

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
May 9, 2018, Wednesday**

Present: Michael Molisse, Chairman
Thomas J. Lacey, Vice Chairman
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor
Brian McDonald, Councilor

Absent: Jane Hackett, Councilor

Also Present: Ted Langill, Chief of Staff
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Kenan Connell, DPW Director
David Tower, DPW Business Manager

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chairman Molisse called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Review and Discuss DPW, Snow Removal and Water/Sewer Budgets with Department Heads, Administration, Department of Public Works Director, Water and Sewer Superintendent and Business Manager

18 060-Department of Public Works

Kenan Connell and David Tower presented the budget and Auditor Swanson's questions were incorporated into the review.

- Org chart
- Significant changes
 - Sweep clean roads
 - Street lighting
 - Change of crew chief position
- Business manager salary allocation
- Overtime review
 - No coverage for sickness or vacations
- Bid/quote process
 - In accordance with provisions of MGL
 - Consortium bid
- Sundry items

During this discussion, at 6:09 PM, Vice Chairman Lacey arrived.

- Sidewalks /storm drains
- Trash / recycling
 - Contracts / rates/ durations

- Building Maintenance –in house/tradesmen
 - Police, fire station, DPW, Library
- Vehicle Maintenance
 - Gasoline
- Mechanical Parts
- Parks / Playgrounds
 - Meals tax money for improvements
- Snow / Ice removal
 - Rate changes
- Tracking vendors
 - Rate increase 2.75%
 - Connection fees – one time revenue
 - Sewer mitigation fees- any increase offset mitigation 4:1 still
 - Roll to retained earnings and use to fund capital projects
 - Liens process
 - Interest / Penalties – 12% + 10% if goes to tax process
 - Salaries include 3.3% increase= level funded
 - Covers all CBA adjustments
 - Other Prof –technical engineering advisory-related to new growth
 - Sundry

Chairman Molisse – noted there is confusion about rate structure. Who is responsible for repairs? Mr. Tower responded that it is still operating as a consecutive system. Nothing that Weymouth bills. They install themselves.

- Overtime – increased. Contractual CBA- employee on standby
- Stipends – 3 retirements coming up will have to cash out vacation and sick
- Vehicle maintenance-pump stations and ejector stations
- Gas
- Laterals
- Unclassified- unexpected cleanups
- Indirects
- Rate revenue-flat-based on past

Water Department

- Salaries
- Lien process
- Level budget
- Overtime
- Other professional-software
- Sundry
- Assessment- Safe Drinking Water Act Assessment
- WTR/ENG-testing
- Maintenance of water retention lagoons
- Treatment chemicals
- Union stipends

- Meter / hydrant replacement
- Indirects- debt service on water treatment/retirement/health insurance

Vice Chairman Lacey asked why the town took over billing for residents of Union Point. Mr. Tower responded that was an executive decision made through the Mayor's office. A discussion followed regarding the inequities with bills. The rate structure will come under review by the redevelopment authority. It's billed out at the second step and cost passed along to the residents. They are working on getting the pressure issue fixed at the main.

Vice Chairman Lacey noted that while he has the utmost faith for administration to handle the negotiations, he worries about taking on the infrastructure and a consecutive system. He asked if there is a plan to set demarcation points? Are they responding to issues and/or charging for them? Mr. Connell responded that they fix their own, but also lend assistance when needed, such as the incident this week with Weymouth Housing. Until there is a solution there is a duplication of duties. Chairman Molisse noted that the consecutive system is a concern.

Mr. Tower reviewed the following measures:

18 063-Free Cash for FY18 Snow Removal

The request is to transfer \$1,070,000 from free cash to cover a deficit that was not budgeted or reimbursed. This amount is to be placed in the fund account 0002 and any unexpended balances as of June 30, 2018 will fall to free cash.

18 064-Water Enterprise Fund Annual Appropriation

The measure is seeking to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,897,974 from the Water Enterprise Fund receipts and appropriate for salaries, operation, and expenses during fiscal year 2019 for the Water Department and that the Director of Public Works with the approval of the Mayor be authorized to expend said funds.

