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MINUTES  
MAY 2, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. All present joined in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair asked all those present to remember the Town's Assistant WPCA Administrator Fred Micha's son, Austin Micha who recently passed away.

ROLL CALL: The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

PRESENT:

Mike Buswell	Mary Isaac	Nicole Satin
Steve Choi	Jason Marsh	Ashley Gaudiano
Steve Lemoine	Kelly Mallozzi	Donna Seidell
Dawn Cantafio	Christopher DeCruze	Tony Scinto
Kevin Shively	Dede Robinson	Bill Mecca
Lissette Colón	Olga Leiva	Thomas Whitmoyer
Joy Colon	Tony Scinto	
Alissa Hall (By conference call)		

ALSO

PRESENT: First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro, Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Katske, Chief Administrative Officer Kathleen McGannon (arrived at 7:43 p.m.), Town Attorney Daniel Schopick, Town Attorney James Nugent, Director of Finance Maria Pires, BOF Chairman Lanie McHugh, Economic & Community Director Rina Bakalar, Trumbull Veterans & First Responders Center Building Committee Chairman Raymond Baldwin, Trumbull Veterans & First Responders Center Building Committee member Mary Beth Thornton, Chief of Police Michael Lombardo, EMS Chief Leigh Goodman Don Espach of the Tashua Knolls Golf Commission

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Colon to approve the April 4, 2022 minutes as submitted.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

Moved by Whitmoyer, seconded by Cantafio to approve the April 11, 2022 special meeting minutes as submitted.

Moved by Scinto, seconded by DeCruze to amend by adding on page 3 after the last full paragraph that ends with the “gerrymander.” the following:

“Mary Issac (called the question) no vote to call the question was taken”.

“Dawn Cantafio (called the question) only 11 votes were taken”.

Councilman Isaac noted she did not call the question. Councilman Scinto stated it was at 53 minutes & 29 seconds of the recording. Councilman Isaac will need to review the recording. The Chair stated to call the question a 2/3 vote of the council is needed.

The clerk called the roll call vote and recorded it as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Buswell	✓		
Mary Isaac			✓
Dede Robinson	✓		
Bill Mecca		✓	
Nicole Satin		✓	
Donna Seidell	✓		
Steve Choi	✓		
Alissa Hall (conference call vote)		✓	
Jason Marsh	✓		
Lisette Colón	✓		
Ashley Gaudiano			✓
Olga Leiva	✓		
Joy Colon		✓	
Steve Lemoine	✓		
Kelly Mallozzi		✓	
Dawn Cantafio	✓		
Christopher DeCruze	✓		
Carl Massaro			✓
Tony Scinto	✓		
Kevin Shively			✓
Thomas Whitmoyer	✓		

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 12-5-4 (AGAINST: Mecca, Satin, Hall, Colon, Mallozzi)  
(ABSTENTION: Isaac, Gaudiano, Massaro, Shively)

The clerk called the roll call vote as amended:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Buswell	✓		
Mary Isaac			✓
Dede Robinson	✓		
Bill Mecca	✓		
Nicole Satin	✓		
Donna Seidell	✓		

Steve Choi	✓		
Alissa Hall (conference call vote)	✓		
Jason Marsh	✓		
Lisette Colón	✓		
Ashley Gaudiano	✓		
Olga Leiva	✓		
Joy Colon	✓		
Steve Lemoine	✓		
Kelly Mallozzi	✓		
Dawn Cantafio	✓		
Christopher DeCruze	✓		
Carl Massaro			✓
Tony Scinto	✓		
Kevin Shively			✓
Thomas Whitmoyer	✓		

VOTE: Motion CARRIED as amended 18-0-3 (ABSTENTION: Isaac, Massaro, Shively)

The Chair acknowledged it was the first day of Teacher Appreciation Week and extended her gratitude to all of our teachers who in countless ways have made a huge difference in her children’s and so many others’ lives. The Chair extended her gratitude to all of the teachers present at this meeting and the success over the past month of many of the student groups, Odyssey of the Mind at Madison Middle School advanced to the World Finals, We the People finished in the top ten in the nation, Trumbull High’s Math Team finished second in the state championships, THS Marching Band made it to the semifinals at the Nationals, and the list goes on and on. The Council took a moment to thank those students and teachers.

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

- Trumbull Veterans & First Responders Center Building Committee Update:  
Chairman of the Trumbull Veterans & First Responders Center Building Committee Raymond Baldwin noted the following people were also present: New VFW Commander and former Town Building Official Graham Bissett, American Legion Commander Ernie Foito, Building Committee members Chief of Police Michael Lombardo and Mary Beth Thornton.

