

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023**

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A Regular Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Mayor Cressotti on Monday, May 15, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

**PRAYER** – The Prayer was given by Councilor Despard.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL-CALL** – Present were Councilors Cekala, Cressotti, Despard, Finger, Hopkins, Ludwick, Mangini, Nelson, Pyznar, Santanella, and Unghire. Also present were the Town Manager, Ellen Zoppo-Sassu; Assistant Town Manager, Steven Bielenda; Town Attorney, James Tallberg; Town Clerk, Sheila M. Bailey.

**FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT** – Mayor Cressotti made the fire evacuation announcement.

**MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS**

**MOTION #6595** by Councilor Nelson, seconded by Councilor Mangini to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting on May 1, 2023.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the chair declared **MOTION #6595** adopted 10-0-1. Councilor Santanella abstained.

**MOTION #6596** by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Nelson to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 1, 2023.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the chair declared **MOTION #6596** adopted 10-0-1. Councilor Santanella abstained.

**MOTION #6597** by Councilor Nelson, seconded by Councilor Mangini to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting on May 3, 2023.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the chair declared **MOTION #6597** adopted 10-0-1. Councilor Santanella abstained.

**MOTION #6599** by Councilor Nelson, seconded by Councilor Cekala to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting on May 8, 2023.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the chair declared **MOTION #6599** adopted 10-0-1. Councilor Santanella abstained.

**MOTION #6600** by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Nelson to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting on May 10, 2023.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the chair declared **MOTION #6600** adopted 10-0-1. Councilor Hopkins abstained.

**SPECIAL GUESTS**- None.

### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Angela Foss, 16 Crescent Beach Drive

Ms. Foss is a teacher at Parkman Elementary School and the quality of the teachers must be a priority. We cannot expect new teachers to live in Enfield if their wages are less than in surrounding towns. We want an excellent school system. The educators at the top step have received a 0% or 1% wage increase since 2014, except for 2016 and 2017 where they received a 1.5% increase. Surrounding towns have received double this keeping them in the inflation rate. The town budget used to be 70% for education and 30% for the town. The town has increased 40.35% in 10 years while the school has increased 16.85%. She would like the numbers changed so that the education budget is greater than that of the town. She asked that a grant writer position be added because ARPA funds will be ending. She is interested in seeing the new proposal from the republicans, the first draft was \$8 million short of a 0% tax increase.

Zach Zannoni, 6 Howard Street

Mr. Zannoni stated that the community has funded education in this town. He came to speak about the \$1.4 million cut the republican caucus is proposing. The original proposed budget does not include one new teacher or one new program. The original number is everything we have in Enfield now and nothing more, so touching that number is a cut to education in Enfield. No other department has any significant reductions in program or staff, why should the schools be any different. It sends the wrong message to educators looking to come to town. People who make six figures are not looking at property taxes but are looking at what our schools look like. Our schools need investment. This budget does not invest, it maintains. He fully supports the superintendent's budget as proposed.

Amanda Pickett, Guild Street

Ms. Pickett spoke as a mom, resident, and BOE member. She is appalled at the lack of support for education by the republican caucus. She stated that for years the republican party has held the majority and has underfunded our schools. Without adequate resources, our schools cannot adequately educate our kids. The issues and needs that some families face are far greater than the *blaming the parent* tactic. As a District 1 resident, her priority is education not a \$200,000 basketball court at Wallop School. If there is money to repair leisure courts, Parkman Elementary could use a ton of investment. Supporting education does not mean new schools, it means supporting the families, students, and staff. The state-of-the-art middle and high school

will become useless when you cut the staff and programs there. Real investment in education is sustained funding.

Kelsey McGuire Bruce, 63 Neelans Road

Ms. McGuire Bruce is a member of the School Modernization Committee that met on April 5<sup>th</sup>. She said the energy in the room was so different that night. It was different because Councilor Unghire said that Enfield has amazing teachers, and no one works harder than Enfield teachers and they bring in their own supplies sometimes. Ms. McGuire Bruce said that she does bring in her own supplies. She said that a \$1.4 million dollar cut to the budget is much more than bringing in their own supplies. She believes the teachers won't be here if there is a \$1.4 million cut to the budget. Councilor Despard said that modernizing our schools will attract more young families here and agreed. Councilor Pyznar said that education is the greatest gift we can give our kids. They won't get that gift if we continue to underfund our schools. The cut will result in a loss of teachers which will mean larger class sizes and a loss of programs and course choices for students trying to prepare for college. Councilor Santanella said that we have one of the poorest funded districts in the state on a per student basis. The average per student spent in the state is \$19,031 and Enfield is at \$15,942 per student. She said some of the Council are letting their actions speak much louder than their words. The request of the superintendent is a budget that maintains and is not a budget that supports anything new.

Kelly Hemmeler, 10 Hartford Avenue

Ms. Hemmeler stated that households need to live within their means and the town needs to do the same. Inflation is terrible and it is affecting all of us. She thinks it will be a disaster if the Council raises taxes. She appreciates the hard work in trying to lower the numbers.

Joshua Hamre, 52 New King Street

Mr. Hamre stated that Superintendent Drezek has been outlining the needs of the students and the position the district is in due to mental behavioral health issues largely based on distance learning during COVID. He thanked the teachers that made distance learning possible. It was an insurmountable task. Our district has been suffering for some time. COVID has produced stressors that are not going to go away for a very long time. We need to support the students and staff with additional resources. Inflation surpasses the proposed budget. He gave credit to Mr. Drezek for spreading the ARPA funds across five or six years to maximize the funding versus other districts spending down the funds in one or two years.

Walter Kruzel, 21 Charnley Road

Mr. Kruzel stated that he shared a graph with the Council that shows where the school budget was from 1997 up to 2008 when the town took over the buildings. The blue line is a continuation of where we are today. He said the presentation given to the modernization committee had the wrong data. He said inflation has only been the last couple of years.

Peter Jonaitis, 3 Farmstead Circle

Mr. Jonaitis stated that one of the previous speakers mentioned the starting pay for teachers, she didn't mention the top salaries. He did say that the speaker was wrong, he checked and the

starting pay for teachers is \$53,000 or \$54,000. After 12 years, which is the top, they will be making \$103,000. This does not include medical benefits. He said the median salary for wages in Enfield is far below the state average. We don't have the money to spend. He taught for 38 years, and he admires the teachers.

Mr. Jonaitis stated that the reason he came to speak was about the \$700,000 for pickle ball courts. We have Fermi, that has a big gym. We have tennis courts all around town that could easily be fitted for pickle ball. This will save \$700,000. Tennis was a fad, it came, it went. He said there are also a lot of basketball courts in town. He said pickle ball will come and go too. With the price of food, gas, rent, inflation, and taxes, it is expensive for the average person to get by. He asked the Council to try their best to get the budget to a reasonable level.

