

**Town of Enfield
Special Town Board Meeting
Thursday, May 25, 2023
6:30 pm**

In Person at the Enfield Town Courthouse and Via the Zoom Meeting Platform

Present: Supervisor Stephanie Redmond, Councilpersons; Robert Lynch, Jude Lemke, and Cassandra Hinkle; Highway Superintendent Buddy Rollins; Town Clerk Mary Cornell.

Excused: Councilperson James Ricks

Call to Order: Supervisor Redmond called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Privilege of the Floor: Buddy Rollins – When he asked for an excavator to replace the grade, he went and looked back at the capital plan and he has been shorted \$50,000 the last two years. He spoke on an email that he had been copied on regarding a quote to pave the highway driveway and a statement was made that was incorrect. Several years ago he was accused of paving the driveway and it wasn't paved it was oil and stoned. He agrees that code storage should be looked at instead of blacktopping the yard. If he can save some funds then he would be able to pave the driveway. He wanted to offer his comments and thanked the board for going to the county to get the grant for the radios and authorizing the purchase of a generator. The highway department has not asked for any items with the ARPA funds, so he appreciates what the board has done. Councilperson Lynch shared an update on James Ricks from correspondence that the board had received from Tom Joyce. James intends to serve out the remainder of his term and will not seek re-election. He Councilperson Lynch said he checked with the Board of Elections today and they stated that the primary will still need to take place, as it is too late for James to be taken off of the ballot. At this time it is too late for his vacancy committee to select a candidate. Councilperson Lynch, in reporting Councilperson Ricks' statement, said James has asked that individuals not support him as he does not intend to serve as Councilperson next term if reelected. Buddy updated the Town Board that the excavator has arrived and the new plow truck arrived today.

Additions and Changes to the Agenda: Councilperson Lynch asked if we should vote on these items individually. Councilperson Lemke does not think that it would matter. We would need to have documentation for the expended funds.

Correspondence: None.

New Business:

Resolution #60-2023 Expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Whereas, the Town of Enfield received \$ 349639.97 in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, and

Whereas, the Town has already expended \$31,459 on bonuses for the Town of Enfield Highway crew and turnout gear for the Enfield Volunteer Fire Company, now therefore be it

Resolved, the Town Board of the Town of Enfield designates the remaining American Rescue Plan Act funds to be dispersed as follows (subject to appropriate documentation) with any remaining funds not expended allocated at a later date:

New Town Hall roof	\$70,000.00
Upgrade Courthouse Exterior	\$30,000.00
Highway Backup Generator	\$50,000.00

2 AEDs	\$4,000.00
Remodel of Town Clerks office, cameras, furniture	\$31,000.00
Enfield Volunteer Fire Co - Equipment	\$20,000.00
Enfield Community Council – Youth Programming	\$45,000.00
Enfield Food Pantry – Land Purchase for new building	\$45,000.00

Supervisor Redmond moved and Councilperson Lemke seconded. Discussion: ARPA Funds. Board members recommended keeping the allocations to the three public agencies equal. Councilperson Lynch recommended giving the Fire Company an additional allocation of \$45,000 and consider the \$25,000 previously assigned for turnout gear, funding that they had already received, as serving a separate need within the Fire Company. The consensus of the Board was to give a max allocation of \$45,000 to the Fire Company, as they had already received \$25,000 of APRA funds they will receive an additional allocation of \$20,000 with appropriate documentation documenting the purpose submitted with their request. Discussion of allocation of funds for the matching grant for the basketball court, these funds will be taken out of the Contingency line. Councilperson Lemke commented that the Republicans may change the requirements that were initially given and that allocated monies may not be safe even when allocated. Supervisor Redmond asked Superintendent Rollins if he had looked at any backup generators and he has been looking at portable generators. Highway Superintendent Rollins suggested looking at paving the Town Hall parking lot. Councilperson Lynch shared that constituents have requested broadband extensions in the town. Haeefele TV had given a large quote to add service for 41 additional households (Excess of \$200,000). That amount, Lynch acknowledged, exceeds ARPA funds available.

Vote: Councilperson Hinkle, Aye; Councilperson Lemke, Aye; Councilperson Lynch, Aye; Supervisor Redmond, Aye; Carried.

Adjournment: Councilperson Hinkle motioned to adjourn, adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cornell

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Town Clerk