Mr. Baldwin reported the following:

- The building has been torn down and the site remediated.
- The site is shovel ready and ready for the project.
- The Town Engineering Department is looking at dredging Kaatz’s Pond which is beneficial to the site aesthetically and functionality-wise.
- Through innovative thinking the Town’s Parks Superintendent, Town Engineer and Director of Public Works are going to retain the dredged material onsite which will allow them to add 20-25 more parking spaces on site.
- Through the efforts of Senator Moore and our state’s legislative delegation they were able to obtain a \$1.5 million grant for construction. He extended his gratitude to Rina Bakalar for her hard work on the grants for this project.

- Because of supply chain issues and construction costs escalating throughout the nation, they were advised by the architect to go out and do a revised estimate on the cost of the project. It is now estimated in the area of \$4 million to \$4.5 million dollars. He is not asking for funding at this time. It was the building committee's charge to raise the money and until every avenue has been exhausted including private, federal and state sectors, he will not be back to the Council for any money. They are working with a number of corporations and some people that they think are going to come forward.
- The committee appreciates the Council's support of the project.

Ms. Rina Bakalar explained the following on the \$3 million grant applications she filed with Senator Murphy Senator Blumenthal's office and Representative Himes office:

- There was an application by the town last year for the Member Driven Community Project funding, previously known as earmarks. Earmarks have not been part of the federal budget in 12 years. It came back last year as a formal program. Last year Trumbull wasn't selected on the House side to move forward, but did get selected on the Senate side but didn't make it through the final process. It was the first year and was challenging. There were many applications.
- They had a comprehensive meeting with the congressional offices to discuss how to strengthen Trumbull's proposals this year. Ms. Bakalar did resubmit on the House side, and to each Senate office. Three applications were submitted for the one project. It's all one ask of \$3 million. They didn't lower the amount because they got the 1.5 million due to cost escalations. Based on all the estimates they have gotten from professionals \$4.5 million should cover the construction costs.
- They are waiting to hear from the from the House office, Congressman Himes, and from the Senate offices to see if they select Trumbull's project. Last year, they could only select 10 projects, and this year, they can select 15. The 10 projects that went in on the House side through Congressman Hime's office all got their funding.
- They did send in 30 letters of support. Last year there were 17. They are very hopeful.

Points of Discussion are as follows:

- Councilman Buswell extended his gratitude to Mr. Baldwin, Ms. Thornton, the First Selectman, Senator Moore and Mr. Rutigliano. He was one of the final people to rent the building and always was hopeful for the property and is grateful for them stepping up and for their vision for the property. They have his full support in any capacity for the project.

The Chair extended her gratitude to the Mr. Baldwin and the Building Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no one present from the public to speak and the Chair closed public comment at 7:22 p.m.

1. RESOLUTION TC29-55: Moved by Satin, seconded by Cantafio  
BE IT RESOLVED That the Trumbull Town Council is cognizant of the application for funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 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 file 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)

Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on April 26, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.

Councilman Massaro extended his gratitude for all of Ms. Bakalar's hard work on the grants and to Senator Moore and State Representatives Laura Devlin, Tony Scott, Ben McGorty, and David Rutigliano who lobbied especially hard for this grant as well others we have pursued. He looks forward to getting this officially approved by the state and getting the project underway.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent.

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Satin to pass as Emergency Legislation.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

2. RESOLUTION TC29-56: Moved by Seidell, seconded by Mallozzi  
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull Town Council is cognizant of the application for funding from the 2023 Member Directed Community Project Program/Congressionally Directed Spending Program in the amount of \$3,000,000 to support the construction of the Trumbull Veterans and First Responders Center, and authorizes First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro to execute and file such application and all subsequent amendments, reports, and related documents in order to administer and implement the project. (Full Resolution Attached)

Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on April 26, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent.

The Chair noted this resolution was discussed during the Discussion Item of this agenda.

Ms. Bakalar explained it's estimated there are 15 projects in the neighborhood of \$1 million to \$3 million. The money goes through the budget process and appropriation bills and have to choose which bill to apply under, she applied under the THUD bill and our ask will only go through the THUD committee process of the federal government. It is a formal process now.

The Chair extended her gratitude to Ms. Bakalar for her work on this and suggested the Council send a letter of support in a bipartisan manner. Ms. Bakalar indicated emergency legislation was not necessary.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent.

3. RESOLUTION TC29-57: Moved by Whitmoyer, seconded by Cantafio

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Attorney is hereby authorized to settle a workers compensation claim known as Gary Sengalliesi v. the Town of Trumbull.

Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on April 26, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent to enter into executive session, to end executive session and the vote on the resolution carried by unanimous consent. It was noted for the record the Committee minutes need to reflect Attorney Bonnapaine was present not Attorney Fattabene and Ms. Katske was not present during executive session.

