

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE
November 8, 2021**

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A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Monday, November 8, 2021, electronically via Zoom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 7:39 P.M. by the Chair, Kristin Dolan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristin Dolan, Chair; Kathleen Schomaker; Austin Cesare; Adrian Webber; Berita Rowe-Lewis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeron Alston, Vice-Chair; Betty Wetmore

Public Input: None

Report from Finance Director Scott Jackson: (Distribution of funds related to the American Rescue Plan, (ARPA): Mr. Jackson said that in June the Council passed a budget that had a 6 million dollar line item for FY 20 for COVID Relief funds. It came through in June at a rate of 5.915 million dollars. He said we used those funds to fill the hole in the budget which is an allowable expense under ARPA for lost revenue. Since then, we have not received any dollars. We applied for about 200 thousand dollars as reflected in some of the expenses shown in the report he provided earlier today. He has applied for approximately 200 thousand of the 290 thousand expenses shown in the report because other expenses continue to move forward. Mr. Jackson said we are still only paying Hamden expenses. No other entity that has received one nickel of ARPA funds assigned to the Town of Hamden. We thought it was in better stead to allow the incoming administration to provide the mechanisms and priorities for the approximately 18 million dollars expected between now and 2023. Those funds have not been assigned or programmed. Mr. Jackson said it is possible that the most he will put in for reimbursement is 90 thousand over 18 million that is still left. Mr. Jackson said the Council have in their documents summaries of the three COVID accounts we have, one being the revenue account where they will see the 5.195 million, and also two expenditure accounts where they will see a total of 290 thousand, plus or minus, that was used for purchases of PPE and building improvements such as what was done in the Tax Office, the creation of glass shields for the protection of tax payers and staff.

The following items were addressed:

1. Refund of Property Taxes collected between to July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022

Overpayments on current Grand List – (10) totaling \$22,452.47

-- Moved by Ms. Dolan, seconded by Mr. Webber and approved unanimously.

2. Refund of Property Taxes collected prior to July 1, 2021 – (22) totaling \$43,221.94

-- Moved by Ms. Dolan, seconded by Mr. Webber and approved unanimously.

**3. Refund of Motor Vehicle Taxes collected between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022 –
Overpayments on current Grand List - (99) totaling \$38,366.03**

-- Moved by Ms. Dolan, seconded by Ms. Zaehring and approved unanimously.

4. Bid waiver for purchase of bus shelter (Columbia Equipment Co. - \$12,713)

-- Moved by Ms. Dolan, seconded by Mr. Webber and approved unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta, Clerk
for Kristin Dolan, Chair