



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 23-66
COUNCIL MTG OF: June 6, 2023
FROM: Michael A. Fowler, P.E, Director of Public Works
George R. Feole, Police Chief
OFFERED BY: SAME
PREPARED BY: SAME
SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation – Radar Signs – Use of ARPA Funds

PURPOSE: Town Council approval of the use of ARPA Funding is requested to purchase two solar powered fixed radar signs to assist with addressing a community speeding issue.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

The Town Council is urged to approve this request to address a community safety issue, utilizing excess funds from the Derry Recovery Trust which includes as one purpose the investment in infrastructure in the community.

BACKGROUND: Staff became aware of a reported issue on North Shore Rd. (Beaver Lake) involving speeding vehicles. Members of the community have attended and voiced their concerns at recent Highway Safety Committee meetings. During one meeting it was suggested that more signage, roadway paintings, and speed signs be installed to address this ongoing issue.

DISCUSSION: In late 2022 and early 2023, the Highway Safety Committee met to address neighborhood concerns over speeding along North Shore Road – Beaver Lake. After performing traffic counts and reviewing applicable MUTCD engineering guidance, the Committee voted to recommend the implementation of several measures such as signage, pavement markings and fixed radar signs intended to slow motorists down.

The recommended package included the installation of two (2) permanent, foundation mounted solar powered radar signs. The cost of the signs was not originally appropriated in the FY 23 budget, grant funds and/or unspent operating funds were targeted to cover the cost of the radar signs. After reviewing the status of available funds at the end of FY 23, proceeds from an ARPA grant would be the source of funding.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$12,190 for the radar signs and posts, which does not include staff labor cost to install. The Derry Recovery Trust was established under Resolution #2021-015 to receive, hold and disburse American Rescue Plan Funds from the federal government. Allowable uses include revenue replacement, responses to negative economic impacts, and investments into infrastructure and such other activities as may be authorized by the funding authority.

As shown below, it is anticipated that the Town will be able to invest over \$760K into the community from the balance of ARPA funds not needed for revenue replenishment or transition of the Health Inspector position to full-time:

ARPA Funding		
Balance 2/28/23		\$ 1,622,591.00
Health Inspector Transition FY 24	\$ (34,770.00)	\$ 1,587,821.00
Offset Loss Revenue FY 24	\$ (450,000.00)	\$ 1,137,821.00
Health Inspector Transition FY 25	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ 1,117,821.00
Offset Loss Revenue FY 25	\$ (350,000.00)	\$ 767,821.00
	\$ (854,770.00)	

Accordingly, staff recommends applying a portion of the available balance to fund this safety improvement.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend that the Town Council authorize the use of \$12,190 from the Derry Recovery Plan Expendable Trust for the purchase of two solar powered radar signs.

MOTION: See Attached Resolution #2023-041

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RESOLUTION

Number 2023-041

Transfer Funds from the Derry Recovery Expendable Trust Fund

WHEREAS, Section 9.7 of the Town Charter empowers the Town Council to transfer any unencumbered appropriation balance; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council pursuant to Resolution #2021-025 created an Expendable Trust for the Derry Recovery Plan to receive funds from the American Rescue Plan Act and disburse as necessary; and

WHEREAS, transfers are necessary to address a public safety issue on North Shore Road (Beaver Lake);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL that the Town Administrator is authorized to transfer the sum of \$12,190 from the Derry Recovery Expendable Trust Fund to purchase two solar powered radar signs.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted: June 6, 2023

Attest:

X _____

Charles Foote, Council Chair

Date: _____

X _____

Cristina Guilford, Town Clerk

Date: _____