

**CIP COMMITTEE**  
**Chaplin Senior Center Meeting Room**  
**February 16, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.
2. **Members Present:** Andrew Baralari, School Maintenance Supervisor; Kevin Chavez, Chaplin Elementary School Principal; Richard Weingart, Chairman Board of Finance; Joe Pinto Fire Chief; Dave Stone, DPW Supervisor; Doug Dubitsky, Board of Finance
3. **Audience of Citizens:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** *Dick Weingart made a MOTION to approve the Minutes of the 1/12/2023 CIP Committee Meeting with corrections. Joe Pinto seconded the MOTION. All in favor, MOTION carried.*
5. **Discuss and Possible Action on CIP Plan:** D Weingart began the meeting requesting confirmation on the projects which were removed from the spread sheet and reviewed closed out line items. After these items were confirmed, D Weingart emphasized the need for prioritization of new requests submitted. J Roman questioned why three large requests were made by the BOE for the current year. K Chavez stated that the original thinking was that these items might replace others that had been removed and closed out. A. Baralari spoke up about the urgency of the three requests and submitted a 50-year report documenting conditions and life expectancy of various systems and equipment at the schools. A. Baralari stated that, of the three requests, addressing the Pump House issues is the number 1 priority for the BOE. Second priority, electric room, can be moved to planned 2024-2025. He also stated that the boilers can be pushed out to 2027-2028. The third priority would be the heating pump and controls request. D Stone spoke on behalf of Public Works and stated that all new requests are needed and cannot be prioritized. Discussion took place about individual departments needing to investigate various forms of funding for projects. D Weingart expressed concern that, as the new numbers stand, a mil increase may be needed and will be extremely unpopular. Joe Pinto spoke on behalf of Public Safety requested that the \$25,000 requested for this year be deferred (line # 102). J Roman spoke for the General Government requests. It was decided that the relocation of the museum can be pushed out to 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 since it has not had a public vote and no approval or permits have been issued. The annual Chaplin Day request will also be deferred. The request covering ADA compliant restroom upgrades can be moved forward and J Roman states that grant funding is being investigated. \$30,000 requested for community room acoustic improvements can be deferred until 2025-2026. Altogether, the removals and deferrals offered by all departments reduced the final CIP number FY 2023-2024 from \$613,848 to a more manageable \$453,848. D Weingart stated that this was encouraging but urged all departments to continue to consider priorities.

D Weingart wrapped up the meeting by stating that the CIP Committee should present their results to the Board of Finance at their 3/20/2023 meeting at which the BOE will also be presenting. D Weingart to rework the numbers from tonight's meeting and send them to Susan for dispersal to Committee members. A CIP wrap up meeting has been scheduled for 3/16/2023 at 6 PM in the Senior Center Meeting Room.

**Adjournment: MOTION to Adjourn at 8:00 PM was made by J Pinto and seconded by D Stone. All in favor. Motion carried.**

*Respectfully submitted by  
Susan Welshman, Administrative Assistant/Recording Clerk*