Moved by Colón, seconded by Choi to ENTER into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

The Trumbull Town Council entered into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. to discuss pending litigation with the following people present: Mike Buswell, Mary Isaac, Nicole Satin, Steve Choi, Jason Marsh, Ashley Gaudiano, Steve Lemoine, Kelly Mallozzi, Donna Seidell, Dawn Cantafio, Christopher DeCruze, Tony Scinto, Kevin Shively, Dede Robinson, Bill Mecca, Lissette Colón, Olga Leiva, Thomas Whitmoyer, Joy Colon, Tony Scinto, Alissa Hall (By conference call), Labor Relations Director Thomas McCarthy, Director of Finance Maria Pires, Town Attorney Schopick and First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro.

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Whitmoyer to END Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent.

4. RESOLUTION TC29-58: Moved by Robinson, seconded by Cantafio  
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$105,585 is hereby appropriated from Golf Retained Earnings 21-315200 to Capital Outlay 21100000-581888.

Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on April 26, 2022 and voted by unanimous consent to pass without recommendation.

Mr. Espach explained this was also in their FY2023 budget but they can start the project this fiscal year. The north side of the roof of the Pro-Shop leaks and has been for a number of years, it needs to be replaced. They are replacing the whole north side, the south side was fixed approximately 10 years ago. Mr. Espach respectfully requested not to take the funds out of the next fiscal year's budget as they can put it to good use. If the council has to due to procedural reasons he understood.

Attorney Schopick explained these funds come from the Enterprise Fund which is paid by the golfers.

Mr. Espach stated the cost of the roof is \$105,000, it is not a good time to do roofs but it has to be done. Attorney Schopick further explained the successful bidder for the job is

able to do the roof now, if they wait it won't happen for another year. It is important this is passed and asked that it be passed as emergency legislation.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent.

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Satin to pass as emergency legislation.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

5. RESOLUTION TC29-59: Moved by Mallozzi, seconded by Cantafio  
BE IT RESOLVED that the sale of town-owned properties at 105, 109, 115, 119, 120, 123, and 124 Duane Place to Marcia Lopes for \$79,227.50 is hereby approved. (Full Resolution Attached)

Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on April 26, 2022 and voted by 4-2 (Buswell, Scinto). Attorney Schopick noted the following corrections of the Committee Minutes: The appraisal was \$22,000 not \$72,000 and that the new owner does have the right to go to P&Z for waivers.

Councilman Scinto stated he hoped going forward, the Planning and Zoning Commission ask questions and do more homework before they send 8-24 referrals. In this case they did not. They didn't ask any questions. Councilman Scinto clarified there was not anything in particular that the council needs more on this from P&Z, P&Z needs to do their job and they are not.

Councilman Buswell explained he went to the site a couple days ago and did his own homework, he spoke with the neighbors, the public works department and did a pretty thorough investigation over the course of a couple of days and a lot of information came to light that was not known previously in the resolution or minutes. To Councilman Scinto's point, the more information P&Z knows going into a situation like this, the better.

It was confirmed this property was marketed differently than the properties on Church Hill Road, this property was a \$22,000 piece of property, and the Church Hill properties were listed at their appraised values. This is a homerun because it was put out to bid and the town will get \$73,700, the other fees are added on but are paid by the buyer. Councilman Massaro noted that no one came to the Council first for permission or recommendation to market the property. Attorney Nugent noted the Purchasing Agent has used Govdeals several times, it is an effective way of disposing of certain types of property. They did make a distinction with this \$22,000 property. That was the town's valuation and the independent appraisal valuation.

Attorney Schopick further explained due to the nature of the property on Church Hill Road, he had a debate within himself over whether it was necessary to go to the Council for permission to put them on the market, and he decided that it was probably best under the circumstances in the way that the properties had been acquired, that they should go back come to the Council for permission to put the properties on the market for sale. In

this case, the present property the property was foreclosed, the town did not have any major use for the property when it was acquired and knew it would have to come back here. If Council said no, then the Town would have to hold on to the property and be responsible for it.

Attorney Schopick believes AA zone is a ½ acre residential zone.

The Chair noted due to the length of the agenda that she did not want the Council to get into a back and forth, she asked they make their comments and the meeting would continue.

Attorney Schopick explained this was the result of an auction bid. It is the high bid, the bidder had to put up a \$5,000 deposit in order to participate in the auction. He did not know how many bids there were. But the highest and best bid was \$73,700, the balance is a fee to Govdeals.com that is being paid by the buyer. The money goes to the Town, the town pays Govdeals their fee, and retains the \$73,700. That was an auction that was opened and was advertised nationally on various websites. This was property that was valued at \$22,000 and is all rock with a cliff.

