

BOARD OF FINANCE
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

3 Primrose Street, Newtown - Newtown Municipal Center
Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

These minutes are subject to approval by the Board of Finance

Present: Laura Miller, Steven Goodridge, John Madzula, Sandy Roussas

Absent: Erica Sullivan and Chandravir Ahuja

Also Present: Finance Director, Bob Tait

Chair Madzula called the meeting to order at 7:33p.m. Attendees saluted the American Flag.

Voter Comments

None

Communications

None

Minutes

Laura Miller moved to approve the special minutes from the April 27, 2023. Steve Goodridge seconded (Sandy Roussas abstained). All in favor and motion passes.

First Selectman's Report

No report

Finance Director's Report

Finance Director reported on the Town of Newtown special revenue fund including revenues, expenditures and change in fund balance for the Community Center and Edmond Town Hall for fiscal year ending June 30th, 2022 as well as this fiscal year up to May 8th, 2023 (see attached). Total revenues for the Community Center for this fiscal year up to May 8th, 2023 is \$2,777,689 and total expenditures are \$1,357,157 compared to total revenues for full fiscal year ending June 30th, 2022 was \$2,568,584 and total expenditures were \$1,293,591. Net change in fund balance for this fiscal year is \$1,417,157 compared to fiscal year ending June 30th, 2022 was \$1,274,992. For Edmond Town Hall total revenues for fiscal year ending June 30th, 2022 was \$1,066,869 compared to this fiscal year up to May 8th is \$867,953. Total expenditures last fiscal year was \$697,932 compared to this fiscal year up to May 8th is \$685,701. Net change in fund balance for this fiscal year is \$182,252 compared to last fiscal year \$370,937.

New Business

1. *Resolution providing for an appropriation totaling \$60,000 for police firearms, associated equipment and ammunition*

Sandy Roussas moved to approve Resolution providing for an appropriation totaling \$60,000 for police firearms, associated equipment and ammunition. Laura Miller seconded. All in favor and motion passes.

2. *ARP, Recycling and CFF/CIP Sub Committee Reports*

Recycling Committee – No report

ARP Committee – No report

CFF/CIP Sub Committee – No report

Unfinished Business

None

Voter Comments

None

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Sandy Roussas made a motion to adjourn. Steve Goodridge seconded. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kiley Morrison Gottschalk, Clerk

Attachments

Finance Director Documents
Appropriation

TOWN OF NEWTOWN						
NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE						
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 UP TILL 05/08/2023 & FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 ENDING 06/30/2022						
			<u>2022-23</u>	**	<u>2021-22</u>	***
			Fiscal Year Up to		Fiscal Year Ending	
			5/8/2023		6/30/2022	
			(10 months & 8 days)		(12 months)	
	REVENUES:					
		OTHER STATE GRANTS	46,570		24,870	
		NPC GRANT	10,342		14,642	
		RENTAL INCOME-COMM CENTER	62,404		51,255	
		PROGRAM SERVICES	549,585		327,360	
		AQUATIC PROGRAMS	209,071		247,613	
		MEMBERSHIP FEES	659,344		698,800	
		SPECIAL EVENTS	7,402		34,524	
		INTEREST	114,022		(15,835)	
		OTHER GRANTS	-		13,500	
		MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	64,270		90,230	
		INCOME- COMMUNITY CAFE	4,157		7,845	
		INCOME-VENDING MACHINE	470		-	
		DONATIONS	43,551		73,779	
		DONATIONS - GE	1,000,000		1,000,000	
		SCHOLARSHIPS-COMM CENTER	3,500		-	
		TOTAL REVENUES	2,774,689		2,568,584	
	EXPENDITURES:					
		SALARIES - REGULAR	233,850		237,215	
		SALARIES - PART TIME	400,436		341,516	
		GROUP INSURANCE	55,090		53,837	
		SOCIAL SEC CONTRI	47,138		44,825	
		RETIREMENT CONTRI	11,354		12,688	
		FEES & PROF SERVICES	2,060		2,063	
		SPECIAL EVENTS	1,659		18,289	
		PROF SVS - OTHER	1,868		6,273	
		WATER/SEWERAGE	30,240		43,936	
		REPAIR & MAINTENANCE SERV	29,998		51,884	
		CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	121,273		136,787	
		DUES, TRAVEL & EDUCATION	4,835		6,341	
		GENERAL SUPPLIES	11,994		12,844	
		OFFICE SUPPLIES	9,633		7,512	
		PROGRAM SUPPLIES	13,948		19,453	
		POOL SUPPLIES	18,465		23,083	
		COMMUNITY EVENTS	5,026		4,068	
		ENERGY - NATURAL GAS	50,206		52,250	
		ENERGY - ELECTRICITY	77,405		111,323	
		COMMUNITY CAFE	5,620		7,147	
		EQUIPMENT	21		7,550	
		CAPITAL OUTLAY	152,474		44,556	
		NPC EXPENDITURES	11,784		177	
		OTHER	60,780		47,971	
		TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,357,157		1,293,591	
		NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	1,417,532		1,274,992	
	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE		3,723,993		2,449,001	
	ENDING FUND BALANCE		5,141,525		3,723,993	
	**	Per Town general ledger at 05/08/2023				
	***	Per audited 06/30/2022 financial statements				

