

# **SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

## **TOLLAND TOWN COUNCIL – ARPA SUBCOMMITTEE ZOOM ONLY MEETING**

**MAY 17, 2022 – 4:30 P.M.**

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption Of Minutes
  - 2.1 [March 23, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes](#)
3. Discussion of possible approval of recommendation to Town Council for Miracle Field funding.
4. Adjournment

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**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES-REVISED  
ARPA SUB-COMMITTEE  
ZOOM MEETING  
MARCH 23, 2022 – 4:30 P.M.**

**Members Present:** Tammy Nuccio-Councilor, Colleen Yudichak-Councilor, Lisa Hancock-Interim Town Manager

**Members Absent:**

**Also Present:** Leslie Campolongo, Projects/Grants Manager

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Colleen Yudichak called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. February 24, 2022 – Regular Meeting

*Lisa Hancock motioned to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2022 meeting.*

*Colleen Yudichak seconded the motion.*

*Discussion: none*

*Motion passed unanimously.*

4. **OLD BUSINESS - ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS.**

**Well Water Concerns/Loan application:** Ms. Hancock discussed additional information she received from the Town's Bond Counsel regarding a possible water main extension for the Vineyard area. It will all depend on how it will be funded if it proceeds. If the Town general fund will be responsible for payment of any additional general obligation bonds, then the project would definitely have to go to town-wide referendum. If it is funded with assessments through the water fund operations, then it is not mandated for referendum but it is STRONGLY recommended to go for a referendum vote. We are trying to get through the loan/loan forgiveness application and will then move on surveying the residents in that area. It is best to get the most information possible before doing the survey. Ms. Hancock also recommended that if the water extension is determined to be too costly for a resolution or even if not, then we should possibly determine if there are other solutions that might be less costly, such as, a reverse osmosis system, maybe digging deeper wells, etc. Possibly ARPA funds could be used towards those resolutions if they are determined to be a feasible option.

5. **NEW BUSINESS - ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS.**

5.A Review ARPA Spreadsheet – items on the report were briefly discussed and additional focus will be made for what is on the list at the next meeting.

1. Ms. Nuccio would like to ensure that funding will be discussed when the Mental Health Task Force finalizes their recommendation for the additional services. An update on the status will be requested from Maureen Flanagan and Beverly Bellody after the task force meets with all the appropriate agencies regarding the future contractual needs. In addition, there is a recommendation forthcoming from the task force regarding programs for Tolland's youth. The ARPA subcommittee would like to discuss with the Recreation Director, Bruce Watt at their next meeting, about possible programs that could be provided free of charge during the summer months for the middle and high school youth as part of the mental health programs. Ms. Campolongo also mentioned that maybe there could be consideration of some sort of regional programming. This could be problematic for

participation due to potential transportation needs etc. But that could be discussed on how to address it if it were to be considered.

2. Ms. Hancock suggested that she would like to see a majority of the funds be used for capital equipment needs that are currently included in the capital improvement fund to be funded by debt. She feels that by reducing the amount of debt issued, it would have an impact on all the Tolland Taxpayers since the debt costs would be reduced. This provides a wide amount of fairness to our citizens with the distribution of the funds. Ms. Nuccio also agreed. The ARPA subcommittee then agreed that the top priorities to address are:

- a. Mental Health services - Potentially up to \$60,000
- b. Summer Youth Programs - \$20,000
- c. Capital Equipment – Engine 240 Refurbishment (\$180,000); Fire Engine (\$750,000); and Ambulance (\$370,000) possibly. If the ambulance is purchased with these funds it will free up funds in the ambulance fund to offset future debt for other Fire apparatus needs.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

*Tammy Nuccio motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 PM.*

*Lisa Hancock seconded the motion.*

*Discussion: none*

*Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa A. Hancock