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Board of Finance
Capital Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 3/20/2024, 5:30 pm via zoom & at
Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Present: Lou Brodeur, Andrew Dionne, Al Fitzgerald, Matt Allen, Ben Langevin
Absent: Rick Ives, excused
Also Present: Austin Tanner, Sandy Brodeur, Steve Mylly, Tom Rukstela
Via Zoom: Joe Voccio, William Skene, Matt Alexander, Bob Kelleher

1. **Call to order:** L. Brodeur called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Take attendance & establish quorum:** All members were present with the exception of R. Ives (excused).
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Elect Chairman of the Capital Committee:** A. Dionne made a motion to elect L. Brodeur as Chairman; M. Allen seconded; and the motion passed.
5. **Review requests as they are presented to the Committee. Tonight, we have a request from the Brooklyn Highway Department. They are requesting funding for this year's capital for a new truck. Tom Rukstela, Highway Foreman, will make the presentation. In the past, we have been trying to replace one truck every other year.** T. Rukstela presented his request for the amount of \$250,000.00 for a new six wheel dump truck with chassis to replace the oldest truck in the fleet. The truck will be used for plowing snow and road work and is needed to keep the rotation of the fleet trucks current, reliable, and up to date. T. Rukstela answered questions regarding this from the Committee.

T. Rukstela presented his request for the amount of \$7,000.00 for a new fire alarm system for the Public Works Garage as the current one has a lot of problems. The alarm is needed for the safety of the Public Works Garage and the equipment housed therein. A. Tanner stated that the Town Hall could also use a new fire alarm system. This was discussed by the Committee.

A. Tanner presented his request for \$11,000.00 for the purchase of a new 2024 Ford Bronco truck for the Parks and Recreation Department with a quote from Heritage Ford . He stated the truck they have now is eleven years old, and the staff does not need such a big truck, and it would be feasible to trade it in for a smaller new vehicle while the value is still there on the old truck.

S. Mylly presented his request on behalf of the Transfer Station for the amount of \$10,000.00 for the construction of a new pavilion, which will allow them to maintain better compliance control with regard to household paint recovery. The pad will reduce resident vehicle and foot traffic below and behind the compactor and dumpsters. S. Mylly stated that the contractor would not charge for labor and the cost would be for materials only, and in fact, his quote on the materials was \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 less than what the requested was for. This was discussed by the Committee, and T.

Rukstela suggested a request also be made for a new compactor for the cardboard. S. Mylly will look into this and present a request for this as well at the next meeting.

6. The next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2024 at 5:30 pm. We will have Patricia Buell from the Board of Education and hopefully the Board of Fire Commissioners. On April 4, 2024, Parks and Recreation will make their request and any others that we might receive. L. Brodeur stated he would prepare a spreadsheet for the next meeting, which is scheduled for March 28, 2024 at 5:30 pm. At that meeting, the Board of Education and Board of Fire Commissioners will present their requests. The meeting after that one will be April 4, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., at which time the Parks and Recreation Department will present.

7. Hopefully, we can make our presentation to the Board of Finance on April 17, 2024, which is their normal monthly meeting date. It is hoped that the Capital Committee can present everything to the Board of Finance at their meeting on April 17, 2024.

8. Public Comment: S. Brodeur stated that S. Mylly should come back to present his request for a compactor at the Transfer Station at the next meeting.

9. Adjourn: L. Brodeur made a motion to adjourn; M. Allen seconded; and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary