TIF Master Plan to reflect the adjusted OAV and all associated exhibits therein.

Date Prepared: April 12, 2021
Prepared by: Laurie P. Whitten, Director of Development Services

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made.

GENERAL FUND

FROM:

10040000-499000 \$200,000
General Fund Revenue – Appropriated Fund Balance

TO:

10800092-593010 \$200,000
General Fund - Unallocated-Transfers to
Capital

CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING FUND

FROM:

31042021-480001 \$200,000
CIP Fund Revenue FY2020-2021-Gen Fund Transfers In

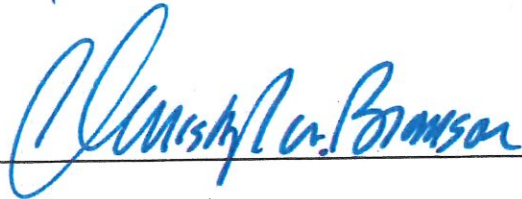
TO:

31008208-545000 \$200,000
Higgins Park Playscape - Construction Srvcs

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of April 13, 2021.


John A. Wilcox, Director of Finance

APPROVED BY:



Town Manager

Date:

4/13/21

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made.

GENERAL FUND

FROM:

10040000-499000 \$100,000
General Fund Revenue – Appropriated Fund Balance

TO:

10800092-593010 \$100,000
General Fund - Unallocated-Transfers to
Capital

CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING FUND

FROM:

31042021-480001 \$100,000
CIP Fund Revenue FY2020-2021-Gen Fund Transfers In

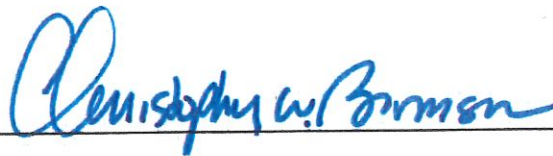
TO:

31008209-545000 \$100,000
Splashpad Parkman - Construction Svcs

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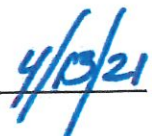

John A. Wilcox, Director of Finance

APPROVED BY: _____



Town Manager

Date: _____



ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made.

GENERAL FUND

FROM:

10040000-499000 \$180,000
General Fund Revenue – Appropriated Fund Balance

TO:

10800092-593010 \$180,000
General Fund - Unallocated-Transfers to
Capital

CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING FUND

FROM:

31042021-480001 \$180,000
CIP Fund Revenue FY2020-2021-Gen Fund Transfers In

TO:

31008153-545000 \$180,000
Arch & Engineering - Construction Svcs

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of April 16, 2021.


John A. Wilcox, Director of Finance

APPROVED BY:  _____ Town Manager

Date: 4/16/21