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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: Thursday, October 12, 2023
TO: Town Clerk
FROM: Michael Borg *MB 120CT23*
CC: NADD Chief Chris Coleman
Sue Harvey Executive Assistant
Linda Catanzariti Town Accountant
Chris Sweet Treasurer/Tax Collector
RE: **Measure 2024-024-Approval of Supplemental Funding to allow every North Attleboro Firefighter the opportunity to participate in the ultrasound disease assessment Program. Total supplemental funding requested, \$18,000.**

Town Council Meeting- President Justin Paré
Measure 2024-024- Approval of Supplemental Funding to allow every North Attleboro Firefighter the opportunity to participate in the ultrasound disease assessment Program. Total supplemental funding requested, \$18,000.

Purpose and Justification:

During our budget preparation and presentation for Fiscal Year 2024 one of our goals was the health and wellness of our firefighters. Through the support of the Town Management and Town Council funding was approved in the amount of \$3500.00 to pay for 10 firefighters to have comprehensive ultrasounds done to screen for diseases and cancer which included:

Echocardiogram (Valve Function, Heart pumping Ejection Fraction)
Carotid Doppler
Aortic Aneurysm
Liver
Spleen
Kidney
Bladder Ultrasound
Pelvic (External Woman Only)
Testicular (Men Only)

We have started our screening process with two (2) firefighters completing the exams and two (2) more scheduled to go. On September 11, 2023, our department experienced an unprecedented event which impacted our department not just physically but emotionally. The Town experienced a flash flooding event and while operating at a flooded home, Firefighter/Paramedic Rich Burns collapsed, went into cardiac arrest, and was resuscitated by North Attleboro Firefighter/Paramedics. Firefighter Rich Burns was not eligible for the ultrasounds as we were selecting firefighters based on their department seniority. This event has

highlighted the importance of health and wellness of our firefighters as firefighting is an extremely dangerous profession. (See attached fact sheet).

Funding Sources:

FD Pickup Truck – Account #30220082 587000 – Balance in account \$15,796.74 – using \$15,796.74.

Website Overhaul – Account #30155250 530007 – Balance in account \$6,377.90 – using \$2,203.26.

The Town Council met on October 11, 2023, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Vice-President Simmons to approve Measure 2024-024- Approval of Supplemental Funding to allow every North Attleboro Firefighter the opportunity to participate in the ultrasound disease assessment Program. Total supplemental funding requested, \$18,000.

The motion was seconded by Councilor St. Pierre.

Motion carried 5-0. UNANIMOUS