Lucien Lefevre, 54 Kimberly Drive

Mr. Lefevre reminded folks that the Memorial Day Parade is Sunday, May 28, 2023 at 1:00pm. It starts at Enfield Street School. If any group or organization wishes to be in the parade, it's not too late. You can call Mr. Lefevre at (860)463-7168. The guest speaker this year will be Colonel Billy Adams, a long-time member of the Army National Guard. The person who will lay the wreath will be last year's winner of the Enfield Patriot Award, Jerry Thibodeau. The Enfield High School Band will be playing.

Donna Dubanoski, 23 Betty Road

Ms. Dubanoski stated that 810 Enfield Street will come off the tax rolls and we will pay double what the building is worth. Then we will pay to have an addition put on it for the bathrooms.

She then stated there is money for the spillway on a private lake that she is not allowed to go on. All the roads they claim are in the flood area received letters from FEMA stating they are not in a flood area. How many homes directly on the lake require flood insurance. ARPA funds should not be used for a private lake spillway.

She asked what the right number is per student regarding the BOE. Our mill rate will go up if this budget passes. It will go up between \$500 and \$1000 per household just in real estate. She asked the Council to do what they can because we cannot afford this.

Sherry Winans, 1227 Enfield Street

Ms. Winans is an Enfield Public Schools teacher in her 31<sup>st</sup> year. She would like the Council to support the budget as is because cutting back is not going to help anyone. She also clarified the levels of the salaries for teachers depending on what kind of degrees you hold.

Phil Dumond, 13 Celtic Court

Mr. Dumond stated that he is an accountant who has lived in Enfield for 66 years. He said that he wrote to the Council on April 29, 2023. He as a budget manager looks at the budget for this town and thinks the Council does not have an easy job. The only thing that matters is actuals and then inflation. He said our grand list only went up 0.89% so the Council needs to set a target according to what we can afford. He said his mother-in-law is 94 and gets a \$285 pension which

is what she got in 1985 when she retired. It remains the same exact amount today plus Social Security, she can't afford an increase. He believes we need to build our economic base back up because we are losing companies.

Joseph Golis Jr., 31 Stardust Drive

Mr. Golis stated that his career was in engineering, electronics, and electrical. At the end of his career he taught for 16 years full-time and 3 years part-time. He said that we have all the building space we need to take cuts because we have room at the Annex. He thinks Adult Ed and Family ELL should be at the Annex. He does not understand why we are buying licenses for an electronic curriculum. He said the teachers all have electronic smartboards. He talked about new Senate and House bills, mandatory training, and legislature and where we will get the money for all of these. They want to bring back cursive writing and have world languages starting in kindergarten. More money will be demanded of Enfield. We are putting buildings on our farmland in Enfield. He said we should instead put up a building called agricultural education.

Chairman Cressotti declared Public Communications closed.

### **COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Nelson read emails into the record from residents who could not be present. One was from David and Susan Demers, 44 Dale Road (appended) and the other was from a couple who wanted to remain anonymous but stated that they have cut everything they can out of their budget and that their kids are paying for their internet service. They don't know how they will come up with more money every month.

Councilor Mangini thanked the Town Manager for addressing the branch that was stuck in the wires on Middle Road. She also thanked the town staff for addressing the patch of road that was chopped up, also on Middle Road.

She also congratulated Dr. Calnen. KITE presented him a buddy bench in his honor at the Pearl Street Library.

Councilor Nelson stated that the chart that was given might not have accurate numbers, but he understands that point they are trying to make. The \$15,000 per student does not reflect the funding of the new schools and the maintenance of school buildings. The State of Connecticut paid for 70% of the new schools and the Town of Enfield paid the other 30%, which is \$50 million. If using the cost per student is the way to base a great education, why is it that the highest cost per student in the state the worst school system, Hartford. The schools need to be supported as they have been neglected.

He stated that they are waiting for a possible \$1 million from the cafeteria fund. He also mentioned that we are spending \$600,000 on security guards that have no authority. He said that

a teacher with a walkie-talkie is just as effective. He would rather spend \$200,000 and fund more SRO's who are actual police officers.

He said we can't bulldoze a park every time there is an issue. He said this about the basketball court at Wallop School. We have to fund parks and schools. There is only so much money to go around and that if the referendum does not pass, this budget is a serious issue.

Councilor Santanella stated that the numbers that he has presented are uniform throughout the school districts in terms of dollars spent per student.

He was very proud to be at the Eppendorf grand-opening. The CEO from Germany was there, and he talked about how he loved Enfield bringing new jobs here. He said that the company CEO lives in Somers and when asked why, he recited "schools." He stated that we cannot continue to balance our budget on our homeowner's. Our economic machine needs to be turned into high gear and we need to grow our grand list. The mall is 20 years in the making to be rejuvenated. It now stands as a "Taj Mahal to mediocrity." He likes the budget, but he said we still have big problems to solve.

Councilor Hopkins wanted to point out that there has been a lot of compromise with the budget.

Councilor Pynzar responded to Ms. McGuire Bruce. She said that she stands by what she said and for her education is the best gift we can give our children. She said the Council represents the whole town including the elderly and disabled. She said this budget is going to hurt some people. As much as she would like to say give the kids everything, the town is made up of different people. She too wants to see the modernization pass, she doesn't know if it will because of this budget. They tried to make this fair for everyone. She said she will always stand by education.

Councilor Nelson asked that DPW look at the courts at Parkman School and that nothing should be taken down or removed without the Council being aware.

Councilor Despard stated that one of his constituents asked for an update on Wilstar Circle and when it will be repaired.

Chairman Cressotti mentioned that Asnuntuck held their first ever Manufacturing Fair and Competition. It was community colleges throughout the state and Central CT. Next year we will be enrolling 36 students from Enfield High School in this program. This past year there were 200 students throughout the State of Connecticut that were placed in employment in manufacturing. He also clarified for Mr. Golis that the Adult Ed and ELL programs are already being housed at the Annex. He mentioned that there are currently 70 different languages that are being spoken in town. Adult Ed has their graduation on June 8, 2023.

On June 1, 2023 the Special Olympics Torchlight is coming through Enfield and the games will be played at Fairfield University. On June 10, 2023 Loaves and Fishes will be holding their 40<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary Gala. Additionally, June 7, 2023 will be the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Senior Center. There will be a dinner at 5:00pm.

## **TOWN MANAGER REPORT AND COMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Zoppo-Sassu mentioned that we do have two grant writers on contract through using ARPA funds. They are currently working on the Hazardville Institute and the parking lot. They are also working on additional projects to secure additional funds through Public Works and several more in the pipeline. Having a grant writer on staff would be a great addition.

Lego will continue to fund the Family Resource Centers and its grant through FY 2025. We have already begun the transitioning process of trying to find other business support for those dollars.

The Parkman recreational area is going to be on a future agenda for Leisure Services. The Annex is deteriorating as well.

Wilstar has had quite a bit of Connecticut Water work done there which has disrupted the roadway. She will check the Public Works report to see if something has been scheduled.

The staffing levels will resume their regular hours starting next Monday at ECDC.

There has been a new officer assigned to the Scantic River sector. The bad news is that their seasonal hiring has failed.

