



***Fiscal Committee -
Board of Representatives***

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

Lindsey Miller, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, February 25, 2019
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor, 888 Washington Boulevard,
Stamford, CT 06905-2098

The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Miller and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, Pendell and Pia. Also present were Rep. Zelinsky; Jay Fountain, OPM; Karen Cammarota, Grants; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; and Mark McGrath, Director of Operations.

Chair Di Costanzo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. F30.137 \$454,626.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Homeland Security Grant for Funds to be Allocated for Equipment, Training and Maintenance of Assets to Enhance the Preparedness and Response Capabilities of First Responders Throughout Lower Fairfield County; City to Receive \$50,000 as fiduciary agent (100% Grant Funded). 02/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 02/19/19 – Approved by Board of Finance	Approved 11-0-0

Ms. Cammarota explained that this is a federal grant that goes through the State. Representatives of each of the towns get together and decide how to spend the allocation. There are no crowd control aspects to this grant. Not all of the money received as a fiduciary has been appropriated. The \$90,000 that have are in the Special Revenue Fund.

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, Pendell and Pia in favor).

2. [F30.138](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); To **Approved 11-0-0**
\$7,500.00 Provide Support for Medical Reserve Corp.; a
Volunteer Unit Trained to Assist During Public Health
Emergencies; Funds to be Used for Supplies (100%
Grant Funded).
02/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/19/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

Ms. Cammarota stated that this falls under the Health Department for any public health emergency. There are about 43 volunteers. A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, Pendell and Pia in favor).

3. [F30.131](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **HELD**
\$32,300.00 Funding to Fill the Assistant Director of Human
Resources Position for the Remainder of this Fiscal
Year.
02/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/19/19 – Held by Board of Finance

4. [F30.132](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **Approved 11-0-0**
\$796,169.00 IUOE Union Wage increase obligation for FY18/19.
02/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/19/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Fountain explained that this is money that has been set aside in contingency for this year's cost of the increase. It is set aside as part of contingency. If it is not used, then it goes into the Fund Balance

A motion to approve Item No. 4 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, Pendell and Pia in favor).

5. [F30.133](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **Approved 11-0-0**
\$1,192,140.00 Appropriation from fund Balance to Fund IUOE Union
Retro Wage Increase Obligations from FY15/16-
FY17/18 per a Recent Contract Settlement.
02/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/19/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Fountain explained that this is money that was set aside in Fund Balance for the prior years' obligations.

A motion to approve Item No. 5 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, Pendell and Pia in favor).

6. [F30.134](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **Held**
\$15,355.00 to Fund the Salary of a Traffic Analyst.
02/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/19/19 – Held by Board of Finance

7. [F30.136](#) REJECTION; Capital Project Closeout **Failed 0-11-0**
 \$935,000.00 Recommendations; CP8707 Solid Waste
 Maintenance Garage, CP8708 Transfer Station
 Power Supply upgrade, CP8709 Transfer Station
 Exterior Lighting, CP9274 Transfer Station
 Rehabilitation Improvements.
 02/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
 02/05/19 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
 02/19/19 – No Action Taken by Board of Finance

Mr. Fountain explained that these were all State grants which the City did not receive. A motion to approve Item No. 7 was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 0-11-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, Pendell and Pia opposed).

8. [F30.139](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 11-0-0**
 \$350,000 CP9241; Transfer Station Rehabilitation
 Improvements; to offset the Jan 2019 Capital Project
 Closeout Associated with Grants.
 2/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
 02/05/19 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
 02/19/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Casolo stated that these funds are for a project to be taken up at the Transfer Station –the replacement of the fire suppression system; the current system is not reliable and needs to be replaced. This also covers 2 change orders for the replacement of the Transfer Station slab, which work was finished. This appropriation is related to Item No. 9. The construction of this project will probably take about 3 to 6 months. The current one year cost for maintenance is about \$27,000.

A motion to table Item No. 8 until later in the meeting was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, Morson, Nabel, Pendell and Pia in favor).

The committee next took up Item Nos. 10 and 11.

10. [F30.135](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 10-0-1**
 \$175,000 C5B613; BOE District-Wide Boiler & Burner
 Replacement; to offset the Jan 2019 Capital Project
 Closeout Associated with Grants.
 2/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
 02/05/19 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
 02/19/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Casolo explained that the BOE received a notice of violation from DEEP for a failure to the underground storage tank at Westhill HS. A replacement tank was designed and is being installed now. This project was supposed to be grant funded, but the grant was never put into place. These funds are tied to the prior closeout. OPM will provide the Committee with information about which closeout items relate to in the future. Mr. Fountain explained that part of this appropriation will be funded by a grant. \$144,500 will be funded by general obligation bonds (see Item No. 11).

A motion to approve Item No. 10 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, Morson, Nabel, Pendell and Pia in favor; Rep. McMullen abstaining).

11. [F30.141](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 18/19 by Adding an Appropriation of \$144,500.00 for BOE District-Wide Boiler & Burner Replacement and authorizing \$144,500 general obligation bonds of the City to meet said appropriation. **Approved 9-1-1**
02/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/19/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Casolo explained that the storage tank was failing. There was no contamination of the surrounding soil. This item was eligible for a grant but the grant did not come through.

A motion to approve Item No. 11 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-1-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, Morson, Nabel, and Pendell in favor; Rep. Pia opposed; Rep. McMullen abstaining).

A motion to take up Item No. 8 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, Pendell and Pia in favor).

A motion to approve Item No. 8 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, Pendell and Pia in favor).

9. [F30.140](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 18/19 by Adding an Appropriation of \$350,000.00 for Transfer Station Rehabilitation Improvements and authorizing \$350,000 general obligation bonds of the City to meet said appropriation. **Approved 9-1-1**
02/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/19/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve Item No. 9 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-1-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, Morson, Nabel, and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed; Rep. Pia abstaining).

12. [F30.142](#) REVIEW; FY2018-19 Second Quarter Projections. **Report Made**
02/04/19 – Submitted by Jay Fountain

Mr. Fountain reviewed the [attached report](#) with the Committee. This report needs to be qualified because the City is not aware of the mold expenditures to come. The City spent \$750,000 on mold remediation prior to the creation of the Mold Task Force. The Board of Education has no contingency in its budget, so the Board of Education would need to come back to the City to address the mold issue.

Committee members then discussed the budget hearing schedule.

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).