

Town of Leicester  
Advisory Committee Minutes

Meeting Date 4-19-23

Members

in attendance

Peter Cusolito	(PC)	Acting Chairman	Yes
Bob Mercer	(RM)	Clerk	Yes
Dorothy Dudley	(DD)	Member	Yes
Ashlyn Coyle	(AC)	Member	Yes
Bill Brennan	(BB)	Member	No
Sandra Wilson	(SW)	Member	Yes
Mary Kay Hannant	(MH)	Member	Yes

Meeting started 6:05 PM at the Town Hall meeting room 3. Review Warrant Articles prior to ATM

Article 1 Old Bills

After discussion it was agreed to hold off a vote until more information is available. Why are we looking at bills more than a year old, going back to July of 2020. When did these come in and where have they been???

Article 2A Transfers

Hold for a summary. The Descriptions given do not explain the reasons for the large money transfers. Concern for paying tax and processing paperwork necessary for paying tax on fuel, postage from the Treasure "without funding", and DPW expenses to name a few. Hold vote for a summary of the list. \$501K is a lot of money for cryptic

information.

Article 2B Police Training

Motion to Recommend by DD  
Second MK

Vote 5-1-0 SW opposed

Article 2C Transfer from Municipal and School budgets to fund Override election

Motion to Recommend RM  
Second SW

Vote 6-0-0

Article 2D Transfer from Stabilization to DPW for Turf Field for improvements including fencing and netting

Motion to Recommend RM  
Second SW

Vote 6-0-0

Article 2E Transfer from Stabilization to DPW for improvements/ Upgrades to Tennis Courts at Middle/High School including surface and line painting to include Pickle Ball.

Motion to recommend SW  
Second AC

Vote 6-0-0

**NOTE: Line painting contingent on being able to hold competitive tennis meets with the additional Pickle Ball Markings**

Article 3 Elected Official Salaries per the list in the Warrant

Motion to Recommend DD

Second AC

Vote 6-0-0

Article 4 FY 2024 Operating Budget

Motion to Table as the math is not correct, the numbers do not tally correctly, and why is Free Cash a funding source RM

Second SW

Vote 6-0-0

Article 5 Contingent on 2 ½ Override for \$2,650,000

Motion to Recommend RM

Second SW

Vote 5-0-1

MH to abstain

Article 6 Vocational Tuition R&A \$1,100,000

Motion to Recommend SW

Second AC

Vote 6-0-0

Article 7 Central Mass Planning Transfer \$ 3,420 from Free Cash to CMRPC

Motion to Recommend DD

Second SW

Vote 6-0-0

Article 8 Funding operation costs for the Leicester High School Campus

Motion Hold for detailed information for the \$ dollar value PC

Second DD

Vote 6-0-0

Article 9 FY 2024 EMS Appropriation

Motion to recommend DD

Second AC

Vote 6-0-0

**NOTE. Enterprise accounts need a 5 year plan to proceed**

Article 10 FY 2024 Cable Access Appropriation @ \$105,000

Motion to Recommend SW

Second MH

Vote 5-0-1 DD Abstain

Articles 11, 12, 13 Passed Over

Storm Water Mgmt. Ground Water Studies, Town Owned Dams

**Moved to General Fund Budget**

Article 14A FY 24 Capitol Plan – Brush Cutter

From Chapter 90 Funds

Motion to Recommend DD

Second AC

Vote 6-0-0

Article 14B Leased Ambulance R&A \$247,330.06 Down Payment on a 7 year lease

Motion to Recommend MH

2<sup>nd</sup> DD

Vote 3-3-0

MH – AC – DD in favor

RM – PC- SW Opposed

This is not the year to replace the Ambulance. 7 years is too long putting the cost at \$492K and too much. Need to find a better way

Article 15 Police Cruiser

Motion to not recommend RM

2<sup>nd</sup> SW

Vote 3-2-1 MH-RM-SW vote to not recommend

PC-AC vote to recommend

DD abstain

Wrong Time – Next year, not gone through Capitol, Fleet is mostly young with low mileage. Hit it next year when it can be in a better financial environment. Suggest returning cruisers to the Capitol Planning.

Article 16 Revolving Fund Limits

Motion to Recommend SW

2<sup>nd</sup> MH

Vote 6-0-0

**Note: Question about the limit for Founder's Day. Why is it still on the list??? Should be closed and money moved elsewhere.**

Article 17 Amend the revolving fund bylaw

Passover

Article 18 Amend the Revolving Fund By-Law relative to the Recycling Fund to allow the Recycle Committee to oversee expenditures

Motion to Recommend the By-Law change. SW

2<sup>nd</sup> MH

Vote 6-0-0

Article 19 Business Registration

Motion to Recommend approval - SW

2<sup>nd</sup> AC

Vote SW-AC-DD-PC to recommend

MH – RM not to recommend

Motion Passes 4-2-0

Article 20 Amend By-Law in relation to the probationary period and the use of leave

Motion to Recommend Approval – SW  
2<sup>nd</sup> – AC

Vote – 5-0-1 DD abstained

Article 21 Amend Bylaw in relation to the Advisory Committee roles

Motion to accept as written establish a more defined role as outlines by the State Dept  
of Revenue RM

2<sup>nd</sup> SW

Vote 6-0-0

Article 22 By-Law change relative the Recall of Elected Officials

Motion to recommend the legislation to recall an elected official. SW

2<sup>nd</sup> AC

Vote 4-2-0 MH-SW-PC-AC favorable

RM-DD not in favor

This is not an Advisory Committee Article

Article 23 Adoption of an Open Space Plan

Motion to Recommend Approval DD

2<sup>nd</sup> SW

Vote to recommend 6-0-0

Article 24 Amend By-Law governing Illicit Discharges.

Motion to recommend favorably SW

2<sup>nd</sup> AC

Vote 5-0-1 DD abstain

Article 25 Amend Storm Water By-law

Motion to recommend SW

2<sup>nd</sup> AC

Vote 5-0-1 DD abstain

Article 26 Amend Flood Plain District

Motion to recommend article SW

2<sup>nd</sup> AC

Vote 5-0-1 DD abstain

Minutes 4-10-23

Motion to approve minutes SW

2<sup>nd</sup> AC

Vote 6-0—0

Motion to Adjourn at 8:50 SW

2<sup>nd</sup> MH

Bob Mercer

Clerk

