

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Canton was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Canton Public Library and Community Center, 40 Dyer Avenue, Collinsville, CT. Melissa Zils, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Town Clerk, Tracy Morrocco, read the call of the meeting and the return of notice.

1. Robert Bessel moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton appropriate \$275,871 from the Town's undesignated fund balance for the purpose of funding account deficits in the fiscal year 2022/2023 general fund budget?

Seconded by William Volovski.

Chief Administrative Officer, Robert Skinner, explained that pursuant to the charter, if there are any deficits in any line items, we have to transfer funds into those line items to cover the deficits. Most years there are surpluses to cover, there were more line items with deficits instead of surpluses this year. When drafting the 2022/2023 budget in the winter, we are working with the information we have at that time which get finalized in April. There has been significant inflation from January to June, the fuel costs alone increased 49%. Fuel & Utilities were overbudgeted by \$100,000, Maintenance and repairs were overbudgeted by \$77,000 and the utilities and maintenance at the Community Center cost were over by \$38,000 to maintain the building.

Comments from the public: None

The motion vote passed unanimously with a voice vote

2. Robert Bessel moved that the meeting consider and take action on the following question:

Shall the Town of Canton appropriate \$181,559 from the Town's undesignated fund balance for the purpose of funding a deficit in the fiscal year 2022/2023 Emergency Medical Services Special Revenue Account.

Seconded by William Volovski.

Chief Administrative Officer, Robert Skinner, explained that the EMS Special Revenue Account collects both revenues and expenses then uses those revenues to pay the expenses. This is our ambulance account we receive patient billing and revenues from other places. Last year we collected \$772,201 and had expenses of \$953,738 which leaves a deficit of \$181,635 with a small reserve of \$79 bringing the actual deficit to \$181,559. There was inflation with fuel and maintenance. We were notified by the company that provides us services that the contracted services were increasing by 36%. With permission by Board of Selectmen, we put the contracted services out to bid, but the company was still much greater than what was budgeted. The total deficit for contracted services was \$179,451. Cost went up considerably & we budgeted the full amount for the contracted services with a long-range contract going forward.

Comments: Kevin Witkos - 15 Highledge Road

The motion vote passed unanimously with a voice vote

Robert Bessel made a motion to adjourn. Tim LeGeyt seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm

Tracy Morrocco, Town Clerk
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