

American Rescue Plan Working Group  
Meeting Room #1, Newtown Municipal Center  
3 Primrose St Newtown Ct  
Thursday January 27<sup>th</sup> 2022

Minutes

**Present:** Michelle Embree Ku, Ed Schierloh, Erica Sullivan, Geoff Dent, Charles Gardner (via phone conference) & Matthew Mihalcik

**Also Present:** Finance Director Bob Tait

**Call to Order:** Matt Mihalcik called the meeting at 6:30 pm

**Vote Comments:** None

**Old Business:**

Discussion and Possible Action

1. Possible uses of ARP funding

- Ed Schierloh moved that we make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to start the appropriation process for \$1,500,000 for Fairfield Hills - Replace Water Distribution System. Seconded by Geoff Dent. All in favor, motion passes (6-0)
- Ed Schierloh moved that we make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to start the appropriation process for \$325,000 to reimburse the Town Medical Self Insurance Fund, for COVID Expenses (since 3/3/2021) Seconded by Erica Sullivan. All in favor, motion passes (6-0)
- Ed Schierloh moved that we make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to start the appropriation process for \$50,000 for Fire Commission Fire Suppression Tank Repair. Seconded by Michelle Embree Ku. All in favor, motion passes (6-0)
- Ed Schierloh moved that we make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to start the appropriation process for \$90,000 for Fire Company Grants (Hawleyville Fire Dept \$15,000, Sandy Hook Fire Dept \$15,000, Dodgeingtown Fire Dept \$15,000, Bostsford Fire Dept \$15,000, NUSAR \$15,000 and Newtown Volunteer Ambulance \$15,000) Seconded by Michelle Embree Ku. All in favor, motion passes (6-0)
- Ed Schierloh moved that we make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to start the appropriation process for \$140,000 for Multi-purpose Building Roof. Seconded by Geoff Dent. All in favor, motion passes (6-0)
- Ed Schierloh moved that we make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to start the appropriation process for \$40,000 COVID supplies/expenses. Seconded by Michelle Embree Ku. All in favor, motion passes (6-0)

**Voter Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** Ed Schierloh moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm. Seconded by Geoff Dent, All in faovr.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Mihalcik

**These minutes are subject to approval by the American Rescue Plan Working Group  
at the next meeting**

Town of Newtown				
the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP)				
ARP Working Group Worksheet				
ARP award amount (50% received; balance June 2022)		7,674,294		
Items already appropriated:				
Education:				
	Hawley School HVAC/Ventilation project	2,500,000		
Balance Available		5,174,294		
Possible Uses:			Recommended	
General Government:				
a	Fairfield Hills - Replace Water Distribution System	1,500,000	✓	1/27/2022
b	Fairfield Hills Campus Safety Improvements	50,000		
Public Works:				
c	Multi-purpose Building Roof	140,000	✓	1/27/2022
d	Public Works 6 Wheel 8 Ton Dump Truck	240,000		
e	Public Works Front & Bucket Loader	300,000		
f	Transfer Station Site Improvements	200,000		
g	Municipal Building Improvements	100,000		
Public Safety:				
h	Fire Commission Fire Suppression Tank Repair	50,000	✓	1/27/2022
i	Fire Company Grants (4 x \$15,000); NUSAR (\$15,000); Ambulance (\$15,000)	90,000	✓	1/27/2022
Recreation & Leisure:				
j	Parks & Recreation Dump Truck	90,000		
k	Treadwell Park Disc Golf Course	40,000		
l	Dickinson Park New Pavilion (Refurbishment)	150,000		
m	Bike Park at Fairfield Hills	85,000		
n	Edmond Town Hall Building Improvements	150,000		
o	The Art Walk at Fairfield Hills	50,000		
Health & Welfare:				
p	Senior Center 14 passenger bus	90,000		
q	COVID supplies/expenses	40,000	✓	1/27/2022
Community Center:				
r	Community Center Generator	75,000		
s	Community Center Outside Storage Building	75,000		
t	Community Center Patio	155,000		
u	Community Center Outdoor Spray Features	200,000		
v	Community Center/Senior Center Handicap Doors	16,000		
Education:				
x	BOE information technology licenses to address covid 19 pandemic recovery	74,000		
y	BOE chrome books for distance learning	145,000		
Function Wide:				
z	Reimburse the Town Medical Self Insurance Fund for COVID Expenses (since 3/3/2021)	325,000	✓	1/27/2022
	Contingency for above items	200,000		
Total Proposed Uses		4,630,000		
Amount Available		544,294		
✓ Recommended by the ARP Working Group. To go through the Town appropriation process (BOS/BOF/LC)				