TOWN OF NEWTOWN						
EDMOND TOWN HALL - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE						
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 UP TILL 05/08/2023 & FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 ENDING 06/30/2022						
			2022-23	**	2021-22	***
			Fiscal Year Up to 5/8/2023		Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/2022	
			(10 months & 8 days)		(12 months)	
REVENUES						
		RENT FEES	182,671	>	204,808	
		LEASES	51,293	>	53,668	
		GRANTS	90,056		327,316	
		DONATIONS	6,648		3,170	
		SPEC EVENT FEES	183,206	>	125,721	
		TICKET SALES	93,406	>	66,447	
		CONCESSIONS	59,351	>	50,837	
		OTHER	5,396		3,794	
		BANK INTEREST	926		264	
		HAWLEY TRUST INC	55,000		37,720	
		TOWN CONTR	140,000		195,124	
			867,953		1,068,869	
EXPENDITURES (by object code)						
		SALARIES - REGULAR	260,073		269,334	
		GROUP INSURANCE	-		50,035	
		SOCIAL SEC CONTRI	19,696		20,446	
		RETIREMENT CONTRI	2,641		6,861	
		FEES & PROF SERVICES	70,979		77,177	
		WATER/SEWERAGE	2,477		3,539	
		REPAIR & MAINTENANCE SERV	47,782		33,923	
		FILM RENTAL	38,561		26,979	
		CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	43,229		44,448	
		ADVERTISING	28,529		18,554	
		GENERAL SUPPLIES	3,705		361	
		OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,348		6,827	
		GENERAL MAINTENANCE SUPPL	17,117		20,653	
		GROUND'S MAINTENANCE SUPPL	5,025		-	
		TELEPHONE/INTERNET/CABLE	4,456		5,605	
		ENERGY - NATURAL GAS	17,974		25,597	
		ENERGY - ELECTRICITY	31,551		40,682	
		CONCESSIONS	18,438		20,481	
		CAPITAL OUTLAY	8,653		5,793	
		OTHER EXPENDITURES	6,341		13,563	
		GRANT EXPENDITURES	55,125		7,075	
		TOTAL EXPENDITURES	685,701	*	697,932	
		NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	182,252		370,937	
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE			360,363		(10,574)	
ENDING FUND BALANCE			542,615		360,363	***
			estimated 2 mths			
		> 570,000/10*12 = 684,000		114,000		
		* 685,701/10*12 = 822,000 = estimated annual amount		136,000		
		** Per Town general ledger at 05/08/2023				
		*** Per audited 06/30/2022 financial statements				

A resolution providing for an appropriation totaling \$60,000 for new police firearms, associated equipment and ammunition. To be funded from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant.

\$60,000 requested appropriation was recommended by the ARP Working Group on 04/27/2023.

The ARP Working Group is comprised of the following:

Board of Selectmen

- Ed Schierloh *

Board of Finance

- Sandy Roussas
- Erica Sullivan *

Legislative Council

- Charles Gardner *
- Matthew Mihalcik *
- Michelle Ku *

Ex-officio

- First Selectman, Dan Rosenthal *

Detail attached.