She will have a complete list of vacancies for boards and commissions for the first meeting in June.

Ms. Zoppo-Sassu shared pictures of the sinkhole, the pump trucks and the equipment used to fix the problem. The problem was caused by pipes that are 70 to 80 years old and filled with asbestos. She thanked the Finance Department for putting together an emergency resolution.

Mr. Bielenda thanked Donald Nunes, Ken Boulette, Todd Mathewson, Mike Dudek, John Paul, JP and all the other employees who rushed there and are dedicated employees who are staying there until they get the problem fixed.

Town Attorney Tallberg mentioned that we have land use training coming up on Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers. It is required by the legislature that all Land Use commissioners need to have four hours of training by the end of the calendar year. By March 1 of next year the boards and commissions have to report to the Council affirming that they have had the training.

**MOTION #6601** by Councilor Cekala, seconded by Councilor Mangini to suspend the rules and bring the resolution to the floor for a bid waiver for the trucking services for the emergency sewage line repairs.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the chair declared **MOTION #6601** adopted 11-0-0.

**RESOLUTION #6602** by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Nelson.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council does hereby find, based on the foregoing compelling public interest, and in accordance with Town Charter Chapter V, Section 8(d), that it is therefore against the best interest of the Town to solicit bids for the purchase of trucking services.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the chair declared **RESOLUTION #6602** adopted 11-0-0.

**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL-** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilor Hopkins asked for Item 1 to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

**MOTION #6603** by Councilor Nelson, seconded by Councilor Hopkins to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the chair declared **MOTION #6603** adopted 11-0-0.

The Resolutions for the Consent Agenda are appended to these minutes.

**RESOLUTION #6604** by Councilor Cekala, seconded by Councilor Mangini.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager or her designee to execute and sign all documents necessary for the acquisition of property located at 810 Enfield Street.

Councilor Hopkins does not think that the town needs a nicer probate court right now even though it would be more accessible for people. The town is dealing with a \$1.4 million budget cut right now and he thinks the \$400,000 would be wiser spent there.



Councilor Mangini thinks that the purchase of a building has nothing to do with the school budget. As a realtor she thinks that this is a good price for the building and is in support of it.

Councilor Nelson thinks that the project will benefit the entire town. This will be for the whole town unlike a spillway that the rest of the town can't use. He will support this project.

Chairman Cressotti will also be supporting this.

Councilor Despard will be supporting this also. He thinks it is a good investment for the town and it is not an opportunity that will come around again. He mentioned that repairing the spillway has greater implications than just the residents of Shaker Pines. It is known that it will affect other residents of the town if the spillway were to falter.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the chair declared **RESOLUTION #6604** adopted 10-1-0. Councilor Hopkins voted against.

#### **APPOINTMENTS/TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTED**

**MOTION #6605** by Councilor Nelson, seconded by Councilor Unghire for all appointments.

Appointment of Angelica Jechanowski (R) to the Enfield Beautification Committee for a term that expires 12/1/25.

Reappointment of Stephanie MacGillivray (D) to the Enfield Culture and Arts Commission for a term that expires on 6/1/25.

Reappointment of Emily Clifford (L) to the Enfield Culture and Arts Commission for a term that expires on 6/1/25.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the chair declared **MOTION #6605** adopted 11-0-0.

#### **BUDGET ADOPTION**

Chairman Cressotti stated that the town has been faced with two difficult budget years. Last year we were coming out of the state mandated revaluation, which led to an increase in residential values. Last year there were a variety of CIP projects that were cut, and they borrowed almost \$7 million from the reserve fund. The goal is to ease the pain for taxpayers and try and continue to supply the services they rely upon. The town has come on various occasions for us to adjust market rates. Surrounding towns are in the same position. The staff has also recommended reallocation of duties, eliminating vacant positions, shifting of positions among unions, and cross-training. We have to fund our workers. This budget eliminates a proposed new position in recreation, a vacant position in planning, two part-time receptionists in the Town Hall lobby, and an upper management position in Public Works. He stated that they have come to a lot of

bipartisan agreements. He hopes that economic development projects are in the works including Mass Mutual. These projects will help grow the grand list, which is beneficial to the taxpayers. The consolidation of elementary schools will reduce operating expenses if the modernization initiative moves forward. The Council has taken steps to help seniors stay in their homes by expanding the eligibility state elderly and disabled tax credit. They have also added a senior volunteer tax credit program. He said that the 3.96% increase to the school budget is all fixed cost inflation and no new programs. We need to attract young families into this town and education is where it starts. Taxes and inflation are increasing everywhere, not just Enfield. As of July 1, 2023 Mayor Cressotti stated that he is going to ask for quarterly spending reports so that way the budget conversation will not be limited to the spring.

Ms. Zoppo-Sassu stated that the budget is a tough job that has not been made any easier by inflation and mandates from Hartford. Education is critical and she said she would never present a budget that undercuts that. The Council trimmed the budget over the course of five weeks by almost \$3.5 million which is the equivalent of 1 mill rate. She did agree with Mayor Cressotti in saying that budgeting is a year-round activity and not just a spring activity. There have been conversations about how to better deliver information to the public. They are going to be having ClearGov come online which is an online budgeting process.

The senior tax relief has expanded the eligibility.

Residents send in requests daily. They are then pivoted out to the departments. She mentioned that there are currently 68 requests for traffic control.

Economic Development focus for the town is real and we need to grow our grand list. She said that we are planning for the next generation of Enfield residents with the decisions that we are making now. Some of it is fixing decisions of the past and some focusing on the future.

**RESOLUTION #6606** by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Nelson.

BE IT RESOLVED, that page 4, General Fund Revenue Summary and page 8, 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, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 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. 82-86, 88-107);  
Department of Library Fund (pgs. 110, 112-121);  
Insurance Fund (pgs. 124, 125-129);  
Information Technology Fund (pgs. 132, 134-138);  
Animal Control Fund (pgs. 140, 141);  
Emergency Medical Services (pgs. 146, 148-151); and  
Capital Improvement Funds (pgs. 154-161)

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

**AMENDMENT #1** by Councilor Cekala, seconded by Councilor Santanella and Nelson to take the main motion and all 33 amendments and cast one vote.

Councilor Hopkins reiterated that there were a lot of bipartisan compromises for the cuts that were made to get an almost \$3.5 million cut in the budget. The goal is to do the best for the most people.

Councilor Nelson added that the Board of Education was not cut, it was the proposals that were cut. He said people come to the Council upset when trying to find solutions on how to fund the BOE, but what they don't do is go to the state. The state cut the BOE \$8 million a couple years ago and the Council funded it. Almost every year the state forces mandates on the BOE, which is unacceptable. Then five years down the road, the state stops paying but we have to keep the programs.

He thinks that forcing residents to pay for a project in a private community that they can't use is wrong. Paying for that project is the equivalent to four to six police cruisers that we cut. Residents can't fish, swim, or kayak there. That for him would be like forcing him to buy chemicals for his neighbor's pool that he can't use.

