

2/16/23 7:00pm Carl Brunetti

Carl Brunetti, BobTurner, Rhonda Lacombe, Craig Joly, BruceWhitehead, Ram Maddpuddi, Nicholas Rodrigues, AndrewEsposito, Sandra Ackerman, Richard Denerstein, Vincent Izzo
Also in attendance: TownAdministrator Gould, John Ward Finance Director, Keith Macksoud, KaitlynChoniere, Lillian Silva

*if marked red this denotes absent

Presentation of theBudget by the Town Administrator.

One of the items isthat the town needs a new garbage truck 254K, 3 new F550 pickup trucks for atotal of 196,000 for all of the trucks combined. Using some of the Town ARPA funds

We have obtainedsomeone to write grants on a consultant basis

Questions by BobTurner in regards to the Grant writing. This will allow us to obtain more fundsfor infrastructure etc. This will allowus to leverage the ARPA funds.

We have nearcompletion on the street lights for the town.

We will have anoutside consultant to review the Municipal salaries to make sure that we arestaying competitive in salary with other towns and communities.

A replacement of thefield at the Middle school 961,000. Manville park 113,000 for the basketball courts.

Youth center on Schoolstreet 49K to allow repairs

Thibodeau barn animprovement of 29K

In this package isthere a breakdown of the ARPA funds and where we are and what we have left touse. We need to use this money and stretch it out as far as we can to benefitthe taxpayers.

We are seeing thesewer and water being a focus of the government.

Motion to suspendrecess Bob Turner and second by Nick Rodrigues unanimous

First order ofBusiness is approval of the 1-26-2023 minutes motion by Bob Turner and secondby Richard Denerstein. Unanimous

Correspondence:

Carl sent 1-31

Email TA confirmingtonight's date and the Town Tour 3-18

2-1 Superintendent ofSchool – School Tour 3-4-2023 not sure of what they want to look at since theask this year is for truck and etc. we said new members and they need to see the process it would be a benefit to all. Bob T why can we not just put this upfor a discussion as we all need to see if we have utilized all the areas forNorthern for example we need to see all of these items.

Saylesville has beenin conversation and we need to see what is being moved forward and what elseneeds to be done in the future. If we dofeel good messages, we need to show what we have actually completed.

2-2 and 2-16 we haveasked for a detail breakdown of the capital projects and what has beencompleted nothing received as of yet. Asked for the budget files and not received along with the breakageworksheets.

2-8 from the TownAdministrator for ARPA funds break down and this was received.

2-8 also asked for abreakdown on the ESSER funds and nothing received from the School Department

2-3 Email from BillMcManus on Capital improvements re Saylesville paving and curbing, we did getcopied on email correspondence back and forth with the Charmin of SchoolCommittee.

Public Comment: None

New Business:

FY23 Municipal sideto Town Council 2-9-23 revenue 73.4% of collections

Casino commissionTable game 108% comparable FY2022 holding the same as last months.

Expenditures ontrack, we may have adjustments for the new accounting software with lineadjustments

1-31-23 \$5,249,027for the revolving fund balance.

School reportdistributed projecting a deficit 203,000 main cause is insured medical claims

State aid additionalfund of 904K for the housing aide even with this we are still projecting alarger deficit than last month

Budget Task and responsibilities:

Sandy sent a list ofwhat she would like to take on. Can wedispense tonight motion by Bob Turner and second by Nick Rodrigues. Unanimousthat we wait until 2-23

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Last item meetingSchedule school tour of the building 3-4-23 at 8 AM we will discuss the buildingsthat we want to look at next week.

Elementary Schoolsall need to be looked at and Middle school Fields and Gym floor.

Rental Property alsowhere we have the storage.

Public Comment: DaveHart Middle school field is no good? Weshould think outside the box about top down technology. This was done is Boston with Shriners and itwas a success. This is an example of whythey need people from the town to add their expertise so that we are on thecorrect direction.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Bob Turner Seconded by Bruce Whitehead at 8:30 pm

Next Meeting date: 2-23-2023 and 2-24-2023