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FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 27, 2026

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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 Tesoro, Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Katske, Town Attorney Daniel Schopick, Town Council Chairman Ashley Gaudiano, Economic & Community Development Director Rina Bakalar (via telephone), Town Engineer Bill Maurer, Bill Chin Director of Technology

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1. RESOLUTIN TC31-36 Moved by El Eris, seconded by Broderick
   BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull Town Council is cognizant of the application for Urban Act additional funding in an amount not to exceed $900,000 for the construction phase of the Trumbull Veterans and First Responders Center and the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by the Department of Economic and Community Development, and authorizes First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro to execute and submit such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development and all subsequent amendments, reports, and related documents in order to administer and implement the project. (Full Resolution Attached)

   - Rina Bakalar explained the resolution relates to a $900,000 bond authorization of supplemental funding approved by the state in December for the Veterans and First Responders Center. This resolution relates to that, because they are in the process

of preparing to execute our grant agreement for those funds. One of the requirements is to have a resolution for the funding in place in previous years, previously would put the funding under another resolution that was already existing, because they had already allowed the project to go forward under previous resolutions. But the state has new requirements, they want a full resolution for this batch of the funding, as well as the previous resolution which is already on file. That is why this resolution is being brought forward at this time. The resolution is necessary to meet new state requirements for a full resolution for this batch of funding.

- Emergency Legislation was requested.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

2. RESOLUTION TC31-37: Moved by Foreman, seconded by Broderick
   BE IT RESOLVED, That $12,000 is hereby appropriated from the Fund Balance to 01030500-522202 Professional Services.

   - Bill Maurer explained this request is for $12,000 for a LOTCIP grant application that they already have made and has been awarded for the Quarry Road traffic signal at Old Town Road. The $12,000 is for consulting services to prepare a lengthy and technical application for the Department of Transportation (DOT). It's not a preliminary application; it's a full application. All this infrastructure must go to the state of CT for approval.
   - Based on all the different expertise that consultants bring to the table, it'd be hard to have an in-house staff that would cover all that and DOT applications need a very specialized consultant. If the town were to try to do this in-house, the town would need many more specialized engineers on staff.
   - It was confirmed that there is an existing light at Quarry and Old Town Road, but it is quite old and has had many problems with the light. It's not simply to replace an existing light, this project entails a crossing signal that must be timed with the other signals, electronics must be updated, a bus a bus stop is to be made and sidewalks.
   - It was clarified that it is Trumbull's Road, not the state's. The bridge going over RT 25 is the state's but the bridge that Trumbull owns on Old Town Road is after you turn off White Plains Road.
   - They will be going down Quarry Road with the sidewalk and replacing a portion of it over the bridge. This is all Trumbull except for a small corner. Bridgeport is involved in this project.
   - The grant has been approved and $1.6 million awarded. With LOTCIP grants, the state pays for construction, and the town pays for the design. The

cost of the design is +/- $150,000. It was confirmed the amount awarded covers the construction costs.

- Emergency Legislation was requested.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

3. RESOLUTION TC31-38: Moved by Broderick, seconded by Isaac
   BE IT RESOLVED, That $37,178 is hereby appropriated from the Fund Balance to 01030400-522207 Special Contractual Services.

   - Bill Maurer explained this is for the stormwater permit registration. The State of Connecticut has a stormwater registration that must be done for DPW.
   - It's a new application. This is for that application and registration.
   - We need to put in monitoring wells adjacent to the landfill on Spring Hill Road soil and gas monitoring wells. Gas is migrating north towards Monroe, and we need to put monitoring wells in.
   - This request includes the cost for creating a manual to help residents apply for stormwater compliance, reducing costs for homeowners on small additions and other projects and still help the town accomplish the goals of the stormwater policy. The manual is not for major development such as the apartments
   - Once the manual is written, it will be available to the public on the website. It was confirmed we do not currently have a manual but do have a stormwater policy. The manual and stormwater policy are required and will need to have a stormwater ordinance that will be brought before the Council in the future.
   - Emergency Legislation was requested.

   VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

4. RESOLUTION TC31-39: Moved by Wolf, seconded by Isaac
   BE IT RESOLVED, That $40,000 is hereby appropriated from the Fund Balance to 01012600-522204 Professional Services-Contractual.

   - Bill Chin explained this request $40,000 for a supplemental appropriation to correct a budget miscalculation for the technology department's fiber optic network upgrade. The initial budget included a proposal from Frontier for business fiber, but the proposed amount came back for residential fiber, leading to a cost miscalculation.
   - Frontier phone fees went up as well, between largely the fiber, and the phone fees the supplemental will cover.
   - This includes a cost savings from staying with the current vendor, Crown Castle, and correcting the budget for the universal surcharge, 29,000, which had not been included in the budget. This supplemental will cover the shortage.
   - Councilman Scinto and Bill Chin discussed the maintenance and cost implications

of fiber optic cables, including spare strands and potential fiber cuts.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

5. RESOLUTION TC31-40: Moved by Isaac, seconded by El Eris
   BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with the requirements of Chapter VIII, Section 9(8), of the Trumbull Town Charter the amount stated in said section which would require that the matter be put to referendum, as adjusted by CPI, is hereby amended to read $18,780,300. (A 2/3 Vote of the Council Required)

   - Attorney Schopick explained the need to adjust the amount stated in the Charter for inflation, using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) since 2020.
   - It was confirmed it is a Charter's provision to be done annually.
   - It was questioned retroactively adjusting the amount now, noting that over the years if votes were taken, there may have been some years that it did not pass, and the amount stayed the same. Next year we will all be aware and will do this again.
   - The Council has a right to vote against it and you want to have a minority report at the Council meeting, the council rules provide for that.
   - This issue came up when the referendum for the Senior Center was happening, it directed their attention to the fact that this was not being done. The senior center's cost was well above the amount. There is no motive in adjusting the referendum amount now.
   - How the Director of Finance adjusted amount was calculated is included in the back-up.
   - There is nothing planned that would be affected by the adjustment from $15 million to $18 million.
   - The importance of following the Charter's procedures was emphasized.
   - This does not impact on the town's bond rating.
   - Chairman Gaudiano suggested the Finance Director calculate what the number would be if the number was not indexed every year and bring that to the full Council. This ultimately must pass in a bipartisan way or it won't pass which is also not the right thing to do.

   VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-2 (AGAINST: Foreman and Wolf)

6. RESOLUTION TC31-41: WITHDRAWN
   BE IT RESOLVED that Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman, be and the same is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town a certain High Service Agreement with Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut, which addresses the issue of high pressure water service to be installed at the Veterans and First Responders Center now under construction.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss the Finance Committee adjourned at 7:54 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni

Margaret D. Mastroni, Clerk

FULL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TC 31-36: WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Bond Commission has authorized $900,000 in additional funding for the Trumbull Veterans and First Responders Center to be used for general construction costs; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECO) is the State department responsible to administer the aforementioned funds; and

WHEREAS, DECO is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic and community development projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Trumbull submit an application to the State for $900,000 in Urban Act funding in order to undertake the construction phase of the Veterans and First Responders Center project and to execute the Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Trumbull Town Council is cognizant of the application for Urban Act funding in an amount not to exceed $900,000 for the construction phase of the Trumbull Veterans and First Responders Center and the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by the Department of Economic and Community Development, and authorizes First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro to execute and submit such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development and all subsequent amendments, reports, and related documents in order to administer and implement the project.