Attorney Schopick further explained there was another step mandated by law for the sale of the Church Hill Road properties, a public hearing held by the Town Council the night the sale was approved. The statute specifically says the property that is obtained through foreclosure is not subject to public hearing, the 8-24 approval could have been initiated at any time. The 8-24 referral is only a statement by the board. It's a statement by the P&Z that the property should be or may be sold. The referral is done when the town is going to lease property, sell property or purchase property. It's not the purview of P&Z to get into specifics of what the sale price is or what the property is going to be used for, they can ask those questions, but the use of or the actual sale of the property is not within the purview of P&Z. What they're saying is, yes, they agree that the property should be sold, if P&Z had not agreed the property should be sold, it would have to come to the Council prior to the sale to override P&Z and would need a 2/3 vote to override P&Z. In this instance, P&Z made the referral and based on that the town put the property on the market through Govdeals, prior approval to do so is not required. Because of the nature of the purchase of the Church Hill properties it seemed appropriate to come to the Town Council to say they were changing that purpose of the properties and selling them as single family homes which is far different from this \$22,000 lot of rock. They felt the best way of marketing this was through the auction site.

Attorney Schopick and Attorney Nugent conformed for the Chair that the Council knows everything about the property from their perspective for this resolution and the sale of the property.

Attorney Schopick explained the resolution includes the full amount, the Town will pay the buyer's fee added on by Govedeals, and the Town will retain the buyer's bid of \$73,700. The Town received the gross proceeds, the conveyance tax return is going to show the gross proceeds, understanding there's no conveyance tax to pay, the Town is

exempt from paying conveyance tax. The Town will put that on the on the conveyance tax return. Money will come in the Town will retain the \$73,700 and disperse the rest. The town has zero expense.

Attorney Schopick explained the buyer is buying the property “as is”. The Town does not know if there is contamination, but if there is they buyer is responsible, the auction stated that the buyer is responsible for all environmental issues. He does not think the municipality is subject to the CT Transfer Act. There was no sort of establishment of the property that they know of. There was no gas station there or dry cleaner.

The clerk called the roll call vote and recorded it as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Buswell		✓	
Mary Isaac	✓		
Dede Robinson		✓	
Bill Mecca	✓		
Nicole Satin	✓		
Donna Seidell	✓		
Steve Choi	✓		
Alissa Hall (conference call vote)	✓		
Jason Marsh	✓		
Lisette Colón	✓		
Ashley Gaudiano	✓		
Olga Leiva	✓		
Joy Colon	✓		
Steve Lemoine	✓		
Kelly Mallozzi	✓		
Dawn Cantafio	✓		
Christopher DeCruze	✓		
Carl Massaro	✓		
Tony Scinto		✓	
Kevin Shively	✓		
Thomas Whitmoyer	✓		

VOTE: ADOPTED 18-3 (AGAINST: Buswell, Robinson, Scinto)

- RESOLUTION TC28-60: Moved by Scinto, seconded by Satin  
BE IT RESOLVED, That the annual budget for the Town of Trumbull for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, as recommended by the Board of Finance and amended by the Town Council, be and the same is hereby adopted and that the sums stated therein as amended for their respective purposes be and the same are hereby appropriated.

Moved by Shively, seconded by Cantafio to waive the reading of the Committee Report:  
VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

The Chair extended her gratitude to everybody who has been a part of the budget process and to Ms. Pires and the Finance Department for all of their work, to all of the department heads who put in a lot of time, the BOF who put in a tremendous amount of time holding public hearings and department hearings, the Town Council Finance Committee who held department hearings and a committee meeting. The budget is finally in front of the full Council for their vote. The Council will go through department by department. There are only two options for the Council, to either reduce any line item in the budget with a simple majority vote or increase any line items only to the amount of the First Selectman which would require a two thirds vote to increase. Councilman Shively added the Council is working from the BOF approved recommended budget. The Chair added after the budget is adopted by the Council it goes to the BOF to set the mill rate. Once the budget is adopted, the BOE gets one lump sum, they get to allocate that as they see fit.

The Council went department by department and the following are discussion points and motions and votes taken:

## **02 PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **EMS 01022600-501101 SALARIES-FT/PERMANENT**

Moved by Isaac, seconded by Mallozzi to increase by \$22,235.

Councilman Isaac explained this is to bring on one of the delayed EMT hires to July 1<sup>st</sup>, as opposed to waiting until January 1<sup>st</sup>, there were two delayed, this motion is moving one to be hired for July 1<sup>st</sup>. During the budget hearing process Chief Goodman had brought up the fact that the amount of out of town calls had increased significantly. There are also a lot of calls from other districts coming in to facilitate. Now that COVID is almost over the call volume has gone back up. EMS generates \$1.5 million. This is a way to add more staff per diem. Some of the per diems are over or close to as high as they can be. This was proposed to facilitate the department further. When we go out of district we're paid for that. We have a lot of per diems, 18 of those are going to be leaving shortly to go on to other positions. We could be short staffed. The position put in last February has not been set yet. That person will hopefully be coming on soon. There could be a four to six month delay in hiring. If we wait until January 1, for that person as well, it could be another six months. Councilman Isaac feels strongly in aiding the department.