* Present

The purpose of this memo is to request the consideration of funding to replace the department's current duty firearm with a more modern and versatile weapon. The department currently uses the Glock model 21 Gen 4 (fourth generation), a 45 caliber pistol, for its duty weapons. During the annual inspection of the firearms in December of 2022, it was discovered that the guns are due for either rebuilding with the replacement of worn parts or replacement of the firearms. The cost to rebuild the weapons and replace the magazines would be approximately \$200 per gun for parts for a total of approximately \$11,000. The manufacture date of the Gen 4 Glock is between 2010 and 2016. Glock is currently producing Gen 5 (fifth generation) models. Given the replacement part cost and considering the age of the weapons, pricing was obtained for new weapons. Based on the pricing and trade-in value of the current firearms, the department is looking to transition to a Glock Gen 5, model 45, 9mm handgun, with a Red Dot Optic.

The considerations for this transition include significant improvements to the Glock Gen 5 over the Gen 4, the addition of modern optics for the weapons, and the ballistics improvements of 9mm ammunition. The Gen 5 Glock's new model variations are an improvement over previous generations by making the guns ambidextrous; previous versions required armorers to make changes for left-handed shooters. Glock also removed the finger grips with adjustable back straps allowing for more versatility and comfort for shooters with different hand sizes. Both of these features are improvements that have caused equipment and training issues for officers at the police department.

In 2014 the FBI completed an extensive study and found that, for many reasons, the 9mm round was the recommended round for law enforcement. The study found no discernable difference in the terminal performance of the 9mm vs. other calibers. The 9mm cartridge has less felt recoil, allowing for faster and more accurate shot strings than the .40 or .45. Additionally, 9mm ammunition is about 25 to 30% less expensive and more available than .45 caliber ammunition. The annual cost for .45 ammunition is approx. \$12,000 a year, and there is a 12 to 18-month delay in receiving this ammunition. The projected cost of 9 mm ammunition is \$9,000, and the ammunition is available.

The department currently uses red dot optics on patrol rifles. The officer's accuracy, speed, and confidence greatly increased with the red dot vs. the traditional sighting system. Red Dot Optics on duty pistols are now the industry standard as it allows the officer to keep both open eyes making for faster and more accurate target detection, improved target detection under stress, improved situational awareness, more accuracy with moving targets, faster follow up shots, and greater accuracy for aging officers or those with vision issues. The red dot optic is not compatible with our current duty pistol.

The 9mm GLOCK Gen 5 model 45 (MOS) with an attached Red dot sight offers the best combination of caliber and sighting system for a duty weapon in law enforcement today. Currently, this model firearm with the optic is \$904.96 each. The sellers are offering a \$310.00 trade-in value for our current firearms, dropping the cost to \$594.96 per gun.

- The total purchase price for fifty-five firearms with optics is \$32,800.
- New holsters and magazine pouches would be needed at an estimated cost of \$10,800.
- The purchase of ammunition is estimated to cost \$15,000.00 (ammunition rates fluctuate based on market availability, and this estimate is on the high side). This would include ammunition for transitional training and new duty ammunition.
- The total estimated cost for the firearms, equipment, and ammunition is estimated to cost \$58,600.00.

Prepared by Bryan Bishop

On Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 9:33 AM Robert Tait <robert.tait@newtown-ct.gov> wrote:

Hello Captain,

- Question on the ARP request. Ammo is \$15,000?
- What does the department do with the old ammo?
- Typically, how much is budgeted each year for ammo.

thanks

Bob

The ammunition for the transition is estimated at \$15,000.00. This covers the cost of the ammunition needed for the transition training. The cost and availability fluctuate with market demand. Currently, we are running low on the .45 caliber ammunition we have, so there would be little left over. Depending on the quantity, the leftover ammunition could be sold or traded if there is a substantial amount or kept for training if it is a small amount.

Typically, ammunition costs between \$6,000 to \$8,000 a year. Currently, the lead time on some ammo types is 12-18 months.

Bryan Bishop
Captain
Newtown Police Department