

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Board of Estimate and Apportionment**

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment met in the Common Council Chambers on November 2, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

Members

Mayor DeStefano  
President Rodrigues(A) Present  
Ald. Masi

Others Present

L. Liz                      J. Ewanciw  
M. Bruni                  J. Kleiner  
R. Bertholf                J. Tawil

1. Chief Ewanciw is requesting the approval to authorize the Treasurer to transfer within the Police Department 2023 budget lines the following in order to cover shortfalls due to staffing changes throughout the year:

<b>From</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>To</b>
A.3120.100 Personal Services	\$100,000	A.3120.103 Overtime
A.3120.100 Personal Services	\$1,650	A.3120.432 Background investigation
A.3120.100 Personal Services	\$660	A.3120.431 Drug Testing

The following is to cover a shortage in payment for the initial 2022 payment of the axon program. Axon did not advise us of our 2022 obligation until the bill was generated for 2023.

A.3120.100 Personal Services	\$4,800	A.3120.400 Contractual services
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The following transfer is to cover a shortage in the repairs to equipment budget line, specifically an increase in vehicle maintenance and camera repairs.

A.3120.100 Personal Services	\$45,000	A.3120.440 Repairs to Equipment
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The following transfer is for the purchase of three additional speed radar signs for placement throughout the city.

A.3120.100 Personal Services	\$9,350	A.3120.200 Equipment
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Upon a motion duly made by Mayor DeStefano and seconded by Chairman Masi, the above action was approved.

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- 2 Jacob Tawil is requesting the approval to award the bid for the lights at Wolslayer Field to the only submitted bidder, Harry F. Rotolo & Sons Inc., in the amount of \$278,142.24

An alternate price for Color Lighting is an additional \$53,000.

Publicly advertised bids were received and opened during the Board of Estimates meeting on October 23, 2023, with a total of one bid received for this project. A bid recommendation, from project architect AEGIS Design/Joseph Fucci, for contract award, is enclosed.

Funding for the project is being made available from Parks and Recreation Capital Hook Up fees line.

Table with 3 columns: FROM, AMOUNT, TO. Row 1: Debt Service Fund Balance, \$278,142.24, H.7140.213. Row 2: A\_2023\_Wolslayer Field Lights

Upon a motion duly made by Mayor DeStefano and seconded by Chairman Masi, the above action was approved.

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- 3 Jacob Tawil is requesting the approval to authorize a bond resolution in the amount of \$3,506,810 of EFC financing is \$8,806,819

Upon a motion duly made by Mayor DeStefano and seconded by Chairman Masi, the above action was approved.

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- 4. Requesting the approval of the 2024 Marshall and Sterling Workmen’s Compensation proposal for January 1st, 2024 through December 31,2024 in the amount of \$49,000

Upon a motion duly made by Mayor DeStefano and seconded by Chairman Masi, the above action was approved.

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- 5. Maria Bruni is requesting authorization to accept the Municipal Legislative Grant from the County of Orange in the amount of \$4,999.00, and to authorize the Mayor, to sign any and all documents pertaining to this grant. The Legislative Sponsor for the project is Legislator Michael Paduch.

Also, requesting authorization for the Treasurer to establish the line A.7011.498 Paramount Municipal Legislative Grant Expense for the amount of \$4,999. Funds will be deposited to account line A.2807 OC Theater Grant.

These grant funds will be applied toward the purchase of a canopy for the stage at John F. Degnan Square.

Upon a motion duly made by President Rodrigues and seconded by Chairman Masi, the above action was approved.

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6. Maria Bruni is requesting the approval of a temporary borrowing from the General Fund Balance in the amount of \$500,000 as seed funding for the purchase and installation of 150 decorative light poles and light fixtures for Streets/Sidewalks in the downtown. The temporary borrowing will be reimbursed by the \$500,000 DASNY Grant award #26122 secured by Assemblywomen Gunther. The total cost of the estimated project is \$600,000. The City will match the funds at a later date once the project has started for the remaining \$100,000.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
General Fund Balance	\$500,000	H.8510.201 A_2023_Light Pole Replacement

Upon a motion duly made by Mayor DeStefano and seconded by Chairman Masi, the above action was approved.

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7. Leonora Liz is requesting the approval of amending the Bond Resolution for PPU extension on the ADA sidewalks and ramp improvement project from 5 years to 10 years, original bond amount in 2020 was \$4,342,000

Upon a motion duly made by Mayor DeStefano and seconded by Chairman Masi, the above action was approved.

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8. The Orange County Youth Bureau has approved our RFP application for funding in 2024 with Department Head Discretion. The funding will come from the NYSOCFS: Youth Sports Education Funding. The goal of the funding is to provide our youth with sports and education, opportunities and support to improve youth and community outcomes in specific "Life Areas." The Middletown Recreation Department will receive \$12,510 for the Middletown Recreation Young Warrior Boxing Program and \$25,000 for the Middletown Recreation Fitness Program.

In order to receive this funding and apply for future funding in 2024, the Recreation Department is requesting the approval to authorize Mayor DeStefano to sign any and all necessary 2024 contracts and Requests for Funding in relation to the Orange County Youth Bureau on behalf of the City of Middletown.

Upon a motion duly made by Mayor DeStefano and seconded by Chairman Masi, the above action was approved.

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9. Lawn Maintenance Adj: 5 Wilkin Ave- Tabled

**Motion to adjourn @ 4:23 PM**

Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Masi and seconded by President Rodrigues, the above action was approved.

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Respectfully submitted,

Leonora Liz  
Secretary