He said that the charter states that the BOE is supposed to submit a detailed budget, five pages is not detailed. He said that the BOE Budget used to be as big as the Town Budget. Saying that the Republicans wanted to cut the BOE is wrong and misleading. They wanted to negotiate how we could fund the \$1.4 million in a different way. He thinks that they had great discussions and he felt involved in the decisions. He said where they fell apart was the BOE. He said at this point he will vote against the budget because too many people are having a hard time funding their households.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the chair declared **AMENDMENT #1** adopted 11-0-0.

Councilor Pyznar stated that she felt that this budget was rushed. They started talking about the budget April 17. She feels like it was almost like the budget was pre-determined. She agrees that there were great bipartisan agreements, however she said that her caucus offered some really great ideas that good have reduced the increase we will see. She can't stand by this much of increase when we had a \$13 million revenue increase, \$12 million in ARPA funds, and taking \$5 million from the fund balance. She has been contacted by many people in the community, especially the elderly, and she will support this budget.

She asked the mayor to the town manager how the BOE portion is supposed to be \$29 million and the resolution says \$28 million. Ms. Zoppo-Sassu replied that was because of the \$1.4 million in Alliance funds that have been designated for the community that have not been

allocated. Our legislative delegation is supposedly working on it, but we have not yet received any positive news. The finance director is not budgeting for that. If the money comes, it is great, but if we budgeted for it and it didn't come, we would be in deficit July 1.

Councilor Pyznar asked if the money comes, will any portion of the \$1.4 million come back to the taxpayer. Ms. Zoppo-Sassu responded not necessarily, the way the Alliance grant is structured. She can't speak to it though until we see what the legislature does.

Councilor Ludwick stated that budgeting in the private sector is different versus the public. He stated that right now the federal, state, and local collects more in tax now than ever in history, and we are still underwater. Money can't be the answer every single time. He will be voting no tonight.

He said with the \$1.4 million, it was the presentation that they got from the superintendent. It said a 2% carryover was not included in his budget. That is where they got the \$1.4 million from. Maybe there was an updated document, but it was not in the presentation. The purpose for the contingency for the BOE is so they can manage their budget 2%. We all have our version of affordability and businesses come here when they can make money. Schools are important, but they are not going to come here if they can't make money. The state and federal budgets are insulated and local is not. He is not afraid to spend money, but he wants to make sure money is being spent wisely and defend why it is being spent.

Councilor Santanella stated that he does not like paying taxes and the state is asking for too much and the government is asking for too much. The difference with this budget is that every penny stays right here. He finds it very poetic that on the day they are looking to cut \$2 million from Capital Improvement projects, there is a sinkhole right outside our door. He referred to page 69 where we enjoyed capital improvement, not raising taxes but the credit card is due. He asked people to look at that page. \$12 million is going to pay for that credit card, that equals 4 mills. At the same time we are not investing in the things we need to invest in. We need to turn on the economic engine. People are pushing developers out of town and that needs to change. He will be supporting the budget, but he wants people to understand that we have so much work to do. Not only are we in debt, we have a school that is an Alliance District. He said there should be no one kicking the can down the road.

Councilor Finger stated that he does not like BOE money being taken and put in other areas. The money to fix the spillway does not allow all residents to use it. The \$500,000 that was taken from roofs and parking lots and put into Powder Hollow Park. He said he wanted that money put back into the school system and it was turned down. That gave him a sour taste about the way money is being spent. He has always honored the school system, seniors, and veterans. He will be voting no because the money is being spent wrongly and it is time for us to get things right in this town. Spending school money on private property and giving multi-millionaires tax breaks is wrong for this town. He agrees with Councilor Nelson, they were not cutting anything. They were asking to be heard and they were refused, and it felt like they were being put in the corner to be quiet during the budget. He said a lot of money was cut from his side in Public Works. A

lot of equipment and five positions that he did not know about until early today. That equipment is part of our infrastructure. He does not blame anyone on the Council.

Councilor Unghire stated that Councilor Nelson already explained their opinion and approach on the BOE. She said when she was on the BOE they used to get a very thick handout of all the expenses. They wished they had more information. She said normally we receive our budget books four to six weeks earlier, so we have time to really digest everything and go over it. They were elected to make the right decisions. She also does not agree with funding a private entity that not all taxpayers can use. Many people contacted her about this budget and many of them were seniors and young married couples who can't afford this tax increase. When it comes to economic development, we need to have businesses come here and stay here. We lost Hallmark, Lego, and Mass Mutual. She will not support the budget. She wishes there was more time to be more creative with our numbers. This burden is going to fall on all the taxpayers.

Councilor Despard stated that it is important that the public not be misled or confused by this. He said if you are choosing to cut the \$1.4 million from the schools, you are cutting the schools. He said if you do not support the budget, you are not supporting our schools. He understands that no one wants a tax increase, but he supports this budget. He agreed with Councilor Santanella in saying that if you kick the can too far the interest and debt builds. Going forward he thinks we need to spend more on our education. The lake issue is a piece of infrastructure and if it were to go, it would affect 30% of the town.

Councilor Mangini said that everyone has worked hard whether they agree on cuts or not. She believes that the BOE budget is underfunded. She knows for a fact that educators reach into their own pockets regularly to provide for the children in the school. We do have contractual obligations that must be met. Supporting the budget as it stands is just meeting the basic needs. As a realtor she said people do look at schools. The teachers and staff give it 100% daily and she thanks them.

Councilor Cekala stated that local budgeting is hard. The Council members are residents' neighbors, friends, co-workers, and family. This budget was not easy because we are coming off a year where housing rates soared and we had a re-evaluation. We started the budget with \$3 million in wage increases that we are contractually obligated to fill. She is not willing to vote for a budget that cuts the BOE. We have cut where asked and flat funded them in the past but we have never line item cut them. The budget that they support, and the budget the republican caucus supports is \$1.4 million. She will be supporting the budget.

Chairman Cressotti asked each department head to eliminate 5% to 8% off their budget and they did. The only difference that they have on the Council is the \$1.4 million in education. We are losing too many people in this profession. We looked at public safety, education, social services, and recreation and this is a good budget. We need to invest in this town.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the chair declared **RESOLUTION #6606** adopted 6-5-0. Councilors Finger, Ludwick, Pyznar, Nelson, and Unghire voted against.

Amendments to this resolution have been appended to the minutes.

**RESOLUTION #6607** by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Cekala.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Enfield hereby finds and determines that each capital project for the 2023-24 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 Nelson stated that if we don't have the support to go to referendum, then we should not be cutting school repairs out of CIP budget. Those schools need work. To sit here and say you don't support debt yet, the roads are debt, Enfield High is debt, and JFK is debt. How would we support these projects? The charter says we need to go to referendum for anything over \$800,000. We have no choice other than taking on debt to move this town forward. He supports the referendum but if there is not enough support in November, then we need to relook at the CIP budget. That money needs to go back in for the schools.

