



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

Lindsey Miller, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, December 16, 2019
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor, 888 Washington Boulevard,
Stamford, CT 06905-2098

The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Miller and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson and Nabel. Absent or excused were Reps. Coleman and Pendell. Also present were Reps. Cottrell, de la Cruz and Zelinsky; Mayor Martin; Jay Fountain, Director of OPM; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Mike Handler, Director of Administration; Tamu Lucero, Superintendent of Schools; and Mark McGrath, Director of Operations.

Chair Di Costanzo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. F30.272	REVIEW; Financial Results of FY 18/19. 12/04/19 – Submitted by Director Fountain	Report Made

Mayor Martin and Mr. Fountain discussed the results of the 2018/19 fiscal year financial results with the Committee. Items discussed included the following:

- The City ended the fiscal year with a \$14.3M surplus
- The primary driver was development fees and related fees (\$11.5M better than the revenue estimate)
 - \$5.5M is probably pulled in from the following year (2019/20) as a result of the large number of building permit applications in advance of the fee increase in May 2019
- This helped offset the holes in the budget on the Board of Ed side, particularly due to the mold crisis
- The State paid the full grant amount of \$2.6M
- The haulaway and leaf collection added about \$1M to expenses, since the City had not planned for leaf pickup
- Public Safety expenses came in \$2.6M ahead of budget, possibly due to structural changes to the police contract
- Operations, excluding haulaway and leaf pickup, came in \$4.5M ahead of budget
- Some of the surplus will have to be used to increase the Rainy Day Fund, as part of the commitments to bond obligations
- The majority will go into short term capital, of which a majority will be dedicated to roads, so that some roads on the priority list will be paved in the next calendar year that might not have been gotten to

2. [F30.269](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Approved 6-0-0
\$336,605.65 C56182; Street Patch & Resurfacing; Utility
Contribution from Eversource for Milling, Paving,
Police Time, Trench Remediation, Line Stripping and
Administrative Fee - Travis Ave & Weed Ave.
12/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
12/10/19 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
12/12/19 - Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Casolo discussed Item No. 2 with the Committee. This is an appropriation for Eversource's contribution for their portion of the paving of Travis Ave and Weed Ave due to utility installation. The City determined the work that needed to be done, including police extra duty, and then invoiced Eversource. The paving work will be done by the City. By combining it with City funds, the remaining part of the road can also be paved at the same time if necessary. The City can also evaluate the drainage and make any necessary repairs prior to paving. The representatives in the district are aware of this.

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Fedeli, McMullen, Morson and Nabel in favor).

3. [F30.270](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Approved 6-0-0
\$314,494.77 C56182; Street Patch & Resurfacing; Utility
Contribution from Aquarion for Milling, Paving, Police
Time, Trench Remediation, Line Stripping and
Administrative Fee - Woodway Rd & Gaymoor Dr.
12/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
12/10/19 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
12/12/19 - Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Casolo discussed Item No. 3 with the Committee. This is an appropriation for Aquarion's contribution for their portion of the paving of Woodway Rd, Dorset La, Regent Ct and Gaymoor Dr. due to utility installation. The water company had done some paving in the area, and the remaining paving will be done in the summer. There is a box culvert which contains Springdale Creek that has deteriorated and is currently covered over with steel plates that will be paved over. This covers the share of the police time for the utility's contribution, as well as clerk of the works costs. The repair of the culvert will be a separate project

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Fedeli, McMullen, Morson and Nabel in favor).

The Committee next took up Item No. 5.

5. [F30.263](#) REVIEW; Update on All Expenses Paid to Date and Report Made
to be Incurred For Mold Repairs In Schools.
10/10/19 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky
10/28/19 – Held by Committee
11/25/19 – Held by Committee 5-0-0

Secondary Committee – Education

Mr. Handler and Dr. Lucero discussed this item with the Committee. The financial information can be found at the [Asset Management Group webpage](#), under "[SAMG/MTF Financial Information](#)".

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#)