Middlesex Budget Committee
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 19, 2023
4:00 PM

Present: Randy Drury, Elias Gardner, Mark Harris, Zara Vincent, George Longenecker, Dorinda Crowell

Meeting Minutes

4:03 Call to Order - Amendments - none
4:05 Other Business

- Review and approve June meeting minutes 2023-06-20 Budget Committee Minutes.rtf
    - George moved to approve the June minutes as-is
    - Zara seconded
    - The motion passed 4-0-1
- Review Action Items -
    - AI 38 was closed on June 29th
    - Mark's update on AI 39 was to have a draft distributed by the end of July
- Budget impacts of July 9th/10th storm:
    - Federal disaster relief:
        - Mark asked about a total damage estimate. There isn't one at this time.
        - Randy reported that the Culver Hill repairs alone will cost an estimated $90,000. Govt. Hill, another hard-hit area, has no estimate currently. It's conceivable that the total damage figure will exceed $500,000.
        - FEMA reimbursement for fixing the town roads is estimated to be at least 75% of cost
            - It could be more, we don't know, as it's our first time dealing with FEMA
            - The driveway culvert work that the Town will do will also be included in the FEMA reimbursement request
            - Randy has also suggested that waterway cleanup of debris be included as well
            - FEMA's reimbursement schedule is not known - i.e., reimburse as invoices are submitted, or reimburse one time, at the end
    - ARPA funds:
        - We still have about $350,000 left of the $515,000 awarded
        - Use of these funds is at the discretion of the Select Board
    - Paying for road repairs before FEMA reimburses:
        - Dorinda reported that with this year's estimated budget surplus, and last year's, the General Fund will have about a $300,000 balance, which could be used to finance the early repairs
        - There is flexibility for the treasurer to use other funds to pay for repairs, and then reimburse them when FEMA $$ come through
    - Future budget planning for these events:
        - If the level of damage doesn't reach a Federal disaster, it could qualify as a State disaster
        - Dorinda reported that we received State reimbursement for storm damage back in 2019
        - If the damage is not enough to declare a State or Federal disaster, the repair costs are on our dime

        - The consensus was that we should consider a new Capital fund to be used for future extreme weather event repair. This will be on the August meeting agenda (*Action Item 40*)
- New (used) Rescue vehicle financing:
    - The General Fund will also be used to fund this purchase
    - Will cost $135,000, $13,500 (10%) down now
    - Remainder payable in October, to the town of Hyde Park
- The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 15th, at 4:00 PM
- The meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM

Date Created	**Action Item #**	**Assignee**	**Action Item**	**Due Date**	**Date Closed**
5/16/23	36	Mark	Add quarterly budget review to Oct. mtg agenda	10/13/23	
6/20/23	38	Zara Mark	Update the Capital Asset Inventory for: - Updated Shady Rill Section 1 estimate - Updated town capital fund balances	7/18/23	6/29/23
6/20/23	39	Mark	Draft a PPT presentation for the September Capital Budget public meeting	7/31/23	
7/18/23	40	Mark	Put discussion of new Capital fund on the August meeting agenda	8/11/23	
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