Councilor Santanella stated that he will be supporting the referendum for school modernization. In 2015 our total debt was \$38.4 million. When he took office in November it was \$103 million, which did not include the roads or roof referendum. He remembers the previous town manager saying spend, spend, spend. He thinks we should have been raising taxes a little at a time so we could have avoided this problem. He said as long as he is sitting on the Council he will not be betting against our kids.

Chairman stated Cressotti stated that he thinks that most are for the referendum.

Councilor Hopkins stated that he has received numerous submissions from Shaker Lake Association about the need for water containment for this spillway. They have controlled that so we do not have floods downstream because it connects all the way to the Connecticut River. Whether it is an issue now or in ten years he thinks it is prudent for the Council to do this, it is part of infrastructure. It is maintained and run by a private entity, which is a service to the town.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the chair declared **RESOLUTION #6607** adopted 6-5-0. Councilors Finger, Ludwick, Pyznar, Nelson, and Unghire voted against.

**RESOLUTION #6608** by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Cekala.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Schools' Budget adopted by the Town Council in the amount of \$75,929,555 included the anticipated revenue of \$28,380,000 from the Education Block (Cost Sharing) Grant and Special Education Grant.

Councilor Nelson stated again that the State of Connecticut doesn't give us anything without strings attached. We need to start fighting the state and get what is rightfully ours or stay out of our education and let our teachers do their job. He will support it but it is blackmail the state holds over the BOE.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the chair declared **RESOLUTION #6608** adopted 9-2-0. Councilors Ludwick and Pyznar voted against.

**RESOLUTION #6609** by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Cekala.

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 30.56 mills be set on the Real Estate and Business Personal Property Grant List of October 1, 2022 for the Town of Enfield and shall be payable in two semi-annual installments - July 1, 2023 and January 1, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 29.21 mills be set on the Motor Vehicle Grand List of October 1, 2022 and shall be paid in full on July 1, 2023; 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, 2023; 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 Ludwick asked if they could get a figure on what the impact will be to the average house for property and car tax. He added that we should probably use \$250,000 as the average home price instead of \$200,00 since the reevaluation jacked that up.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the chair declared **RESOLUTION #6609** adopted 6-5-0. Councilors Finger, Ludwick, Pyznar, Nelson, and Unghire voted against.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING** – None.

### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Peter Jonaitis, 3 Farmstead Circle

Mr. Jonaitis stated that he went to Central Office twice to get a copy of the salary schedule and he was told to go to the Town Clerk. He apologized for the comments he made earlier were with the new negotiated contract and not the present contract. He said he was surprised when Councilor Despard said he was surprised that the president of Eppendorf does not live in Enfield. Many teachers do not live in Enfield. You can't spend what you don't have and what the people of Enfield can't afford. At one point, Enfield had the highest top pay step for teachers in Hartford County but at the same time they had the lowest for beginning teachers.

Liz Davis, 201 North Maple Street

Ms. Davis stated that she wanted to make comments before the vote. She said the democrats care about education and the republicans don't. She said sorry to Councilor Finger, but she is wrapping him in that since he left the party that voted him in for. She said she had the right to say that because they voted him in for a party and he went to another party. She also said why would educators want to live in this town after the way they are treated. We ask a lot of our teachers and we don't pay them.

Joshua Hamre, 52 New King Street

Mr. Hamre thanked the Council for the approval of the budget as do the educators and students of this town. He is on the policy committee and there are some teachers who opt to bring their children to the Enfield schools and pay the cost out of their own pocket because the Enfield school districts provide a good education. He is also on the finance committee and there had not been much republican representation until recently. He said they are diligently asking where money is being spent in order to be responsible about what we are spending on. It was a shame there was no representation to bring back the information to the republicans until just recently. The \$1.4 million was not disseminated through the Republican leadership to their own members. Superintendent Drezek made it clear back in November that the format would not look like a phone book. He said it would encapsulate everything it used to into a smaller condensed version.

Angela Foss, 16 Crecent Beach Drive

Ms. Foss stated that she got information from the Town Hall from Senator Kissell and it says there will be a zero decrease for the next two years because we are an Alliance District. They can't decrease our funding.

Walter Kruzel, 21 Charnley Road

Mr. Kruzel said the party left you, they just walked out the door. He said the biggest liar is the one sitting over to left and he has been a liar since he became a senator.

Phil Dumond, 13 Celtic Court

Mr. Dumond stated that this budget process needs to start a lot earlier. It should be a 12-month process. He mentioned that in 1975 when his friend joined the police department there were 55 police officers that also did EMS, and they had the same population we have now. Salaries and benefits drive everything, so you need to look at what has changed. He thought the number of students was 5200 about five years ago and one of the councilors said it was now 4600. Even if the number of students drops 1000 students in a year, the state prohibits us from dropping the budget to address that. He mentioned that he did not see any student to teacher ratios in the budget presentation.

Leslie Cunningham, 26 Wheeler Drive

Ms. Cunningham is from the Shaker Lake Association, and she thanked the Council for supporting a difficult request. It truly is an infrastructure issue.

The chair declared public communications closed.



## **COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairman Cressotti asked Mr. Wilcox to come up and speak about the Alliance District.

Mr. Wilcox stated that the way he understands it is they do calculate the ECS funding, and the state still distributes the total amount. He said \$28.38 million is what they gave us in 2012, that is what he put in the budget. The difference is, OPM is instructed to give that to the State BOE who then gives it to the town BOE, and they have to submit education plans. The state made a special provision when we became an Alliance District last year and instead of looking back to 2012, they went back to 2021. He thinks they are going to revisit that and make all the alliance districts go back to 2012 like the rest of them. That is why he put in the reduced amount.

Councilor Finger apologized for pointing. He said that Local 1029, his union in all the years that he has been with them, they have taken seven zeros, so he knows what it is like to not have money put into his pension. He said that they should have sat down with the republican BOE members and discussed this.

Councilor Pyznar stated that according to Representative Hall, we are getting the \$29 million. She would like the \$1.4 million thought about because we are replenishing a general fund.

Councilor Santanella asked for clarification on the number of the budget that was adopted.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #6610** by Councilor Unghire, seconded by Councilor Mangini to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the chair declared **MOTION #6610** adopted, 11-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 10:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenzy Lee  
Acting Clerk of the Council  
Deputy Town Clerk

Tina Demers  
Secretary of the Council

Appended to the minutes of the  
May 15, 2023 Regular Town Council  
Meeting. See page 5.

**From:** Susan Demers <[demers.idca@gmail.com](mailto:demers.idca@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** May 14, 2023 at 8:31:15 AM EDT  
**To:** [uKENown@gmail.com](mailto:uKENown@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Unable to attend mtg. Please read into the record.

