

**TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
January 31, 2022
6:30 P.M.**

The Jamestown Town Council Special Meeting was held on January 31, 2021. This meeting was held pursuant to Executive Order No. 22-01 executed by Governor Daniel J. McKee on January 6, 2022, this meeting will be teleconferenced via Zoom. The access code to participate by phone was 1- 646 558 8656 or 1- 312 626 6799, meeting id: 830 0995 6586. To participate via computer or mobile app: meeting id:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83009956586?pwd=rvnryu5qym9sdjdcmtkzlxuytzut09>

I. ROLL CALL

Town Council Members present were as follows: President Nancy A. Beye, Mary Meagher, Michael G. White, Erik Brian and Randy White.

Also in attendance: Town Administrator Jamie Hainsworth, Director of Finance Christina Collins, Public Works Director Michael Gray, Police Chief Edward Mello, Fire Chief Jim Bryer, and Town Clerk Roberta Fagan

II. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Beye called the Special Meeting Budget Session of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 6:31 p.m. held via Zoom.

III. TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION:

- A) Town Council Budget Work Session for use of American Rescue Plan Funds; review and discussion
 - 1) Presentation of proposed projects: Water mainline replacement Narragansett Avenue, Replacement of Public Safety Communications System and Replacement of Emergency Rescue Vehicle

Town Administrator Hainsworth gave a brief overview of the intention of the workshop and recommended projects utilizing ARPA funds granted to Jamestown.

Finance Director Collins gave a PowerPoint presentation which included Town of Jamestown ARPA funding allocation, period of performance, recommended best practices, and the Administration's prioritized projects:

Narragansett Ave. between Southwest Ave. and West Ferry
Approximately 100 years old 6" cast iron watermain, services more than 100 residential properties, Melrose and Lawn Ave. School and Pemberton Housing. This segment is on the TIP program for 2023. Estimated Cost ~ \$1,250,000

Radio Replacement Project
Replacement of 2008 dispatch radio system which serves, Police, Fire, EMS and EMA. System experiencing failures which can cause complete loss of radio service.
Estimated Cost ~ \$180,000

New Ambulance

To replace 18-year-old vehicle, which services all residents. Estimated Cost ~ \$300,000

Director of Public Works Michael Gray reviewed the proposed Waterline Improvement Project Narragansett Avenue and North Road.

Police Chief Edward Mello gave a brief overview of the proposed Radio Replacement project

Fire Chief Jim Bryer reviewed and gave an overview of intended use of funds to replace the 2003 Rescue 1 and recommended reserving existing and future appropriations for a new ladder truck.

Discussion ensued. Mary Lou Sanborn requested statistics on the number of times the ladder truck was in use in the past year. Chief Bryer explained that in addition to fires the ladder truck houses the technical rescue equipment needed for rescue missions at the State and Town parks.

IV. OPEN FORUM- To participate you will press *9 to raise your hand.

The meeting moderator will coordinate your participation.

Comments are not limited to items on this agenda. However, items not on this agenda will only be heard and not acted upon by the Town Council. Note: Section 42-46-6 of the Open Meetings Act, and Department of the Attorney General Advisory Opinions relevant to this item on any public body meeting agenda specifically prohibits the Town Council from discussing, considering or acting on any topic, statement or question presented. The Town Council may, if warranted, refer such matters to an appropriate committee, to another body or official, or post the matter for consideration at a properly-noticed, future meeting.

- A) Scheduled request to address- none
- B) Non-scheduled request to address.

James McPherson, Newport Mental Health, addressed the Town Council. Newport Mental Health serviced 41 Jamestown residents last fiscal year. Newport Mental Health would like to work with the Town of Jamestown on potential pairing of Federal grant funds and ARPA funds. Vice President Meagher thanked Mr. McPherson and suggested contacting Town Administrator Hainsworth and Finance Director Collins. Finance Director Collins further explained the Town of Jamestown does contribute to various civic organizations on an annual basis, determined during the budget process.

The Town Council agreed to continue the proposed use of ARPA funding and vote to the February 7, 2022 scheduled Town Council meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with second by Councilor Brine to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.