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FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
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Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

Present: Nicole Satin Chairman, Mary Isaac, Vice Chairman, Christine El Eris Tom Broderick, John Foreman, Richard Wolf, Bill Mecca, Alternate, Tony Scinto, Alternate

Also Present: First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro, Chief Administrative Officers Cynthia Katske and Kathleen McGannon, Town Attorney Daniel Schopick, Public Works Director George Estrada.

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1. RESOLUTION TC31-18: Moved by Wolf, seconded by Isaac
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$166,066 is hereby appropriated from the Fund Balance to 01030200-578802 Maintenance and Repair-Building & Equipment, (EMS \$61,671, PD \$82,800, Senior Center \$21,595).

George Estrada explained this supplemental is the outcome of some unanticipated failures. They are as follows:

- EMS Fire Panel: After a walk through with the fire marshal's office doing an inspection, several failures were identified within the alarm system panel. Because that building is occupied 24/7 it had a higher level of scrutiny for code issues by the fire department and the fire marshal's office. As a result of that walk through, he has worked with the fire marshal to do incremental improvements to the building, including the doors. The building is primarily a garage for ambulances with a central area where they train, have two offices and the residential facility for the staff.

The doors that went from that area into those garages were deemed insufficient from gasses coming back into the building from a garage of diesel ambulances. Although there are evacuation systems in those garage areas, the fire marshal's office deemed the doors not compliant and they had to do a number of door installations and the overall panel.

- Senior Center Fire Panel - This building needs to have an early identification as part of a safe environment for seniors, because evacuation can be challenging for some. The building is a critical facility serving lunches to seniors, houses the food pantry for those with food insecurity and there are several other services for the senior community. The panel put out a signal, and when the vendor was called to service, what they found was that there was a complete failure, and the panel had to be replaced. That took place over the course of three days. The November 3rd service had three technicians and on November 4th they completed it with four technicians. That entailed pulling all the wiring and replacing everything that needed to happen there. On November 18th, the fire marshal test took place. There were two technicians for that day to do the walk through and the certification of that panel by the fire marshal's office. In total, the invoice included in the back-up of the agenda gives the bulk but there had been additional information that unfortunately did not make it into back-up that the Board of Finance had seen. There are tickets for each day, outlining who was there and what they had done, which is the outline of dates and number of technicians that George Estrada provided verbally to this committee.
- Police Department Roof Replacement – Replacement of two sections of roof at the police department. Weather permitting, the Police Department roof area is underway. Water penetrated the building where there are two appendages/bump outs to the building. You have the one main central portion of the building, and then this is for the two appendages/bump puts. In the 5-Year Capital Plan they had put in for full replacement of the center portion of the roof, but these two appendages/bump out areas of the building are failing.

Points of Discussion are as follows:

Fire Panels:

- At the EMS Department there were emergency exit signs, sensors and pull boxes which were all part of panel replacement. When they went through the system there were a variety of issues with the system that had to be upgraded. The UPS system did not have to be replaced and was not on the list of items to be replaced.
- It was confirmed there is an annual service agreement where the buildings are inspected, (fire extinguishers and fire panels are inspected). He didn't have the exact date of the last time that they inspected but confirmed it had been done in the past year.
- He did not know the exact age of the fire panels, but confirmed they were very old. The library panel was replaced last year. They have been going through the buildings and trying to anticipate, unfortunately these two failed in a close period of time.

- The useful life expectancy is approximately 8-10 years.
- The EMS panel was replaced because of current code. It was beyond its useful life, it had not completely failed, many of the components in the building did fail. The panel had to be upgraded to do the other improvements.
- Water penetrating the Senior Center did not impact and was not related to the fire panel replacement, it was due to the panel's age.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Isaac, seconded by Wolf the Finance Committee adjourned at 7:42 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni
Margaret D. Mastroni, Clerk