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FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JUNE 2, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

PRESENT: Kevin Shively, Chairman, Mary Isaac, Vice Chairman, Dawn Cantafio, Tony Scinto, Joy Colon, Alternate

ABSENT: Nicole Satin, Steve Choi, Mike Buswell, Alternate

ALSO

PRESENT: First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro (arrived 7:08 p.m.), Town Council Chairman Ashley Gaudiano, Chief Administrative Officer Kathleen McGannon, Town Attorney Daniel Schopick, Park & Recreation Superintendent Dmitri Paris, Councilman Jason Marsh, Economic & Community Development Director Rina Bakalar.

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1. RESOLUTION TC29-65: Moved by Colon, seconded by Cantafio
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$62,070 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to 01080600-578803 Maintenance/Repairs-Program Related.

Mr. Paris explained the following:

- In early June of 2021 the Hillcrest pool had the initial failure, they needed an appropriate source of funding to begin the analysis of its condition. It was determined this was the appropriate account. It would be helpful to restore funds to the 578803 account.
- It was confirmed the funds had been spent and this is to make sure everything is covered.

- After discussions with the administration, DPW and the BOE it was determined the most prudent course of action was to bring in experts to evaluate the pool. Proposals were received, TLB Architecture was awarded the analysis.
- The Chair noted all of the receipts in the back-up are from FY2021-2022.
- Mr. Paris clarified in June 2021 they were still dealing with pandemic issues, but the pool was operational. It wasn't until they saw the failures in the mechanical room where water was coming through the wall, which implemented this work. The pool still had limited use by the Pisces program and the academic program.
- Councilman Isaac added the BOF was aware of this. Ms. Pires had been bringing it up with the BOF letting them know this was going to be coming from this account and once they knew what the extent was they would be coming for a supplemental appropriation.
- Councilman Scinto noted the Town Council should have known about this sooner. They should have come for the funds sooner not after the fact, they used funds that were specified for something else. Mr. Paris stated that is not always the process, sometimes it done after. The Chair questioned how one appropriates the funds when they didn't know what the problem or the level of detail of the problem?
- It was confirmed they shut the pool down because it was an emergent issue, water was pouring through the electrical box.
- Councilman Scinto noted they had not seen the report to date and it should have been sent to the Council. It was confirmed it had been presented to the Aquatics Building Committee and was part of the Building Committee's February 9, 2022 minutes. Mr. Paris will forward the report for distribution to the Council.
- The purpose of the report was so they did not make uniformed decisions. Mr. Paris could not give verified data on the condition of the pool, he knows what he sees day-to-day and what his experience has been but that is not the verified data they needed to make a final determination. The money for the report was a good investment. The Chair agreed and noted after reading the report that was made very clear and thought getting a professional opinion was necessary in making that determination. It was noted the report is available on the website.
- Councilman Isaac noted she was aware this was coming because she had watched the BOF meetings, which is a part of what they try to do, to be aware of what is going on in other boards in town. They typically wait until the end of the year to balance the accounts and in this case they waited for the analysis, it was discussed by the BOF and saw the pool was not going to work and the analysis of the pool went to the Aquatics Committee where it was fully discussed, the BOF approved the appropriation and then it came to the Council.
- Councilman Scinto questioned why the report was not part of the back-up? The Chair could not speak to that but thought it may have been assumed people were aware and that it had been made available on the website.
- First Selectman Tesoro noted the report was part of the Feb. 9, 2022 Aquatics Building Committee minutes and had just sent a link to the minutes to council clerk for distribution to the council. Councilman Marsh noted that was a summary of the report not the full report, the building committee did not have the full

report. It was confirmed by Chairman Gaudio Mr. Paris will forward the full report for distribution to the Council after this meeting.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-1 (AGAINST: Scinto)

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Colon, seconded by Cantafio the Town Council Finance Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni

Margaret D. Mastroni, Town Council Clerk