

MARBLEHEAD LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OBSERVER CORP REPORT FORM

Finance Committee: April 27 2020: MLWV Observer: Katharine Redmond

Members in Attendance: Ben Berman, Emily Belfbecker, Pat Franklin, Blair Nelson, Adrian Zur Muhien, Alec Goolsby, Yeimi Colon, Clerk/Secretary

Meeting posted 48 hours in advance in handicapped accessible location

AGENDA ITEMS: Reserve Fund Transfers

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- Chief Jason Gilliland requested a transfer of \$9,000 from the Reserve Fund for necessary repairs to the town pumper truck (acquired in 2006). When the new pumper truck is purchased, the repaired pumper will go into reserve. The request was voted on and unanimously approved.
- Chief Gilliland also requested a transfer of \$19,500 from the Reserve Fund for testing and materials needed to keep Fire Department equipment certified. The request was voted on and unanimously approved.

Highway Department:

- Director of Public Works, Robert Dever, requested a transfer of \$6,000 from the Reserve Fund for a tent and materials which will enable the town to provide drive through testing for COVID-19. This is part of the transition plan to return to normalcy when appropriate. The request for \$6,000 for COVID 19 supplies was voted on and unanimously approved.

Legal:

- Jason Silva, Town Administrator, requested a transfer of \$48,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Town Counsel for legal fees arising from ongoing litigation concerning the Transfer Station. These fees have already been billed. It is possible that there may be additional fees in the future but it is anticipated that they will be minimal. The request was voted on and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jason Silva reports that after the above transfers are made, the Reserve Fund balance will be \$57,000
- Town Budget: Jason Silva reported that the impact of COVID 19 is still unclear and adjustments to both the FY'20 and FY'21 budgets may be necessary.
- It is likely that State aid and revolving funds will be reduced for FY'21 but the amount is not yet known.
- It is also likely that local meals and tax receipts will not come in at the amounts currently budgeted.

- It may be necessary to revisit some of the already approved FY'21 budgets but it is still too early to tell.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings: Ben Berman has tentatively scheduled the following upcoming meeting dates

- Town Meeting: June 29th
- Warrant Night: June 22nd
- Remaining Budgets (including Schools and Selectmen): June 15th
- If necessary, an additional meeting will be scheduled to revisit already approved budgets.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55