

## **TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION**

**April 2, 2019**

### **I. ROLL CALL**

Town Council Members present:

Michael G. White, President  
Mary E. Meagher, Vice President  
Nancy A. Beye  
Randall White  
William J. Piva, Jr.

Also in attendance:

Andrew E. Nota, Town Administrator  
Christina D. Collins, Finance Director  
Edward Mello, Police Chief  
Donna Fogarty, Librarian  
James Bryer, Fire Chief  
Howard Tighe, Deputy Fire Chief  
Andrew Wade, Director of Parks and Recreation

### **II. CALL TO ORDER**

The Town Council Operating Budget Work Session Part II was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers of the Jamestown Town Hall at 93 Narragansett Avenue by President White.

### **III. TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

A) Town Operating Budget Part II and Outside Agency Contribution Requests. President White announced that public health agencies would be addressed first and formal requests will be addressed this evening. Town Administrator Nota gave a PowerPoint Presentation to review the Operating Budget continuation and Outside Agency Contribution requests.

1) Public Health and Outside Agencies	
Visiting Nurses	\$ 4,000
South County Home Health	\$ 7,000
Prevention Coalition	\$ 4,000
East Bay Community Action	\$ 5,000
Thundermist	\$ 4,000
Housing Hotline	\$ 1,500
Church Community Housing	\$ 5,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000
	\$31,500

Several representatives explained about the programs that they have including Flu clinics, social services, home care programs, hospice, fuel and food assistance, and medical and dental services among other programs.

Jennifer Fairbank of Visiting Nurses thanked the Council for their continued support. In 2018 Visiting Nurses provided over 135 services to Jamestown residents.

Susan Jameson of South County Home Health thanked the Council for their help in funding their services to Jamestown residents. SCHH offers skilled home health intervention to residents in Jamestown, from nursing, rehabilitation services, nutritionists, medical social worker, telemedicine and home health aides.

Jessica Null of Thundermist thanked the Council for their continued funding to Thundermist's programs. In 2018 they served nearly 140 Jamestown residents, a 28% increase from the previous year.

Senior Project Manager, Christian Belden, of Church Community Housing has requested and is very grateful to have received funding from the Town.

District Manager, Sara Churgin, of Eastern RI Conservation District thanked the Council for their support these last few years. This agency works to promote a healthy environment and sustainable use of natural resources in coordination with partners and the community, to provide technical, educational and financial resources.

Chamber of Commerce Board Member Claudine Charron appreciates the ongoing support from the Town.

## 2) Library Services

Recommended is an annual adjustment to the insurance line item, and a reduction in recommended Books & Periodicals of (\$9,000) as the balance is funded with state grant-in-aid funding. In FY2020 the Library is projected to receive an increase of \$6,175 in aid or \$104,748, after the FY2019 overstatement, that in FY2019 lowered the grant amount by (\$25,143) to \$98,573 in resetting the base amount for this category of aid.

## 3) Parks and Recreation

Proposed increase of \$11,197 or 2.11%

## 4) Senior Services

Proposed increase of \$34,356 of 33.48%

5) Public Safety

- a) Fire Department  
Proposed increase of \$22,726 or 5.93%
- b) EMS Division  
Proposed increase of \$53,663 or 12.98%
- c) Police Department  
Proposed increase of \$53,444 or 2.99%
- Animal Control  
Proposed decrease of \$1,500 or -6.67%

6) Debt Services

- Overall increase in debt service line item of 18.93% or \$180,053.50;
- Increase of \$145,813 in new year 7-year capital equipment lease;
- Increase of \$6,875 (interest only) on PV solar installations;
- Increase of \$51,959 (interest only) for Golf Course Clubhouse project.

7) Capital Budget Review

Town Council Vice President Meagher is interested in increasing the Affordable Housing allocation. Her recommendation is \$75,000.


Open Forum

- 1) Scheduled to address. None
- 2) Non-scheduled to address. None

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to address, the work session was adjourned at 7:05

Attest:

  
Denise Gamon, Assistant Clerk

Copies to: Town Council  
Town Administrator  
Finance Director  
Town Solicitor