Councilman Massaro stated the supplemental done was \$109,000 was to address the out of town calls, the Chief explained it would take six months.

The Chair explained the BOF wanted to give EMS time for the implementation of what had been approved, if there was a need they encouraged the Chief to come back to the BOF for a supplemental.

Ms. McHugh, Chairman of the BOF explained the BOF did support the hiring of the two additional EMTs. They gave the Chief a supplemental to hire another full shift, which hadn't hit the road yet. The BOF wanted her to have six months to get that up and running. She doesn't believe hiring one now changes the intent of that. The BOF felt six months gave them lead time to get the other shift on the road, and see how the

deployment pattern worked. They do support the growth of that department, they just wanted to make sure it was incremental and each part was in place first.

Councilman Shively explained he was of the mind of giving them some time to get that new crew on board so the Council could see what their need really was and making sure that they needed everything that were given. Under normal circumstances, he probably would have said, to split it, and give them at least one now, and one later, but with the added cost coming up of the employee benefits he is not sure about doing that. He would like to see what they can do with what was already given to them first.

It was confirmed there was one EMT in the supplemental

The clerk called the roll call vote and recorded it as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Buswell	✓		
Mary Isaac	✓		
Dede Robinson	✓		
Bill Mecca	✓		
Nicole Satin	✓		
Donna Seidell	✓		
Steve Choi	✓		
Alissa Hall (conference call vote)	✓		
Jason Marsh		✓	
Lissette Colón	✓		
Ashley Gaudiano	✓		
Olga Leiva	✓		
Joy Colon	✓		
Steve Lemoine	✓		
Kelly Mallozzi	✓		
Dawn Cantafio		✓	
Christopher DeCruze		✓	
Carl Massaro		✓	
Tony Scinto		✓	
Kevin Shively		✓	
Thomas Whitmoyer		✓	

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 14-7 (AGAINST: Marsh, Cantafio, DeCruze, Massaro, Scinto, Shively, Whitmoyer)

EMS NEW TOTAL \$1,763,946 - Increase of \$22,235

The clerk called the roll call vote and recorded it as follows

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Buswell	✓		
Mary Isaac	✓		

Dede Robinson	✓		
Bill Mecca	✓		
Nicole Satin	✓		
Donna Seidell	✓		
Steve Choi	✓		
Alissa Hall (conference call vote)	✓		
Jason Marsh	✓		
Lisette Colón	✓		
Ashley Gaudiano	✓		
Olga Leiva	✓		
Joy Colon	✓		
Steve Lemoine	✓		
Kelly Mallozzi	✓		
Dawn Cantafio	✓		
Christopher DeCruze	✓		
Carl Massaro		✓	
Tony Scinto		✓	
Kevin Shively	✓		
Thomas Whitmoyer	✓		

VOTE: APPROVED 19-2 (AGAINST: Massaro, Scinto)

**02 PUBLIC SAFETY NEW TOTAL** \$15,016,818-Increase of \$22,235  
APPROVED by unanimous consent

**03 PUBLIC WORKS**

PUBLIC WORKS-BUILDING MAINTENANCE 01030200581888 CAPITAL  
OUTLAY

Moved by Marsh, seconded by Cantafio to increase by \$10,000.

Councilman Isaac explained after speaking with Mr. Estrada, the BOF had taken this out thinking that it was a more of a security issue. They wanted to know who was watching and what was being watched. The cameras are part of an ongoing program that they have been utilizing for safety and liability outside of park and public buildings. \$50,000 was put in, which was too much and are asking to put \$10,000 back in.

Councilman Scinto spoke against the motion because nobody's going to maintain them or check them. They have to run cables if they're putting them in a park and questioned whether the internet is set up in the park and whether the infrastructure is there. He does not know if the bus depot building is the town's. When he went there he saw cameras on the building already. He is against the motion from a maintenance and infrastructure standpoint.

Councilman Cantafio could only speak to Twin Brooks. She knew they put in security cameras there and they have been working, they monitor because there were problems

with vandalism at the playground. She knows those are up and running and record 24 hours.

Councilman Isaac added it's also for falls and vandalism outside of town buildings. It's reviewing after the fact to help with insurance and liability.

The Chair confirmed Mr. Estrada had indicated \$10,000 was sufficient to put cameras in certain locations, not everywhere.

