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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: Tuesday, January 23, 2024
TO: Town Clerk
FROM: Michael Borg *MJB 23 JAN 24*
CC: Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Antonucci
Director of Facilities Ernie Sandland
Linda Catanzariti Town Accountant
Chris Sweet Treasurer/Tax Collector
RE: Measure 2024-042- Approval to repurpose remaining funds in the amount of \$131,802.00 from previous School Capital Improvement Projects to be used for the Purchase of Two F-Series Super Duty Pickup Trucks and Truck Equipment.

Town Council Meeting- President Justin Paré
Measure 2024-042- Approval to repurpose remaining funds in the amount of \$131,802.00 from previous School Capital Improvement Projects to be used for the Purchase of Two F-Series Super Duty Pickup Trucks and Truck Equipment.

Purpose and Justification:

Purpose:

This request is to ask for approval to repurpose remaining funds from:

Measure 2021-065- FY2022 Capital Improvement Projects- Utilization of FY22 Free Cash. Account 30300165 - 585100. One of the Capital Improvement Projects was for the School Department's Replacement of Two Maintenance Vehicles in the amount of \$110,000.00. One vehicle was purchased in the amount of \$33,198 and the remaining balance is \$76,802.00. The original measure had a reference to hybrid vehicles. After further evaluation of the needs of the department, the recommendation is to fund the purchase of two F-Series Super Duty Pickup Trucks.

Measure 2023-015- FY2023 General Government Capital Improvement Plan Projects- FY23 Free Cash. Account 30300315-585100. One of the Capital Projects was for the School Department's Replacement of One Maintenance Vehicle in the amount of \$55,000.00. This CIP was intended to fund vehicle replacement for the School Maintenance Department.

Justification:

When the request was originally submitted, a quote was secured for two transit vans from state bid vendor MHQ. The Schools then received a notification from the vendor that Ford cancelled all outstanding orders and would not be offering price protection, due to inflation, global microchip shortage, supply chain issues, and lingering impacts of the

pandemic. The transit vans, as well as comparable hybrid vehicles, were no longer available, and would not be available for the foreseeable future. The Schools then requested a quote for vehicles that they feel will equally support the Facilities Department. Measure 2023-015 was originally funded for \$55,000; however, the cost of the individual vehicle is \$65,901. This article needs to be modified, as requested, to reflect appropriate funding.

Therefore, it is requested that the remaining balance of \$76,802.00 from (Measure 2021-065) Account 30300165 - 585100 for the CIP for the Purchase of Two Maintenance Vehicles, and the remaining balance of \$55,000.00 from (Measure 2023-015) Account 30300315-585100 for the CIP for the Purchase of One Maintenance Vehicle, for a total of \$131,802.00 be repurposed to fund the purchase of Two F-Series Super Duty Pickup Trucks with relevant truck equipment.

The Town Council met on December 11, 2023, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Councilor Slobogan to refer Measure 2024-042- Approval to repurpose remaining funds in the amount of \$131,802.00 from previous School Capital Improvement Projects to be used for the Purchase of Two F-Series Super Duty Pickup Trucks and Truck Equipment to the Finance Sub-Committee for further review and consideration.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Costello.

Motion carried. 6-0 UNANIMOUS

The Finance Sub-Committee met on January 4, 2024, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Councilor Donovan to refer Measure 2024-042- Approval to repurpose remaining funds in the amount of \$131,802.00 from previous School Capital Improvement Projects to be used for the Purchase of Two F-Series Super Duty Pickup Trucks and Truck Equipment with a favorable recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Costello.

Motion carried. 6-0 UNANIMOUS

The Town Council met on January 22, 2024, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Councilor Slobogan to approve Measure 2024-042- Approval to repurpose remaining funds in the amount of \$131,802.00 from previous School Capital Improvement Projects to be used for the Purchase of Two F-Series Super Duty Pickup Trucks and Truck Equipment.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Donovan.

Motion carried. 7-0 UNANIMOUS