

# TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 1:00 PM

Town Hall - 41 South Main Street Randolph, MA 02368

#### **AGENDA**

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### A. Call To Order - Roll Call

#### **B.** New Business

- 1. Council Order 2024-016: Transfer of ARPA Revenue Loss Funds
- Council Order 2024-017: Transfer of Water/Sewer Retained Earnings for Lead Pipe Program

## C. Adjournment

## **Notification of Upcoming Meeting Dates**

April 29
May 13
June 10 and 24
July 15 and 29
August 12 and 26
September 9 and 30
October 7 and 28

November 4 and 25 December 9

Council Order: 2024-016 Introduced by: Town Manager Brian Howard April 18, 2024

#### **Transfer of ARPA Revenue Loss Funds**

To see if the Randolph Town Council will vote to transfer \$1,150,000 from the ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Revenue Loss to the project and FY24 budget, as shown below:

Department/Project	Expense
RPS Tennis Courts, Track and Basketball Courts	\$ 1,000,000
FY24 Treasurer/Collector	\$ 150,000
Total	\$ 1,150,000

## **Explanation:**

**TENNIS COURTS, TRACK & BASKETBALL COURTS:** After working with the Town's ARPA consultant, it was determined that the best funding source for the RPS tennis court, track and basketball court project is the revenue loss category. This decision was based on the areas of Town not falling within a Qualified Census Track which is a requirement to use other ARPA eligible categories. The track project has been completed. The tennis court and basketball courts will be done this Spring.

FY 24 TREASURER/COLLECTOR RECONCILIATION: The Treasurer/Collector has consultants assisting with the development and reconciliation of the Town's cashbook. The services were expected to dwindle during FY24, but the project has been more involved than originally planned. These funds will cover costs through FY24. The services are not expected to be needed at all after the close of the fiscal year. The second area causing the need for the transfer is related to tax title accounts. The Town budgeted \$10,000 as it had in years past, however with the work that needed to be done with new and subsequent takings, legal advertisements, notification letters, and filings and redemptions at the Registry of Deeds this amount has shown to be extremely inadequate for FY24.

Council Order: 2024-017 Introduced by: Town Manager Brian Howard April 18, 2024

## Transfer of Water/Sewer Retained Earnings for Lead Pipe Program

To see if the Randolph Town Council will vote to transfer \$288,385.00 from the Retained Earnings of the Town's Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund to fund costs related to the Lead Pipe Program.

**Explanation:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced final revisions to the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for lead and copper under the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act - called the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR). All communities have to comply with the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR), for which the deadline is October 16, 2024. The deadline requires communities to inventory (identify) and make public the locations of lead service lines (LSLs) and to develop an LSL replacement plan by this date.

MassDEP is working with communities to make grant funds available through a Lead Service Lines planning grant application. In addition, SRF funding is also available if you do not receive the grant. Randolph needs to comply with the EPA regulation and deadline, and has a contract with BETA to complete the work for the grant and SRF request.