I have lived my whole life in Enfield, CT. We bought a house here in 2001 to stay close to our parents. When we had children, we crunched the numbers to see if one of us could stay home and raise them. It was going to be tight, but we decided it was worth it. Since then, our taxes have about doubled and we have a separate sewer tax on top of it. We cut out many services and economized as best as we could. My husband works in manufacturing and there have been times when with a slow economy that he has not received a raise or if he did, it was rather small. His company ended the pension program soon after he began working there in order to save more money. So, our economic situation has not improved very much, esp. now that inflation is hitting us from all sides. For example, our homeowners insurance has just gone up abt. \$300, and you already know about the huge increases in basics like food, fuel, and electricity.

We are trying to keep up our home as best as we can on a shoestring budget. We cannot absorb another tax increase. If we are in this boat, I'm sure there are others facing the same situation and even more dire circumstances in our hometown. Do not raise the mill rate. Find ways to keep costs low in these tough economic times.

I was disappointed to hear that some monies were sought to cover raises because of union negotiated increases. Government does not make a product and therefore does not have a profit from which to draw raises...we should not allow public employees to negotiate against ourselves. It doesn't make sense. The money comes from the people and we are pretending there is an unlimited supply from which to draw. There is not. I wonder why when private businesses all around us have ended pensions, public workers still enjoy extremely lucrative pensions, again, counting on an endless supply of public tax dollars. Eventually this house of cards is going to collapse. We need to take a hard stand and fix these issues that are not in the public's best interest in the long run before they break us. We cannot keep thinking that the townspeople will just give up another \$200 here or \$300 there...some of us need that money as our budgets are extremely tight and we've already had to make cuts in our lifestyles and there is not much left to give.

It is depressing to feel pushed out of Enfield since we've spent our whole lives here. In fact, my brother-in-law has already left for the lower taxes of East Windsor. I'd like to be able to stay here to continue to help my father and sister who live near me. When people are looking to buy, I imagine higher taxes make Enfield a less desirable choice. We should be making Enfield an affordable place for people to raise families. Do not raise our mill rates.

Susan and David Demers  
44 Dale Road  
Enfield, CT 06082

Appended to the minutes of the  
May 15, 2023 Regular Town Council  
meeting. See Reso #6603 Consent  
Item #2 page 8

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Resolution Setting a Public Hearing to Amend Enfield Town Code Section  
82-41 Parking Violation Fines**

**WHEREAS,** Town Code section 82-41 establishes the fines for various parking violations; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town Council wishes to amend Town Code section 82-41 to revise the amounts of the fines; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town Council wishes to seek input from the residents of the Town of Enfield regarding the proposed amendment.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Enfield Town Council will hold a Public Hearing in the Enfield Town Hall Council Chambers, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:55 p.m. to allow interested residents an opportunity to express their opinions regarding the amendment to Enfield Town Code section 82-41 Parking Violation Fines.

Date Prepared: May 10, 2023



## TOWN OF ENFIELD

**Date: May 15, 2023**

**Subject: Resolution Authorizing Town Manager to Submit an Application and Execute Assistance Agreement with State of Connecticut Department of Housing for the 2023 Community Development Block Grant Small Cities Program**

**Highlights:**

- Funds are currently available, on a competitive basis, through the federal Community Development Block Grant Small Cities Program (CDBG) administered by the Connecticut Department of Housing.
- The Town of Enfield on behalf of the Enfield Housing Authority (EHA) in partnership with Tobacco Valley Development Corporation anticipates applying for the grant amount up to \$1,000,000 under the category of Infrastructure in support of the redevelopment of the Enfield Manor Housing Complex located off of Enfield Street.
- The major items in the application eligible for CDBG funding include environmental abatement, demolition of existing obsolete & distressed structures, removal of existing utility distribution lines, partial installation of new utility distribution lines, and an allowance for temporary relocation.
- The eighty (80) units of residential construction in seventeen (17) structures at Enfield Manor Housing Complex were constructed in 1964 and 1965. The EHA seeks to replace all existing structures with two (2) three-story elevator buildings containing ninety-nine (99) units total. The redevelopment will bring the housing up to current community standards with an average 755 s/f size, full ADA Accessibility, and related safety items including enhanced emergency vehicle access. A total of 115 parking spaces will be provided.

**Recommendation:**

That the Town Council adopts the attached state-required resolution.

***WHEREAS***, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93 -3 83, as amended; and

***WHEREAS***, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and

***WHEREAS***, as it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Enfield make application to the State for up to \$1,000,000.00 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement between all parties, should funding be awarded.



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## TOWN OF ENFIELD

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL:***

- 1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes; and*
- 2. That the filing of an application by the Town of Enfield for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 is hereby approved. The Town Manager is hereby authorized and directed to file such Application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide additional information in support of the application, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner of DOH, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Enfield for the grant throughout its full term.*

Date Prepared: May 3, 2023  
Prepared by: Office of Economic & Community Development

Appended to the minutes of the  
May 15, 2023 Regular Town Council  
meeting. See Reso #6603 Consent  
Item #4 page 8

May 15, 2023

Honorable Members  
Enfield Town Council  
Enfield, Connecticut

**Subject: Resolution Waiving the Bid Requirements for the Reconstruction of Wallop  
School Park Basketball Court**

**Highlights:**

- Whereas, the Enfield Town Council has voted to expedite the replacement of the basketball court for summer use, using ARPA funds.
- It is noted that there are supply chain issues related to availability of vendors and that the Town currently has relationships with vendors engaged in other town projects; these vendors may have the flexibility to do the project quickly
- That the quality of work exhibited by these vendors to date meets the standard of quality that the Town would like to see.

**Budget Impact:**

There will be no impact on the budget as we will be using an allocation from the ARPA Fund.

**Recommendation:**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that in accordance with Chapter V, Section 8, Paragraph (d) of the Enfield Town Charter, the Enfield Town Council does hereby determine that it is against the best interests of the Town to require Competitive bidding for the reconstruction of this basketball court.

Date Prepared: May 12, 2023

Prepared by: Ellen Zoppo-Sassu – Town Manager

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May 15, 2023 Regular Town Council  
meeting. See Reso #6603 Consent  
Item #5 page 8

May 15, 2023

Honorable Members  
Enfield Town Council  
Enfield, Connecticut

**Subject: Resolution for the Reconstruction of Wallop School Park Basketball Court**

**Highlights:**

- Whereas, the Enfield Town Council has voted to expedite the replacement of the basketball court for summer use, using ARPA funds.
- It is noted that the Court was removed in the Fall of 2022 due to safety concerns
- The Public Works Dept. is recommending the replacement of the Court using post-tension concrete which will guarantee the Court for 20 years
- The Wallop School Park neighborhood has been very vocal in the importance of this neighborhood park and their desire to see the court replaced.
- It is anticipated that the replacement will be \$200,000

**Budget Impact:**

There will be no impact on the budget as we will be using an allocation from the ARPA Fund.

**Recommendation:**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Council vote to replace the basketball court at Wallop School Park and allocate \$200,000 from the ARPA account to fund the expenditure.

