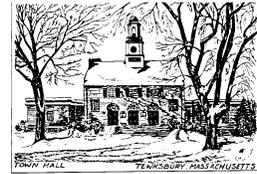




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Tewksbury Memorial High School
320 Pleasant Street
Special Town Meeting
May 3, 2023

Moderator Dustin Weir called to order the May 3, 2023 Special Town Meeting at 7:00 PM given that a quorum of voters was present and a properly served and returned warrant was in possession.

On Wednesday May 3, 2023, there were 87 voters and 18 visitors in attendance.

Connections Academy Junior Dasia Allen sang America the Beautiful.

The Moderator led the Assembly in The Pledge of Allegiance and made the following introductory comments:

Town Meeting Guidelines are printed in the back of the warrant for your reference. Voters are wearing blue ribbons. Display those ribbons prominently so the counters and I can see them. Visitors and other guests who are not registered voters in Tewksbury, must sit in the visitors' section in the bleachers to my left. The press table is to my left. Members of the press must remain at the table while they are in the hall. Emergency exits are located at the back right corner of the gymnasium and in the cafeteria to both the left and right after you leave the gym. During the meeting, no one may stand in the entrances to the gym. Officials and article sponsors who are addressing the voters may use the podium on the floor. Voters speaking on an issue may use the microphone in the middle aisle at the front of the seating area. Please begin your remarks by stating your full name and street address for the record and speak directly into the microphone. There is a five-minute limit for any appearance at the podium – if you ask a question, the clock will not stop during the response. I will inform you when you have thirty seconds remaining. Address all comments and questions to or through the Moderator, not to officials or other voters. Visitors who wish to speak must have approval from the voters to do so and will have three minutes. During debate on an article, if a voter submits an amendment for consideration in writing, we will debate and act on the amendment immediately, then continue debate on the article, so only one amendment is pending at any time. Please remain seated while in the hall unless rising to speak or vote. Stay at your seats during a vote so our counters can accurately tally standing counts. Turn your cell phones off or on silent and do not make phone calls in the hall. Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Robert Kocsmiersky will make the first motion on every article unless the Finance Committee is deferring to another board.

Mr. Kocsmiersky motioned to Waive the Reading of the Warrant Articles and this motion was Adopted.

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Mr. Kocsmiersky motioned to allow certain anticipated non-residents to speak on issues, including Assistant Town Manager Steve Sadwick, Fire Chief Joe Kearns, School Business Manager David Libby, DPW Director Kevin Hardiman, Town Engineer Andrew Stack, Town Counsel Kevin Feeley, and others, some of whom may be asked to answer resident questions and this motion was Adopted.

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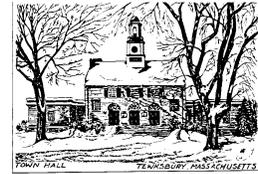
Finance Committee Chairman, Rob Kocsmiersky, motioned to Adjourn the May 3, 2023 Special Town Meeting Sine Die, and this motion was Adopted.

7:12 PM 5/3/23



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ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds into the following FY2023 Departmental Budgets; or take any action related thereto:

DEPT	ACCOUNT		BUDGET
	ORG	OBJECT	SHORTFALL
Board of Selectmen Legal Services	1011222	5311	12,000
Human Resources Professional Services	1011532	5380	20,000
Town Manager Professional Services	1011232	5310	30,000
Town Hall Energy Utilities	1011922	5210	30,000
Police Salaries Overtime	1042101	5130	285,000
Police Operating--All Other	1042102	5381	6,000
Fire Salaries Sick Leave Buy Back	1042201	5160	6,200
Fire Salaries Overtime	1042201	5160	75,000
Fire Operating-Energy Utilities	1042202	5210	55,000
Fire Operating-Apparatus Repair	1042202	5240	20,000
Fire Operating-Fire Alarm Maintenance	1042202	5285	6,000
Fire Operating-Communications	1042202	5340	37,500
UTV Vehicle Police and Fire	1002254	589923	4,120
COA Energy Utilities	1085412	5210	5,000
COA Repairs and Maintenance	1085412	5240	12,000
Facilities and Grounds Repairs and Maintenance	1096302	5240	30,000
Medicare Tax	1109152	5740	75,000
TOTAL SHORTFALL		Total	708,820

