

Town of Tuftonboro

Capital Improvements Program Committee

Meeting September 13, 2023, at the Tuftonboro

Library

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by the Chair. Members present: Jill Cromwell, Chair; Gary Chehames; Tim Galvin; and Thomas Young. Bob Murray, Selectman, attended as a visitor.

Members absent: Carol Bush; David Carle; Barbara Maidhof; and Chip Albee.

A Quorum was not present. Therefore, the minutes of the previous meeting on August 30, 2023, were not voted on for approval.

The Fire and Emergency Preparedness Dept., represented by Caleb Pike and Chris Morgan, presented their projects. For Emergency Preparedness the new item was an emergency mobile generator for \$92,000 in year 2028.

Major Fire Dept. items were discussed, as detailed in Fire submissions. It was noted that the submissions often show price increases compared to last year. One new item is Ambulance 2, with an estimated cost to be \$375,000, shown as capital reserves of \$125,000 per year beginning in 2025. This additional ambulance will be necessary because fewer ambulances will be available in the area if needed. Staffing for the ambulance will be difficult.

Other Fire Items are shown in detail on the "Capital Projects and Expenses Recommended by the Capital Improvements Program Committee", Draft 1. Also, an item for Building Renovations to the Fire Station will be included in 2032 as a "Placeholder". Finally, the Fire Dept. agreed to provide a list of priorities for its projects, and will send to the CIP Committee their ideas for 3 and 4 aggregate Capital Reserve accounts to include major fire apparatus (e.g. engines), other

utility vehicles, and smaller pieces of equipment such as compressors, SCBA, heart monitors, etc.

The Chair thanked the Fire Dept. for their presentation and careful planning of future projects.

There was a discussion of Lease/Purchase vs. establishing Capital Reserves. In addition, the concept of a single Capital Reserve Fund which could be drawn on each year as needed for Capital Projects for the Fire Dept. was also discussed.

The next meeting will be on Tues, Sept. 19, at the Fire Station at 4 PM

There being no New Business or Public Input, a motion was made to adjourn at 7:58 PM. Moved/Cromwell, Second/Galvin; Passed.

Respectfully Submitted;

Thomas Young, Secretary