**Budget Amendment Schedule  
2023-2024**

**Amendments to Town Appropriations**

**Amendment #1**

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Budget  
as shown on various pages in accordance with the Benefit Adjustment schedule (Attachment A - attached):

|                                                       | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>GENERAL FUND HEALTH/MEDICAL ACCOUNTS</b>           |             |           |
| HEALTH/MEDICAL ACCOUNTS (total General Fund accounts) | 5,504,455   | 5,177,473 |

**AMENDMENT #2**

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Budget  
as shown on page 10 in accordance with the following schedule (Town Manager - Professional Services and Miscellaneous Expenditures):

|                             | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>Town Manaager</b>        |             |           |
| OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | 45,000      | 35,000    |
| MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES  | 12,000      | 7,000     |

**AMENDMENT #3**

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Budget  
as shown on page 17 in accordance with the following schedule (Town Clerk - Other Compensation):

|                    | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>Town Clerk</b>  |             |           |
| OTHER COMPENSATION | 9,670       | -         |

**AMENDMENT #4**

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Budget  
as shown on page 38 in accordance with the following schedule (DPW - supervisor position):

|                                    | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION</b> |             |           |
| SALARIES                           | 379,708     | 277,611   |
| HEALTH/MEDICAL INSURANCE           | 189,258     | 167,286   |
| LIFE INSURANCE                     | 1,267       | 1,074     |
| SOCIAL SECURITY (FICA)             | 45,713      | 39,456    |
| MEDICARE                           | 10,691      | 9,210     |

**AMENDMENT #5**

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Budget  
as shown on pages 42, 44, 46, 48 and 50 in accordance with the following schedule (DPW operations reductions):

|                                        | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (Page 42)</b> |             |           |
| OVERTIME                               | 100,000     | 85,000    |
| EQUIPMENT REPAIR & MAINT               | 5,000       | 3,000     |
| RENTAL - EQUIPMENT/VEHICLES            | 15,000      | 5,000     |
| ADVERTISING                            | 1,500       | 1,000     |
| VEHICLE SUPPLIES/MATERIALS             | 11,000      | 9,000     |
| DUES & FEES & SUBSCRIPTIONS            | 10,000      | 7,000     |
| <b>CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE (Page 44)</b> |             |           |
| OVERTIME                               | 202,000     | 182,000   |
| CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES                     | 213,485     | 193,485   |



**AMENDMENT #5 (Continued)**

|                                                     | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE (Page 46)</b>                |             |           |
| OVERTIME                                            | 140,000     | 100,000   |
| CONSTRUCTION SERVICES                               | 12,500      | 5,000     |
| MAINTENANCE & BUILDING SUPPLIES                     | 298,437     | 209,300   |
| FOOD/FOOD RELATED                                   | 6,500       | 3,500     |
| <b>EQUIPMENT REPAIR &amp; MAINTENANCE (Page 48)</b> |             |           |
| OVERTIME                                            | 15,000      | 10,000    |
| <b>REFUSE COLLECTION &amp; DISPOSAL (Page 50)</b>   |             |           |
| LAND & BUILDING SERVICES                            | 18,800      | 8,300     |
| DISPOSAL SERVICES                                   | 2,181,152   | 2,180,402 |
| MAINTENANCE & BUILDING SUPPLIES                     | 6,000       | 4,500     |

**AMENDMENT #6**

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Budget  
as shown on page 52 in accordance with the following schedule (Planning - vacant position):

|                          | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>PLANNING</b>          |             |           |
| SALARIES                 | 441,913     | 389,776   |
| HEALTH/MEDICAL INSURANCE | 103,074     | 81,910    |
| SOCIAL SECURITY          | 27,427      | 24,194    |
| MEDICARE                 | 6,220       | 5,464     |

**AMENDMENT #7**

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Budget  
as shown on page 64 in accordance with the following schedule (Planning - Agriculture Summit):

|                                 | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>BOARDS &amp; COMMISSIONS</b> |             |           |
| AGRICULTURE/CONSERVATION        | 17,986      | 2,986     |

**AMENDMENT #8**

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Budget  
as shown on page 68 in accordance with the following schedule (CIP Adjustments - see schedule - Attachment B):

|                                 | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>NON-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES</b> |             |           |
| TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL            | 7,088,263   | 5,007,506 |

**AMENDMENT #9**

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Budget  
as shown on page 68 in accordance with the following schedule adjust transfers for expense reductions to other funds):

|                                                                 | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>NON-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES - TRANSFERS OUT AND CONTINGENCY</b> |             |           |
| TRANSFERS TO IT                                                 | 3,861,298   | 3,736,220 |
| TRANSFERS TO SOCIAL SERVICES                                    | 2,874,135   | 2,799,178 |
| TRANSFERS TO LIBRARY                                            | 2,831,542   | 2,653,848 |
| TRANSFERS TO EMS                                                | 1,095,529   | 1,062,507 |
| TRANSFERS TO DOG FUND                                           | 166,732     | 165,097   |

#### Amendment to Total Town APPROPRIATION

##### AMENDMENT #10

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 APPROPRIATION for the Town as shown on page 8 by DECREASING from \$80,707,729 to \$77,408,757.

#### Amendment to Total School APPROPRIATION

##### AMENDMENT #11

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 APPROPRIATION for the Board of Education as shown on page 8 from \$76,179,555 to \$75,929,555.

#### Amendment to Total Town and School APPROPRIATION

##### AMENDMENT #12

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 APPROPRIATION for the Total Budget as shown on page 8 by DECREASING from \$156,887,284 to \$153,338,312

#### Amendment to Revenue Estimates

##### AMENDMENT #13

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Budget as shown on page 5 in accordance with the following schedule (Adjust current year taxes for new mill rate):

|                          | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u>  |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|
| GENERAL FUND REVENUE     |             |            |
| TAXES-REAL ESTATE        | 93,293,517  | 90,033,071 |
| TAXES -PERSONAL PROPERTY | 8,232,086   | 7,943,560  |

##### AMENDMENT #14

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Budget by DECREASING the Total Revenue Appropriation as shown on pages 4 and 6 from \$156,887,284 to \$153,338,312

#### Amendments to Social Services Fund

##### Amendment #15

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Social Services Fund Budget as shown on various pages in accordance with the Benefit Adjustment schedule (Attachment A - attached):

|                                                               | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| SOCIAL SERVICES FUND/MEDICAL ACCOUNTS                         |             |           |
| HEALTH/MEDICAL ACCOUNTS (total Social Services Fund accounts) | 1,362,489   | 1,287,532 |

##### AMENDMENT #16

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Social Services Fund Budget as shown on page 132 to reduce general fund support to reflect Information Technology amendments to appropriations

|                                                | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| SOCIAL SERVICES FUND REVENUE SUMMARY (Page 82) |             |           |
| GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS IN                      | 2,874,135   | 2,799,178 |

## Amendments to the Library Department Fund

### Amendment #17

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Library Department Budget  
as shown on various pages in accordance with the Benefit Adjustment schedule (Attachment A - attached):

|                                                                  | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>LIBRARY DEPARTMENT FUND/MEDICAL ACCOUNTS</b>                  |             |           |
| HEALTH/MEDICAL ACCOUNTS (total Library Department Fund accounts) | 379,147     | 359,170   |

