

*Long Term Debt Committee
June 19, 2017
Minutes of the Meeting*

Attendance

Councillor Darcy	Present
Councillor LeBlanc	Present
Councillor McLaughlin	Present
Councillor McMenimen	Present
Chairman Marchese	Present

Chairman Marchese called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilor LeBlanc moved approval of the June 5, 2017 minutes. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

1. The Mayor respectfully requests a transfer of capital improvement funds in the amount of \$11,000 from account #310-192-2010-6000 Building-General to account #310-192-2010-6260 Building-Central Fire Station. The funds will be used to install a new control system at the Central Fire Station for their HVAC system.

Councillor McMenimen moved to hear from an off committee member. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Inspector of buildings Bill Forte appeared before the committee. Mr. Forte said the current system is old and needs to be replaced. This approach would be a temporary measure to try to alleviate a big problem that currently exist in the Fire Chief's office. Councillor Leblanc asked how much this was expected to costs, and has other options been looked at. Mr. Forte said it is expected to cost about \$ 10,700 and this option was chosen because it can work with the current system. Councillor Leblanc suggested a ductless system. Councillor McMenimen moved approval of the matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

2. The Mayor respectfully requests a transfer of capital improvement funds totaling \$20,200.00 to fund the purchase of two (2) stainless steel dump beds for two (2) existing one-ton dump trucks. The trucks are in good working condition, but the dump bodies are rotting and in need of replacement.

FROM:

#310-420-2008-6000 CPW-General	\$ 700.00
#310-420-2010-6448 CPW-Dump Truck	\$ 1,473.55
#310-420-2013-6000 CPW-General	\$ 3,293.41
#310-420-2014-6000 CPW-General	\$ 1,585.45
#310-420-2017-6445 CPW-Backhoe	\$11,129.09
#001-420-5800-6000 CPW-General	\$ 2,018.50

TO:

#310-420-2008-6451	CPW-Dump Bodies	\$ 700.00
#310-420-2010-6451	CPW-Dump Bodies	\$ 1,473.55
#310-420-2013-6451	CPW-Dump Bodies	\$ 3,293.41
#310-420-2014-6451	CPW-Dump Bodies	\$ 1,585.45
#310-420-2017-6451	CPW-Dump Bodies	\$11,129.09
#001-420-5800-6451	CPW-Dump Bodies	\$ 2,018.50

Councillor McMenimen moved to hear from an off committee member. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Assistant CPW Director Stew Lacrosse appeared before the committee. Mr. Lacrosse said the two trucks are in good working condition but the dump bodies are rotting and need to be replaced. Councillor McMenimen moved approval of the matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

3. The Mayor respectfully a transfer and an appropriation in the total amount of \$325,000.00 to pay the trash/recycling collection costs for the remainder of FY2017. These additional funds are needed as the result of a new trash/recycling collection contract that was effective January 1, 2017.

Councillor McMenimen moved to hear from an off committee member. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Assistant CPW Director Stew Lacrosse appeared before the committee. Mr. Lacrosse said these additional funds are needed as a result of the new trash / recycling collection contract that took effect January 1, 2017. Councillor McMenimen informed Mr. Lacrosse that she has received many customer service complaints since this new company took over collection services. Mr. Lacrosse said that his office has also heard the complaints and are working with the new company to improve operations. Councillor McMenimen asked about the new contract. Mr. Lacrosse said the new contract was signed last October, and it is 35% more expensive than the previous one. Councillor Darcy asked about the contract amounts. Mr. Lacrosse said \$ 2,333,170.40 for trash, and \$ 1,147,116.00 for recycling. Councillor McMenimen asked if currently there is an abuse of our white goods program from out of town appliances. Mr. Lacrosse said yes there is abuse going on and his office is doing their best to manage it. Off committee, Councillor Logan asked Mr. Lacrosse how does the department have an extra \$ 225, 000 in wages to transfer for this purpose. Mr. Lacrosse said from retirements, and because it takes so long to fill open positions. Councillor Logan asked how was the contract signed last October without sufficient funding in place. Councillor Logan said State law prohibits signing a contract without sufficient funding in place. Councillor McMenimen asked when did the old contract expire, and when was the new contract awarded. Mr. Lacrosse said the old contract expired on 1-1-17, and the bid was awarded in October 2016. Councillor McMenimen requested that the Auditor and the CPW Director attend the next meeting on June 26th to explain how the contract was signed without sufficient funding in place. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen moved to table the matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

4. CPC Appropriation for \$409,310 for Design of Wayside Trail.

Councillor Darcy moved to hear from an off committee member. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. CPC Chairperson Diana Young appeared before the committee. Ms. Young said these funds would be used for the design of the Waltham component of the Wayside Trail. Councillor Darcy asked if the design work was for three bridges. Ms. Young said yes. Councillor Darcy moved approval of the matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

5. CPC Appropriation for \$891,004 for Asbestos Abatement at 20 buildings on Fernald Property.

Councillor McMenimen recused herself from this matter.

Councillor Darcy moved to hear from an off committee member. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. CPC Chairperson Diana Young appeared before the committee. Ms. Young said these funds would be used to abate the additional asbestos that has been discovered in the buildings up at the Fernald. Ms. Young said this is in addition to the 1.2 million dollars that was approved last year to remove asbestos in 20 buildings. Councillor Darcy asked if demolition will continue once the abatement removal process is completed. Ms. Young said she was not sure on the timeline of the asbestos removal project. Councillor Logan noted that if this is a potential site for the new high school then he would be concerned about using more CPC funds before we decide its potential uses. Councillor McLaughlin said he feels this needs to be done regardless of potential uses, and that this work was anticipated when the property was purchased. Councillor Darcy moved approval of the matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

6. CPC Appropriation of \$10,950 for Kelley Hall & Shriver Center.

Councillor Darcy moved to hear from an off committee member. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. CPC Chairperson Diana Young appeared before the committee. Ms. Young said these funds would be used for a pre-demolition hazards survey of the Kelley & Shriver Center. Councillor McLaughlin said these buildings need to come down and felt that this is money well spent. Councillor McLaughlin moved approval of the matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Leblanc moved to adjourn. Motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas J Magno - Clerk

