

American Rescue Plan Working Group
Council Chambers, Newtown Municipal Center
3 Primrose St Newtown Ct
Monday, January 9th 2023

Minutes

Present: Ed Schierloh, Sandy Roussas, Erica Sullivan, Matthew Mihalcik & Michele Ku

Also Present: First Selectman Dan Rosenthal & Finance Director Bob Tait

Call to Order: Dan Rosenthal called the meeting at 6:33 pm

Vote Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Michele Ku made a motion to approve the minutes from December 12th, 2022. Seconded by Sandy Roussas. All in Favor, motion passes (5-0)

Old Business:

Discussion and Possible action

1. Board of Fire Commissioners Request

- a. Tim Whelan a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners presented a revised proposal to the group. The revised proposal is \$50,000 per fire department (\$250,000) and \$50,000 for training aids to be used by all departments. This proposal as endorsed by the Board of Fire Commissioners at a special meeting on 1/5/2023. Mrs Ku asked how the paving project at Botsford would be handled since it was original quoted at \$100,000. Mr Whelan commented that Newtown Public Works went and measured the area and based on the current rate of asphalt it is possible for the town to purchase the material and Public Works to do the work and keep the cost around \$50,000. Mrs Roussas asked how would Hawleyville handle the projects. Mr Whelan mentioned that the roof repair which was listed on the original proposal has been completed The items targeted would be the exhaust removal system and equipment for the rescue truck.
- b. Sandy Roussas moved that we make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman to start the appropriation process for \$300,000 to fund Board of Fire Commissioners request for \$50,000 per each fire department (\$250,000) and \$50,000 in combined training aids. Seconded by Michele Ku. All in Favor, motion passes (5-0)

2. Consideration of remaining request for funding

- a. Mr Rosenthal mentioned the other items on the list. He also mentioned other items that might be coming up but are still in preliminary research and pricing stages. Mrs Ku asked about the possible use for board band access at Fairfield Hills. She thinks it would be helpful for residents especially when there are areas of town without power/internet access. Mr Mihalcik brought up the use of funds for the design of the truck wash station that is currently in year 3 of the proposed CIP. Mr Rosenthal confirmed with Mr Tait that we have until 12/31/2024 to appropriate the funds and send them by 12/31/2026.

Voter Comments: None

Adjournment: Ed Schierloh moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm. Seconded by Sandy Roussas, All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Mihalcik

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

Town of Newtown					1/9/2023
the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP)					
ARP Working Group Worksheet					
ARP award amount		7,674,294			
Possible Uses:					
line	General Government:			Recommended	Approved
1	Fairfield Hills - Replace Water Distribution System	1,500,000	✓	1/27/2022	✓
2	Fairfield Hills Campus Safety Improvements	20,000	✓	12/12/2022	
3	Edmond Town Hall Building Improvements	125,000	✓	9/22/2022	✓
4	Public Works:				
5	Multi-purpose Building Roof	190,000	✓	1/27/2022	✓
6	Public Works 6 Wheel 8 Ton Dump Truck	240,000	✓	12/12/2022	
7	Public Works Front & Bucket Loader	300,000	✓	7/28/2022	✓
8	Transfer Station Site Improvements	200,000	✓	4/11/2022	✓
9	Municipal Building Improvements	100,000	✓	4/11/2022	✓
10	Sandy Hook Side Walks				
11	section #1 - Glen Road	215,000	✓	9/22/2022	✓
13	Public Safety:				
14	Fire Commission Fire Suppression Tank Repair	50,000	✓	1/27/2022	✓
15	Fire Company Grants (4 x \$15,000); NUSAR (\$15,000);	90,000	✓	1/27/2022	✓
16	Ambulance (\$15,000)				
17	Board of Fire Commissioners (5 x \$25,000) + \$50,000 (training)	175,000			
18	Recreation & Leisure:				
19	Parks & Recreation Truck with lift gate	90,000	✓	4/11/2022	✓
20	Treadwell Park Disc Golf Course	40,000			
21	Dickinson Park New Pavilion (Refurbishment)	150,000	✓	4/11/2022	✓
22	Dickinson Park New Pavilion (Refurbishment) - add'l amount	50,000	✓	9/22/2022	✓
23	Bike Park at Fairfield Hills	75,000	✓	9/22/2022	✓
24	The Art Walk at Fairfield Hills	50,000			
25	Health & Welfare:				
26	Housing Stalization Fund	20,000	✓	9/22/2022	✓
27	Senior/Community Center 14 passenger bus	90,000	✓	5/9/2022	✓
28	COVID supplies/expenses	40,000	✓	1/27/2022	✓
29	Child/Youth Enrichment Fund (Newtown Human Services Dept.)	20,000	✓	7/28/2022	✓
30	Community Center:				
31	Community Center Generator (75,000)	passed			
32	Community Center Outside Storage Building	75,000	✓	4/11/2022	✓
33	Community Center Patio	155,000	✓	4/11/2022	✓
34	Community Center Outdoor Spray Features (200,000)	passed			
35	Community Center/Senior Center Handicap Doors	16,000	✓	4/11/2022	✓
36	Education:				
37	Hawley School HVAC/Ventilation project	2,500,000	✓		✓
38	Student Tutoring Support Program (Newtown Human Services Dept.)	100,000	✓	7/28/2022	✓
40	Function Wide:				
41	Reimburse the Town Medical Self Insurance Fund				
42	for COVID Expenses (since 3/3/2021)	325,000	✓	1/27/2022	✓
43					
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		appropriated			
		6,476,000			
	Amount Available after Appropriated	1,198,294			
✓	Recommended by the ARP Working Group. To go through the Town appropriation process (BOS/BOF/LC)				
✓	Appropriated by Legislative Council				