### AMENDMENT #18

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Library Department Budget  
as shown on page 110 in accordance with the following schedule (Library - Notary Revenue)

|                      | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>LIBRARY</b>       |             |           |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICES | 11,000      | 11,700    |

### AMENDMENT #19

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Library Department Budget  
as shown on page 114 in accordance with the following schedule (Library expense reductions)

|                         | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>LIBRARY</b>          |             |           |
| OVERTIME                | 5,000       | 3,500     |
| POSTAGE                 | 1,500       | 480       |
| PRINTING & REPRODUCTION | 1,100       | 600       |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES         | 8,000       | 7,200     |

### AMENDMENT #20

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Library Department Budget  
as shown on page 116 in accordance with the following schedule (Senior Center expense reductions)

|                                    | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>LIB/LEISURE - SENIOR CENTER</b> |             |           |
| OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES        | 126,880     | 62,880    |
| ADVERTISING                        | 400         | 100       |
| PRINTING & REPRODUCTION            | 1,000       | 900       |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES                    | 2,000       | 1,500     |
| FOOD/FOOD RELATED                  | 19,000      | 8,000     |

### AMENDMENT #21

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Library Department Budget  
as shown on page 118 in accordance with the following schedule (Recreation - Proposed Position):

|                                   | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>LIB/LEISURE - REC PROGRAMS</b> |             |           |
| SALARIES                          | 239,135     | 196,806   |
| HEALTH/MEDICAL INSURANCE          | 75,241      | 43,705    |
| LIFE INSURANCE                    | 688         | 495       |
| SOCIAL SECURITY (FICA)            | 26,762      | 24,137    |
| MEDICARE                          | 6,261       | 5,647     |

**AMENDMENT #22**

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Library Department Budget  
as shown on page 110 to reduce general fund support to reflect Information Technology amendments to appropriations

|                                                         | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>LIBRARY DEPARTMENT REVENUE SUMMARY</b>               |             |           |
| LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION - GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS IN      | 365,600     | 363,778   |
| LIBRARY - GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS IN                     | 1,789,673   | 1,773,494 |
| LIB/LEISURE - SENIOR CENTER - GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS IN | 267,820     | 189,410   |
| LIB/LEISURE - REC PROGRAMS - GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS IN  | 381,665     | 300,382   |
|                                                         | 26,784      |           |

### Amendments to Information Technology Fund

**Amendment #23**

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Information Technology Fund Budget  
as shown on various pages in accordance with the Benefit Adjustment schedule (Attachment A - attached):

|                                                                      | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND/MEDICAL ACCOUNTS</b>                  |             |           |
| HEALTH/MEDICAL ACCOUNTS (total Information Technology Fund accounts) | 245,539     | 232,461   |

**AMENDMENT #24**

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Information Technology Budget  
as shown on page 132 in accordance with the following schedule (IT - E Rate Rebates)

|                               | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b> |             |           |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE     | -           | 112,000   |

**AMENDMENT #25**

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Information Technology Budget  
as shown on page 132 to reduce general fund support to reflect Information Technology amendments to appropriations

|                               | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b> |             |           |
| GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS IN     | 3,861,298   | 3,736,220 |

### Amendments to Animal Control Fund

**Amendment #26**

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Animal Control Fund Budget  
as shown on various pages in accordance with the Benefit Adjustment schedule (Attachment A - attached):

|                                                              | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>ANIMAL CONTROL FUND/MEDICAL ACCOUNTS</b>                  |             |           |
| HEALTH/MEDICAL ACCOUNTS (total Animal Control Fund accounts) | 30,397      | 28,762    |

**AMENDMENT #27**

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Animal Control Fund Budget  
as shown on page 140 to reduce general fund support to reflect Animal Control Fund amendments to appropriations

|                                                       | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>ANIMAL CONTROL FUND REVENUE SUMMARY (Page 140)</b> |             |           |
| GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS IN                             | 166,732     | 165,097   |



## Amendments to Emergency Medical Services Fund

### Amendment #28

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Emergency Medical Services Fund Budget  
as shown on various pages in accordance with the Benefit Adjustment schedule (Attachment A - attached):

|                                                                          | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND/MEDICAL ACCOUNTS</b>                  |             |           |
| HEALTH/MEDICAL ACCOUNTS (total Emergency Medical Services Fund accounts) | 621,050     | 588,028   |

### AMENDMENT #29

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Emergency Medical Services Fund Budget  
as shown on page 132 to reduce general fund support to reflect Information Technology amendments to appropriations

|                                                                   | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND REVENUE SUMMARY (Page 146)</b> |             |           |
| GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS IN                                         | 1,095,529   | 1,062,507 |

## Amendments to Water Pollution Control Fund

### Amendment #30

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Water Pollution Control Fund Budget  
as shown on various pages in accordance with the Benefit Adjustment schedule (Attachment A - attached):

|                                                                       | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FUND/MEDICAL ACCOUNTS</b>                  |             |           |
| HEALTH/MEDICAL ACCOUNTS (total Water Pollution Control Fund accounts) | 302,857     | 286,764   |

### AMENDMENT #31

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Water Pollution Control Fund Budget  
as shown on page 75 in accordance with the following schedule (Reduce funding for Crane Service Truck and a WPC Admin Car in CIP)

|                                 | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>NON-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES</b> |             |           |
| TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL            | 3,207,684   | 3,054,000 |

### AMENDMENT #32

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Water Pollution Control Fund Budget  
as shown on pages 74 in accordance with the following schedule (DPW operations reductions):

|                                 | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>WATER POLLUTION CONTROL</b>  |             |           |
| OVERTIME                        | 135,000     | 130,000   |
| TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS          | 3,000       | 1,500     |
| OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES     | 318,000     | 313,000   |
| TECHNICAL SERVICES              | 85,200      | 70,200    |
| UTILITY SERVICES                | 12,050      | 11,050    |
| WATER/SEWERAGE                  | 469,000     | 464,000   |
| GROUNDS SERVICES                | 5,000       | 4,000     |
| EQUIPMENT REPAIR & MAINTENANCE  | 127,000     | 122,000   |
| COPYING & REPRODUCTION          | 1,000       | 800       |
| MAINTENANCE & BUILDING SUPPLIES | 124,000     | 122,500   |
| SAFETY SUPPLIES/MATERIALS       | 22,725      | 20,725    |
| OTHER SUPPLIES/MATERIALS        | 303,000     | 298,000   |
| BOTTLED GAS                     | 5,800       | 4,400     |
| UNIFORMS                        | 7,500       | 6,500     |
| FOOD & FOOD RELATED             | 750         | 650       |

### AMENDMENT #33

to amend the Manager's proposed 2023-2024 Water Pollution Control Fund Budget  
as shown on page 72 to reduce estimated Water Pollution Control Fund Revenue

|                                             | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FUND REVENUE</b> |             |           |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICES                        | 8,343,624   | 8,124,147 |