Councilman Isaac further explained it may not save directly on liability costs but if someone falls and there is a claim against the town, the cameras help to clarify and in many ways. There are a couple buildings that the \$10,000 will go towards. They're going to be at the BOF next month to present to them.

The Chair explained when they talk about monitoring and security, those conversations need to be held in Executive Session, because that's information that discloses potential security. If we want to have those conversations Mr. Estrada has made the offer to come to both the BOF and the Town Council to discuss in executive session. She will put that on the agenda for a future meeting and will try for either June or July.

Councilman Whitmoyer stated this is a campaign started for cameras. We're in a society that has cameras everywhere. We're making those steps year after year to add cameras, where it is necessary. This is to keep the process going it's not a greater expense down the road.

Ms. Pires noted she had not seen anything in the budget related to licensing costs, but if there were it would be under technology, IT handles all the maintenance.

The clerk called the roll call vote and recorded it as follows

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Buswell	✓		
Mary Isaac	✓		
Dede Robinson		✓	
Bill Mecca	✓		
Nicole Satin	✓		
Donna Seidell	✓		
Steve Choi	✓		
Alissa Hall (conference call vote)	✓		
Jason Marsh	✓		
Lisette Colón			✓
Ashley Gaudiano	✓		
Olga Leiva	✓		
Joy Colon	✓		
Steve Lemoine	✓		
Kelly Mallozzi	✓		
Dawn Cantafio	✓		

Christopher DeCruze		✓	
Carl Massaro		✓	
Tony Scinto		✓	
Kevin Shively	✓		
Thomas Whitmoyer	✓		

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 16-4-1 (AGAINST: Robinson, DeCruze, Massaro, Scinto)  
(ABSTENTION: Colón)

**PUBLIC WORKS-BUILDING MAINTENANCE NEW TOTAL \$1,098,643-Increase \$10,000**

The clerk called the roll call vote and recorded it as follows

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Buswell	✓		
Mary Isaac	✓		
Dede Robinson		✓	
Bill Mecca	✓		
Nicole Satin	✓		
Donna Seidell	✓		
Steve Choi	✓		
Alissa Hall (conference call vote)	✓		
Jason Marsh	✓		
Lissette Colón			✓
Ashley Gaudiano	✓		
Olga Leiva			✓
Joy Colon	✓		
Steve Lemoine	✓		
Kelly Mallozzi	✓		
Dawn Cantafio	✓		
Christopher DeCruze		✓	
Carl Massaro		✓	
Tony Scinto		✓	
Kevin Shively	✓		
Thomas Whitmoyer	✓		

VOTE: APPROVED 15-4-2 (AGAINST: Robinson, DeCruze, Massaro, Scinto)  
(ABSTENTION: Colón, Leiva)

**03 PUBLIC WORKS NEW TOTAL \$9,928,598-Increase \$10,000**

The clerk called the roll call vote and recorded it as follows

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Buswell	✓		
Mary Isaac	✓		

Dede Robinson		✓	
Bill Mecca	✓		
Nicole Satin	✓		
Donna Seidell	✓		
Steve Choi	✓		
Alissa Hall (conference call vote)	✓		
Jason Marsh	✓		
Lisette Colón	✓		
Ashley Gaudiano	✓		
Olga Leiva			✓
Joy Colon	✓		
Steve Lemoine	✓		
Kelly Mallozzi	✓		
Dawn Cantafio	✓		
Christopher DeCruze	✓		
Carl Massaro		✓	
Tony Scinto		✓	
Kevin Shively	✓		
Thomas Whitmoyer	✓		

VOTE: APPROVED 17-3-1 (AGAINST: Robinson, Massaro, Scinto) (ABSTENTION: Leiva)

**04 PUBLIC HEALTH TOTAL \$557,463-NO CHANGE**

VOTE: APPROVED by unanimous consent.

**05 SOCIAL SERVICES/HUMAN SERVICES TOTAL \$875,643-NO CHANGE**

VOTE: APPROVED by unanimous consent.

**06 EDUCATION TOTAL \$124,812,196-NO CHANGE**

VOTE: APPROVED by unanimous consent.

**07 LIBRARIES TOTAL \$1,808,552-NO CHANGE**

VOTE: APPROVED by unanimous consent.

**08 RECREATION AND PARKS**

01080800 Tree Warden

Moved by Scinto, seconded by Colon to reduce 01080800-522205 Program Expenses by \$75,000.

Councilman Scinto explained the Tree Warden is currently \$112,000 over budget for this year. He watched the BOF meeting and it seems that they were questioning why it is over so much. Trumbull does has a lot of trees, but this is already over this year with two months to go and questioned how many more trees have to be cut down.

