

**ATTLEBORO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
DOCKET  
JUNE 20, 2023**

**Records pending approval: May 2, May 16 and May 24, 2023**

**Public Hearing for June 13, 2023:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** to discuss the following loan order:

ORDERED: that Three Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$3,500,000.00) is appropriated for the design, permitting, bidding, construction and construction oversight costs associated of the temporary PFAS treatment facility located at the Wading River Plant, located at 250 Balcolm Street, Mansfield, Massachusetts, including all costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow Three Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$3,500,000.00) under section 8(4) of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other necessary or convenient to carry out this Project.

**Public Hearings for June 20, 2023:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** to discuss amending Section 5-11 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro as follows:

Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

**5-11 Remaining Loan Order Funds**

After completion of a capital project that has been financed through the sale of bonds or notes, any remaining balance of funds available for the completed project may be appropriated by a two-thirds vote of the council for any purposes for which a loan may be incurred for an equal or longer period of time than that for which the original loan, including temporary borrowing, was issued.

If the remaining balance of funds available for the completed project are not in excess of \$50,000 said funds may be may be applied, with the approval of the chief executive officer, for the payment of indebtedness. (M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sec. 20)

**PUBLIC HEARING:** regarding a request to waive allowable permit fees associated with the Willett Elementary Roof and Window Repairs:

- Building Permit (100%)
- Mechanical (100%)
- Sheet Metal (100%)
- Electric (35%)
- Plumbing (35%)
- Gas (35%)

**PUBLIC HEARING:** To discuss an amendment request to 10-5.2 (A), Prohibited on Certain Streets to add:

Frank Mossberg Drive, 650 feet northerly side from Townsend to Extension Street.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** To discuss an amendment request to 10-4.11, Isolated Stop Signs to add:

Stop sign on Tiff Drive at Perez Street

**Public Hearing** for the application from National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. to install two poles on Oak Hill Avenue. National Grid to install new 35' C4 stub poles (P4096-84 AND P4097-84) 30' +/- across the street, North of Poles 4096 and 4097 including anchors on the North side of each new pole.

**Public Hearing** for the application from National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. to install three new poles on Rambler Road to feed new 48 house development. New Pole 40'C2 (P9974) 100'+/- North of P9973. New Pole 40'C2 (P9975) 140'+/- North of P9974. New Pole 40'C2 (P9976) 130'+/- North of P9975.

In order to be able to process the following requests for the end of FY2023 deadline, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body to consider the following prior to June 30, 2023.

**LICENSE**

**Ty Waterman, Chairperson**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Laura Dolan, Chairperson**

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Superintendent of Wastewater Thomas Hayes regarding the residential meter replacement program and the shared meter expense between the City's Water and Wastewater Enterprise Departments. From May 26, 2022 to May 30, 2023, the Water Department purchased 650 water meters and miscellaneous parts. Out of the 650 water meters, 446 meters, at a cost of \$240.54, were installed at locations that have water and sewer accounts and 38 meters, at a cost of \$339.22, were installed of the sewer properties being new construction. Additionally, a replacement handheld data reader, at a cost of \$9,511.76, was purchased this year. Wastewater Enterprise is responsible to pay for 50% of the value of those meters installed in homes with both services and 40% of the value of the handheld data reader. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body appropriate \$63,890.30 from Account 6000-359000 (Wastewater Enterprise Fund - Retained Earnings) to Account 6000-553150 (Wastewater Enterprise Fund – Water Meter Supplies) after such time the Accounting Department will work with the Wastewater Department to transfer the funds to the Water Enterprise Fund.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Superintendent of Wastewater Thomas Hayes regarding the need for funds to conduct a hydrogeological assessment of available land at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Massachusetts DEP requires the City to have a twenty-year capacity for sludge disposal and an approved back-up solution in place six months prior to the closure of the primary landfill. To meet this requirement and plan for the Phase IV & V landfill siting and construction we need to conduct a hydrogeological assessment of available land at the wastewater treatment facility. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body appropriate \$123,900.00 from Account 6000-359000 (Wastewater Enterprise Fund – Retained Earnings) to Fund 3232 Landfill Site Projects.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Superintendent of Wastewater Thomas Hayes regarding the large meter survey in the distribution system. In FY2022, Your Honorable Body approved funding for a large meter survey in the distribution system in the amount of \$49,200.00. Completing the project only required \$37,492.90 of the funds appropriated. Surveyed

were 115 meters, with 98 of those meters at properties with both water and sewer service, and 17 at properties with water service only. Per the original request, Wastewater will reimburse 50% of the cost of the project for the sewer properties according to the following breakdown:

$\$37,492.90/115 = \$326.03$  (cost of survey per meter)

$98 \times \$326.03 \times 50\% = \$15,975.47$  (cost of survey for 50% of the sewer properties)

Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body appropriate \$15,975.47 from Account 6000-359000 (Wastewater Enterprise Fund - Retained Earnings) to Account 6000-530170 (Water Enterprise Fund- Meter Survey) after which time the accounting office will work with the Wastewater Department to transfer the funds to the Water Enterprise Fund.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Recreation Dennis Walsh requesting funds to expand parking by constructing a paved parking area adjacent to the pickleball courts. If approved, these transfers totaling \$25,235.70 would give us a contingency of \$1,585.70 (6.7%) over the estimate of \$23,650.00 received on 4/26/23.

Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$17,676.30 to Account 16301000-589066 (Recreation – Paving) from the following:

\$ 4,300.00 from 16301000-511000 (Recreation - Salary & Wages)

\$ 1,700.00 from 16301000-512020 (Recreation - Seasonal)

\$ 1,700.00 from 16301000-524011 (Recreation – Maint. of Buildings)

\$ 9,976.30 from 16301000-584029 (Recreation - Outdoor Improvements)

Per MC Vote #10 on 12/20/22. Balance from Picnic Tables & Benches at PH

And to further transfer \$7,559.40 from 1100630-584010 (Recreation - Site Improvements) to Account 1100630-589066 (Recreation – Paving)

Additionally, if the lowest and best bid comes in over the budgeted amount, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body to authorize the use of funding from the Recreation Revolving Funds to complete the project.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Richard Conti, Chairperson**

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Superintendent of Wastewater Thomas Hayes regarding the need for funds for the 53rd payroll week. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$42,776.46 from Account 6000-578360 (Wastewater Enterprise Fund – 53<sup>rd</sup> Week) to Account 6000-511000 (Wastewater Enterprise Fund – Salary & Wages).

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Superintendent of Wastewater Thomas Hayes regarding the need for funds to pay electric bills for the remainder of FY2023. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body to appropriate \$70,000.00 from Account 6000-359000 (Wastewater Enterprise Fund – Retained Earnings) to Account 6000-521020 (Wastewater Enterprise Fund – Lights & Power).

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Library Director Amy Rhilinger regarding the need for funds to pay electric bills for the remainder of FY2023. Therefore, I

hereby request Your Honorable Body transfer \$5,000.00 from Account 11241000-578300 (City Wide – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 16101000-521020 (Library – Lights & Power).

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Superintendent of Park & Forestry Derek Corsi regarding the need for funds in various accounts for the remainder of FY23.

Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$18,036.00 from Account 16501000-511000 (Park – Salary & Wages) to the following:

\$2,000.00 to Account 16501000-521020 Lights and Power  
\$3,000.00 to Account 16501000-524240 Equipment Maintenance  
\$2,900.00 to Account 16501000-530101 Professional Services  
\$136.00 to Account 16501000-532015 Staff Development  
\$5,000.00 to Account 16501000-546010 Supplies Grounds  
\$5,000.00 to Account 16501000-548040 Supplies Equipment

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Superintendent of Wastewater Thomas Hayes regarding the need for funds to pay heating bills for the remainder of FY2023. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body appropriate \$4,300.00 from Account 6000-359000 (Wastewater Enterprise Fund – Retained Earnings) to Account 6000-521010 (Wastewater Enterprise Fund – Heating).

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Chief Assessor Julie Hobson regarding the need for funds due to an increase in the Sun Chronicle subscription. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$80.00 from Account 11411000-532015 (Assessor – Staff Development) to Account 11411000-558110 (Assessor – Subscription).

**ORDINANCES, ELECTIONS & LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

**Kelly Bennett, Chairperson**

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Budget & Administration Mason Lord requesting to waive allowable permit fees associated with the Willett Elementary Roof and Window Repairs. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body waive the following fees:

Building Permit (100%)  
Mechanical (100%)  
Sheet Metal (100%)  
Electric (35%)  
Plumbing (35%)  
Gas (35%)

Additionally, as construction is set to begin in July, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body to hold a **public hearing on June 20, 2023.**

**TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**Kelly Bennett, Chairperson**

**IT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

**Todd Kobus, Chairperson**

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from MIS Director Bill Lennox regarding the need for funds to pay a previous year invoice to GovConnection in the amount of \$388.00. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$388.00 from Account 11331000-558010 (Budget & Admin - Data Processing Supplies) to Account 11331000-578020 (Budget & Admin - Previous Years Bills)

**ZONING AND LAND USE**

**Diana Holmes, Chairperson**

**CITY PROPERTY AND CLAIMS**

**Sara – Lynn Reynolds, Chairperson**

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Keep Attleboro Beautiful regarding a donation of streetlight/sidewalk light box wraps with an estimated value of \$6,000. In accordance with Section 1-12 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body to accept this generous donation to the City of Attleboro.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Veterans’ Services Ben Quelle regarding the donation of Stop & Shop gift cards totaling \$250.00 from the Attleboro Elks (Artie Evans). In accordance with Section 1-12 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body accept this generous donation to the City of Attleboro.

**PERSONNEL, VETERANS AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Michael Angelo, Chairperson**

It has come to the Mayor’s attention that the following reappointment was not sworn in within the appropriate time. Therefore, the Mayor respectfully re-submits for confirmation by Your Honorable Body the following reappointment.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Catherine Merkle	Zoning Board of Appeals	3 Year	February 2026

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The Mayor respectfully submits for confirmation by Your Honorable Body the appointment of Kelly Lee, to fill the three-year term of Director of Council on Aging. Term to expire February 2026. Ms. Lee was offered the position with the City of Attleboro effective June 12, 2023, under a temporary 90-day appointment in accordance with Section 3.3 (b) of the Attleboro Home Rule Charter.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Peter Blais, Chairperson**

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Chief of Police Kyle P. Heagney regarding the anticipated receipt of Public Safety Answering Point Support and Incentive Grant of approximately \$165,733.00 for FY24 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) - State 911 Department. No match is required by the City. In accordance with Chapter 1, Section 12 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body to approve the expenditure of such funds by the Attleboro Police Department as specified within the parameters of the grant and also approve any further grant amendments.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Chief of Police Kyle P. Heagney regarding the donation of a Nexgrill 4 Burner Gas Grill with a retail value of \$199.99 from Home Depot Inc, South Attleboro Store. In accordance with Section 1-12 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body accept this generous donation to the City of Attleboro.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR TAX**

**Richard Conti, Chairperson**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION**

**Michael Angelo, Chairperson**