18 065-Water Main Improvements

The measure seeks to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund's Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with water main improvements for the Town's water distribution system. This is a MassDOT project from Pond Street to the Abington line.

This is item #117 on the FY2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan.

18 066-Water Treatment Plant and Well Improvements

The measure seeks to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund's Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the Water Treatment Plan and Well Improvements.

This is item #118 on the FY2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan.

18 067-Water Capital Equipment

This measure is requesting to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund's Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the purchase of new vehicles and associated equipment.

This is item #125 on the FY2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan.

18 068-Sewer Enterprise Fund Annual Appropriation

This measure seeks to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,926,048 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund receipts and appropriate for salaries, operation, and expenses during fiscal year 2019 for the Sewer Department and that the Director of Public Works with the approval of the Mayor be authorized to expend said funds.

18 069-Sewer Department-MWRA I/I Phase 10 Allocation

This is in request that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$1,995,000 for the purpose of planning, construction and reconstruction of sewers, sewer systems, and sewerage disposal facilities, consisting of infiltration/inflow improvements; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow \$1,995,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow all or portion of such amount from Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (hereinafter called the "Authority"); and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Authority and otherwise to contract for and to expend any federal or state aid available for the project including any grants related to the project from the authority; and that the Mayor is authorized to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

This is item #111 on the FY2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan.

18 070-Sewer Pump Station Improvements

This measure seeks to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund's Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with sewer pump station improvements.

This is item #112 and #113 on the FY2019-2013 Capital Improvement Plan.

18 071-Sewer Capital Equipment

This measure seeks to raise and appropriate the sum of \$410,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund's Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the purchase of a new Vactor Truck and Service Vehicle with associated equipment.

This is item #114 and #115 on the Fy2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan.

18 075-Free Cash Fore River Ave. Seawall Improvements

This measure is asking for a transfer of \$561,962 from free cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with Fore River Avenue Seawall Repairs and Improvements.

This amount is a local match to a \$1,685,888 State Dam and Seawall Grant awarded to Weymouth, for a total estimated project cost of \$2,247,850.

This is item #11 on the Capital Improvement Plan.

18 080-Free Cash for Road and Sidewalk Improvements

The measure requests to transfer the sum of \$850,000 from free cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with public road and sidewalk improvements in Weymouth. This is for making sidewalks and roadways along the Adams School ADA accessible.

This is item #1 and #2 on the Capital Improvement Plan.

18 081-Free Cash for Street Drainage Improvements

This measure seeks to transfer the sum of \$250,000 from free cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with street drainage improvements throughout Weymouth.

This is item #8 on the Capital Improvement Plan.

18 082-Free Cash for Front End Loader

This measure requests to transfer the sum of \$225,000 from free cash for the purpose of funding the cost of a front end loader. This is a multi-use piece of equipment

18 083-Free Cash for a One-Ton Truck with Plow/Sander

This measure seeks to transfer the sum of \$225,000 from the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund, as amended, for the purpose of funding costs associated with purchasing a front end loader with attachments for Weymouth DPW. This was originally requested as a free cash funding source but was on the HCA 2005 list.

This is item #4 on the Capital Improvement Plan.

Vote out the following measure:

18 059-DPW Line Item Transfer

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 17, 2018.

Mr. Tower reviewed the request that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$50,000 from the Department of Public Works Gasoline Account to the Street, Sidewalk Maintenance account for the purpose of funding street line painting. He noted they are using a better product.

Auditor Swanson confirmed that he verified the MUNIS accounts and there are adequate funds to support the measure.

A motion was made by Councilor Lacey to forward measure 18 059 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Vice Chairman Lacey commended the departments for the work completed in the past year, in spite of being understaffed. He noted that without the level of leadership in each department, the work doesn't get done.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:00PM, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Councilor Heffernan to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary.

Approved by Michael Molisse as Budget/Management Committee Chairman
Voted unanimously on 30 July 2018