

**NORFOLK BOARD OF FINANCE
MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2023 MEETING**

Members present were: M. Sconyers, G. Allyn, N. Ritson, J. Tarrant and alternates J. Bickford and K. Hester.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by M. Sconyers.

K. Hester was appointed to fill in for S. Anderson.

J. Bickford was appointed to fill in for G. Mudge.

The April 11, 2023, April 25, 2023 and the May 8, 2023 minutes were approved on Motion of J. Tarrant, second by G. Allyn and unanimously approved.

There was nothing under correspondence.

The First Selectman indicated there are a number of things being worked on. The Town did receive a portion of the funding for the Mountain Road bridge of approximately \$600,000, the loan for this work is being financed through Salisbury Bank at 2.25% and the reimbursement only took nine (9) months to receive. Thus far the Town has only expensed a couple of minor engineer costs for the Maple Avenue project.

Regarding the gasoline spill, the Town has incurred expenses of approximately \$288,250.00 and received thus far roughly \$168,700 back from insurance. The Town is expecting approximately \$100,000 in reimbursements for expenses such as attorneys' fees, alternate housing for families and testing. The Town is being reimbursed fairly regularly following the submission of spreadsheets of expenses and invoices. Everything incurred is being reimbursed.

The Botelle School roof has been put on hold until next Spring due to the weather not cooperating with contractors. The funds of approximately \$1.91 million have been deposited into an account at National Iron Bank that is earning interest.

The flood damage repairs are currently at approximately \$613,000 with a number of contractors needed to get the roads back into shape and a lot of process to get onto the roads and ensure access for fire departments and ambulances. Clean-up will go on for a while. Engineers are looking at the bridges, the two in South Norfolk are beyond repair and need to be replaced. The estimate for the bridge on Old Goshen Road is \$1.8 million, Smith Road is estimated at a little over \$1.7 million. The First Selectman submitted paperwork on Friday to FEMA with these preliminary estimates. A meeting with FEMA is being held August 9th to go through what was submitted and what needs to be submitted for actual reimbursement for these bridge replacements. The Town has paid Cardinal Engineering \$13,500 per bridge in order to complete a study that is submitted to the Department of Transportation. In the event both bridges are classified as federal bridges, with an 80% reimbursement rate, the Town will still need funding for the remaining 20%.

The Treasurer reported that the Town is under budget and that approximately \$183,129.58 will go into the Positive Fund Balance.

Botelle's first meeting to negotiate teachers' contracts is August 22, 2023. The Board voted to designate M. Sconyers as delegate to attend the Botelle Board of Education teacher negotiations on Motion of J. Tarrant, second by N. Ritson and unanimously approved with M. Sconyers abstaining.

There was nothing under 2/3 vote.

There was no Public Comment.

On Motion of J. Tarrant, second by G. Allyn and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Ryan, Secretary