

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Workshop
Tuesday, April 20, 2021
Town Hall Council Chambers and Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Pete Brown, Vice Chairman Dean Markham, Council Members Tim Feegel, Derek Johnson, Barbara Moore, Mark Philhower and Kevin Reich

Also Present: Town Manager David Cox, Finance Director Jeff Jylkka, Superintendent of Schools Paul Smith, Police Chief Dennis Woessner, Parks & Recreation Director Jeremy Hall, Fire Chief Greg Voelker, Ambulance Chief Donald Scranton, Ambulance personnel Dave Whitty and Tom Donnelly and Board of Education member Amy Ordonez

Call to Order

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom.

Discussion of 2021-2022 Budget

Fire Chief Greg Voelker provided an overview of the request for two tanker trucks for the Fire Department. There was discussion regarding purchase two vehicles of the same year rather than staggering them for replacement purposes. Chief Voelker also discussed the needs for the building at Company #1 on Barton Hill. There was discussion of having a study done on the building to determine the needs.

Superintendent of Schools Paul Smith discussed the American Recovery Plan (ARP) funds and Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds that could fund two math specialists for three years. There was also discussion on teacher laptops and the bus contract. An email from Superintendent Smith will also be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Parks & Recreation Director Jeremy Hall provided an overview of the Parks & Recreation 10 Year Master Plan. The full document will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Ambulance Chief Donald Scranton spoke about the letter he sent to Council requesting ARP funds for staff. They have prepared a plan to allow 24 hours a day, 7 days a week guaranteed two EMT's for emergency response. The part time employees would be utilized for immediate 911 response. The remaining volunteers would continue for 2nd and 3rd medical calls and would be utilized as a recruitment base for future employees. The letter will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Police Dennis Woessner discussed having two officers train and be a part of the regional SWAT team. This would be more for prevention. They could be used for demonstrations not just for tactical response. One component in the training is negotiation.

Mr. Cox addressed the increase in the Chatham Health District fee noting it is already built into the budget. He also noted there has been no update on the details for the approved uses of ARP funds. The first disbursement is expected around May 11th so there should be more details by that date.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Ms. Moore, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm.
Voted (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk