



Finance Committee

Meeting Date: March 10, 2021

Present: Chairman Dowd, Vice Chairman Conley, Clerk Corbosiero, Dewsnap, Riley

1. **Call to Order:** 6:30 PM
2. **Public Comments:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes:** No minutes to approve.
4. **FY 21 Capital Program Recommendations**
 - a. Most of our challenges that came up with COVID-19 have been covered by federal and state aid.
 - b. Certified free cash total \$2.7M – after requests there will be approximately \$1.6M
 - i. Snow and ice - \$670K (down from \$800K in prior year)
 - ii. OPEB Trust Fund - \$273K
 - iii. Fire Truck Stabilization – Hold - due to the purchasing of two new trucks
 - iv. Fields Stabilization - \$150K – to prepare for the full cost of implementing new fields at the High School/Track and Beaver Street
 - v. Open Space Stabilization – Hold – community preservation act allows 2% surcharge on real estate taxes
 - c. Town Department Capital Requests
 - i. Special Education Vans - \$120K
 - ii. ECDC Rubber Playground Surface - \$50K
 - iii. Security Access Controls - \$35K
 - iv. Firewall Upgrade - \$66K
 - v. Gymnasium Room Divider - \$25K
 - d. Facilities Department
 - i. Municipal Building Window Replacement - \$500K (down \$250K from the original estimate of \$750K)
 - e. Fire Department
 - i. Structural Firefighter Clothing - \$48K
 - ii. Solo Rescue Washer - \$30K
 - iii. Radio Microphone - \$42K
 - iv. MSA HUB - \$8K
 - f. Police Department
 - i. Vehicle replacement - \$236K (old vehicles go to surplus and auctioned off)
 - ii. Protective Body Armor \$10K (100% fully refunded from state and federal funds/goes back the general fund)
 - iii. Portable Radios - \$28K
 - iv. Electronic Control Weapons - \$15K
 - v. Technology/Equipment - \$11K
 - g. Public Works
 - i. Street Light/Intersection Design at Grove St/Washington - \$250K – plans to re-apply for a MassWorks grant for constructions funding
 - ii. Vehicles and Equipment - \$165K – replace dump truck with sander
 - h. Water Enterprise Funds – expenditures are overall slightly higher due to unknown circumstances around the Garelick bankruptcy case. Case is complete and the Town did receive expected payments.
 - i. Water Main replacement projects - \$1M
 - ii. Vehicles and Equipment - \$275K
 - iii. Low Service Area & Tank Repair Design - \$270K
 - iv. Scada System Upgrades - \$160K
 - v. Meter Replacement - \$50K
 - i. Sewer Enterprise Funds

- i. Sahlin Circle Sewer Station Construction - \$300K
 - ii. Beaver Street Interceptor Rehab Design - \$150K – receive additional independent analysis for overall cost of such a large project
 - iii. Vehicles and Equipment - \$56K
- j. Additional Needs over next 5-10 years
 - i. Technology
 - ii. Stormwater Utility
 - iii. Pavement and Infrastructure Management
 - iv. Police Station Renovation
 - v. School Curriculum
 - vi. Town and School Playground improvements
 - vii. Open Space
 - viii. Recycling Center expansion
- k. Approval of Resolution: 21-13 – passed 5-0
- l. Approval of Resolution: 21-14 – passed 5-0
- m. Approval of Resolution: 21-15 – passed 5-0
- n. Approval of Resolution: 21-16 – passed 5-0

5. Public Safety and MECC Discussion

- a. Gary Premo – Metacomet Emergency Communications Center (MECC) Director
 - i. Broke ground 6/27/17
 - ii. Went live 5/6/19
 - iii. Handles 25K 911 calls in first year of operation
 - iv. Mendon and Millville targeted to be added July 2021
 - v. 3 - 8 hour shifts
 - vi. 5 year capital plan funded from communities and grants – town receives quarterly assessment
- b. Chief TJ Lynch – Franklin Police Chief
- c. Chief Jim McLaughlin – Franklin Fire Department

6. FY22 Revenue Projections

- a. New growth projects at \$650K – anticipated to increase this for FY22.

7. Future Agenda Items

- a. Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) overview – April 14th Council presentation
- b. DPW – Overview of recycling, road maintenance, and other.
- c. Facilities - Council presentation in June
- d. Revenue projection in Feb and budget stabilization request
- e. Budget hearings in April (4 nights total)
- f. Projected 5-year capital plan needs
- g. Rec/Senior Center/Library

8. Adjourn – 9:22 p.m.