Councilman Shively explained he voted against removing this money in committee, but since then he had thought about it a lot and has a lot of concerns. It seems like every year a certain amount is budgeted and they go far beyond that amount. He understands the department does have public safety requirements and liabilities. There are situations where there are emergencies where they have no choice but to take down trees. The problem that he has is that there really are not any answers. The BOF was asking questions wanting more information and have heard from several people who would like more information as far as what's an emergency and how much tree work they actually have to do. Going forward they need to ask those questions in more detail. He supports the motion.

Councilman Cantafio spoke against the motion and supports the \$75,000 in the budget. On the trail there are always emergencies and trees falling. There's also earmarked trees that are still supposed to come down this year. It is a safety issue on that trail, when they come down they might also take down the trail rails.

Councilman Satin supported keeping the \$75,000 in the budget because it's coming out every year. Historically they are spending this money. It just doesn't make sense to not have it in the budget at this point.

The Chair and Ms. Pires confirmed this is a reoccurs every year. The BOF has required they come to the board to clarify the differences every year and more often than at the end of the year. It does seem to be under budgeted every year.

The Chair noted the BOF has been asking what comes from planned expenses and what is coming from unexpected expenses?

Ms. McHugh explained there is a special account if it is weather related that is separate from this budget. This budget, has been historically under budgeted and has been reduced each year. The BOF added the money and asked that they come to the BOF before overspending when they hit a certain threshold.

Ms. McHugh further clarified there are residents that ask to have trees looked at to see if the tree is on the town property, that's the money that comes out of this account. If it's storm related, that's different and comes from the special account.

Councilman Massaro stated without \$75,000, the budget is up \$32,000 from the prior year. One can say that the department is underfunded, however, it can also be said that it's overspent. The BOF is going to make the inquiries necessary to see what the money is being spent on. He spoke in favor of cutting the \$75,000 until it's proven that they're not overspending the budget.

Councilman Satin noted Mr. Paris did ask for \$300,000. She would like to hear more from Mr. Paris and think there's a lot of digging to do here, but historically, we're spending the money anyway.

Councilman Shively said the problem is they don't know if it is overspending or under budgeting. That is the information needed, they can't budget if they don't know what they need. The bottom line is that if there are emergencies, liabilities, or a tree coming down that could cause public safety issues, they are going to spend the money, regardless if it's budgeted or not. Not having a budget doesn't mean we won't spend it. Until it is known what the actual need is, they can't keep adding money to the budget.

The Chair noted to decrease an amount they would need a majority vote. It would not be possible to get the information of how much money the department needs ahead of this vote. Those are the questions the BOF is asking and the Council will be having further conversation with the department head.

The clerk called the roll call vote and recorded it as follows

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Buswell		✓	
Mary Isaac		✓	
Dede Robinson	✓		
Bill Mecca	✓		
Nicole Satin		✓	
Donna Seidell	✓		
Steve Choi	✓		
Alissa Hall (conference call vote)		✓	
Jason Marsh	✓		
Lissette Colón	✓		
Ashley Gaudiano	✓		
Olga Leiva	✓		
Joy Colon	✓		
Steve Lemoine	✓		
Kelly Mallozzi		✓	
Dawn Cantafio		✓	
Christopher DeCruze	✓		
Carl Massaro	✓		
Tony Scinto	✓		
Kevin Shively	✓		
Thomas Whitmoyer	✓		

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 15-6- (AGAINST: Buswell, Robinson, Satin, Hall, Mallozzi, Cantafio)

**TREE WARDEN NEW TOTAL \$190,285-DECREASE \$75.000**

The clerk called the roll call vote and recorded it as follows

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Buswell	✓		
Mary Isaac	✓		

Dede Robinson	✓		
Bill Mecca	✓		
Nicole Satin	✓		
Donna Seidell	✓		
Steve Choi	✓		
Alissa Hall (conference call vote)	✓		
Jason Marsh	✓		
Lisette Colón	✓		
Ashley Gaudiano	✓		
Olga Leiva	✓		
Joy Colon	✓		
Steve Lemoine	✓		
Kelly Mallozzi	✓		
Dawn Cantafio		✓	
Christopher DeCruze	✓		
Carl Massaro	✓		
Tony Scinto	✓		
Kevin Shively	✓		
Thomas Whitmoyer	✓		

VOTE: APPROVED 20-1 (AGAINST: Cantafio)

**08 RECREATION AND PARKS NEW TOTAL \$3,479,264-DECREASE \$75,000**

VOTE: APPROVED by unanimous consent.

**09 DEBT SERVICE \$7,312,505-NO CHANGE**

VOTE: APPROVED by unanimous consent.

**10 ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

**2010000 SEWERS-ENTERPRISE TOTAL \$10,231,830-NO CHANGE**

Ms. Katske explained sewer assessment cannot be aid online due to a software issue.