Said sum to be transferred from the following available funds:

DEPT	ACCOUNT		BUDGET
	ORG	OBJECT	SURPLUS
Police Regular Salary	1042101	5111	200,000
Principal Maturing Debt	1127102	5910	508,820
TOTAL SURPLUS		Total	708,820

Town Manager

Motion: The Finance Committee motioned to Adopt

Vote: Article 1 was Adopted

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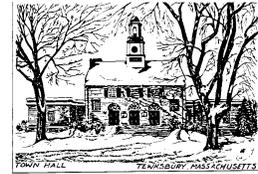
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Executive Summary: This article transfers funds from accounts with a projected surplus to accounts with a projected deficit or to accounts to allow for the purchase of needed items or services.



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ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$600,000 into the FY2023 DPW Snow & Ice Budget as follows; or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Account	Amount
DPW Snow & Ice-Salaries	1064231-5130	60,000
DPW Snow & Ice-Operating	Various Accounts	540,000
DPW Snow & Ice-Capital Outlay	1064233-5890	-
Total Transfers In		600,000

Said sum to be transferred from the following available funds:

Department	Account	Amount
July 1, 2022 Certified Free Cash (Surplus Revenue)	1-3590	600,000
Total Transfers Out		600,000

Town Manager

Motion: The Finance Committee motioned to Adopt; transfer \$600,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of the Article

Vote: Article 2 was Adopted Unanimously 7:07 PM 5/3/23

Executive Summary: This article utilizes Free Cash certified as of July 1, 2022, to fund Department of Public Works - Snow and Ice due to the amount of snow and ice events during the winter which exceeded the amount budgeted.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,225,000 from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to be expended by the Town Manager for various purposes; or take any action relative thereto.

Water Treatment Plant Upgrades: Repair Filter Beds	600,000
Astle Street Tank Maintenance and Upgrades	625,000
Total	1,225,000

Town Manager

Motion: The Finance Committee motioned to Adopt; transfer \$1,225,000 from Water Retained Earnings for the purpose of the Article

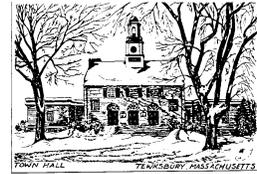
Vote: Article 3 was Adopted 7:08 PM 5/3/23

Executive Summary: This article allows the Town to utilize funds from Water Retained Earnings for Capital Equipment and Improvements.



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ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to establish a special purpose stabilization fund pursuant to Mass. Gen. L. c. 40 Sec. 5B to be known as the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund for the specific purpose of receiving receipts from settlements on behalf of the Town with persons and entities involved in the sale, distribution and manufacture of opioid products said account to be effective fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023 which said funds may be appropriated and/or reserved for later appropriation for any lawful municipal purpose; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Manager

Motion: The Finance Committee motioned to Adopt
Town Manager, Richard Montuori provided a brief explanation of Articles 4, 5, & 6

Vote: Article 4 was Adopted Unanimously (2/3 Required) 7:10 PM 5/3/23

Executive Summary: This article allows the Town to establish a special purpose Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$111,715.97 from certified General Fund Free Cash to the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Manager

Motion: The Finance Committee motioned to Adopt; transfer \$111,715.97 from General Fund Free Cash for the purpose of the Article

Vote: Article 5 was Adopted Unanimously 7:11 PM 5/3/23

Executive Summary: This article transfers funds currently in the General Fund to the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund a sum of \$111,715.97 to be expended by the Town Manager for any lawful municipal purpose; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Manager

Motion: The Finance Committee motioned to Adopt; transfer \$111,715.97 from the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund for the purpose of the Article

Vote: Article 6 was Adopted Unanimously (2/3 Required) 7:12 PM 5/3/23

Executive Summary: This article will allow for the expenditure of Opioid Settlement funds.

Finance Committee Chairman, Rob Kocsmiersky motioned to Adjourn the May 3, 2023 Special Town Meeting Sine Die, and this motion was Adopted. 7:12 PM 5/3/23

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

DENISE GRAFFEO, TOWN CLERK