VOTE: APPROVED by unanimous consent.

**2110000 TASHUA KNOLLS ENTERPRISE**

Moved by Isaac, seconded by Shively to reduce 21100000-581888 Capital Outlay by \$105,585.

This was addressed by the supplemental appropriation adopted earlier at this meeting. This represents the roof repair/replacement written into this budget. Attorney Schopick explained the cost of the roof was \$105,000.

Moved by Isaac to amend her motion, seconded by Shively to reduce 21100000-581888 Capital Outlay by \$105,000.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

**TASHUA KNOLLS NEW TOTAL \$2,480,147-DECREASE\$105,000**

VOTE: APPROVED by unanimous consent.

**10 ENTERPRISE FUNDS NEW TOTAL \$12,711,977-DECREASE \$105,000**

VOTE: APPROVED by unanimous consent.

**01 GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**01013400-511151 Employee Benefits**

The Chair noted last week at the Finance Committee they were alerted that medical benefit costs will increase and is going to cost both the Town and the BOE additional monies. It was proposed to restore a decrease by the BOF and restore account 511151 Fringe Benefits, Medical and Dental to the first selectman level of \$6,145,380.

Ms. Pires explained in February their broker gave them a quote of an increase in the medical at 7.5%, which is included in a budget. Subsequent to that they were informed it will be a 10.5%. That translates to a \$150,000 increase for the Town and for the BOE about \$400,000. The Council cannot increase higher than the first selectman level of funding, but can restore the 34,650.

Moved by Whitmoyer, seconded by Cantafio to increase 01013400-511151 Employee Benefits by \$34,650. The Chair noted a 2/3 vote is required

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS NEW TOTAL \$19,218,166-INCREASE \$34,650**

VOTE: APPROVED by unanimous consent.

**01 GENERAL GOVERNMENT NEW TOTAL \$26,279,899-INCREASE \$34,650**

VOTE: APPROVED by unanimous consent.

**GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$190,070,932-DECREASE \$8,115**

VOTE: APPROVED by unanimous consent.

**GRAND TOTAL \$202,782,909-DECREASE \$113,115.00**

The clerk called the roll call vote and recorded it as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Buswell	✓		
Mary Isaac	✓		
Dede Robinson		✓	
Bill Mecca	✓		
Nicole Satin	✓		
Donna Seidell		✓	
voSteve Choi		✓	
Alissa Hall (conference call vote)	✓		
Jason Marsh	✓		

Lissette Colón		✓	
Ashley Gaudio	✓		
Olga Leiva		✓	
Joy Colon	✓		
Steve Lemoine		✓	
Kelly Mallozzi	✓		
Dawn Cantafio	✓		
Christopher DeCruze		✓	
Carl Massaro		✓	
Tony Scinto		✓	
Kevin Shively	✓		
Thomas Whitmoyer	✓		

VOTE: ADOPTED 12-9 (AGAINST: Robinson, Seidell, Choi, Colón, Leiva, Lemoine, DeCruze, Massaro, Scinto)

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Cantafio, seconded by Leiva the Town Council adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Margaret D. Mastroni  
Town Council Clerk

## FULL RESOLUTIONS

### RESOLUTION TC29-55:

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Bond Commission has authorized \$1,500,000 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 (DECD) is the State department responsible to administer the aforementioned funds; and

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

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Trumbull make an application to the State for \$1,500,000 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 funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 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 file 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.

RESOLUTION TC29-56:

WHEREAS, the United States Congress is accepting applications for federal funding through the 2023 Member Directed Community Project Program/Congressionally Directed Spending Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Trumbull is applying to both the House of Representatives and the United States Senate for funding in the amount of \$3,000,000 to support the construction of the Trumbull Veterans and First Responders Center; and

WHEREAS, the application has been submitted under the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies account under the Community Development line item “Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)” which supports construction, rehabilitation, and improvements to public facilities and neighborhood centers.

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Trumbull Town Council is cognizant of the application for funding from the 2023 Member Directed Community Project Program in the amount of \$3,000,000 for general construction of the Trumbull Veterans and First Responders Center, and authorizes First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro to execute and file such application and all subsequent amendments, reports, and related documents in order to administer and implement the project.

RESOLUTION TC29-59: BE IT RESOLVED that the sale of town-owned properties at 105, 109, 115, 119, 120, 123, and 124 Duane Place to Marcia Lopes, or her designee, for \$79,227.50 is hereby approved; and

be it FURTHER RESOLVED that Vicki A Tesoro, First Selectman, or her designee, be and the same is hereby authorized to execute a Quit Claim Deed to said property and any other closing documents required to complete the sale; and

be it FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town is authorized to pay all closing expenses, including the administrative fee due to GovDeals, Inc., associated with this conveyance.