

TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH, MAINE

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 12 2025, 4:30 PM

Police Conference Room

In Attendance

1. Holly Korda
 2. Tim Bollea
 3. Terry Gallagher
 4. Reza Namin
 5. Graham Roeber
 6. Diana Asanza - Town Manager
 7. Jordan Miles - Finance Director
 8. Chief Elise Chard- Police
 9. Deputy Chief David - Police
 10. Chief John Gilboy - Fire
 11. Deputy Chief Travis McDonald - Fire
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1. Call to Order: 4:38 pm.
 2. Vote for Chair/Co-Chair
 - a. Reza nominated Tim Bollea, and Holly seconded
 - b. Holly nominated Graham, and Reza seconded
 - c. I nominate Terry; Graham Seconded
 3. Police Requests
 - a. Changed to the Chevy Tahoe, recently got it up and running, quite a bit larger; supervisor's car now, another Chevy Tahoe, two in the fleet – \$92,278 (original cost of the vehicle \$55,350)
 - i. Other vehicles are Ford Explorers and one truck
 - ii. Fords have an extended delivery time (October/November)
 - iii. Chevy delivered in August (but not into service into the last month)
 1. Equipment delays still from Covid, still awaiting outfitting
 - iv. A five-year timeframe still makes sense – things that are transitioned into detectives and admin vehicles
 - v. End of life do an auction for them, and vehicles remain high demand
 - b. One other item GA social services building expansion –
 - i. Add office space to this building. The admin office is over at the recreation building
 - ii. Having them in the lobby can be challenging for people coming in from the public – they are weaving through the GA services people if they need to do an interview, and then they'll need to bring it into the classroom
 - iii. Safety issue as is
 - iv. In the information-gathering stage – we will prioritize potentially building this in FY26 but will do the design fee for 30% of this project.
 - v. Separate from the bail area and separate from the “main” lobby

- vi. We have seen over 400 appointments this year – a massive influx of these appointments (we used to see approximately 20)

4. Fire Requests

a. Conduct Building Study

- i. Had 89k in CIP for the building study (and repaired water leakage that was flowing into the kitchen)
- ii. It makes more sense to go out, probably per John
- iii. Heating systems are aged
- iv. Project doing the apparatus floors and the drains
- v. Exterior issues: the moisture is getting into some of the porous blocks
 - 1. Outgrowing is in basically every way – storage,
 - 2. HVAC issues (split units)
 - 3. Exterior issues (brand new roof) only one occurrence of water intrusion in the kitchen (could be a window issue)

b. 25 SCBA bottles

- i. That will complete the project they've been working on for several years – been doing 10 at a time.
- ii. Tariffs may impact the price

c. Turnout Gear -

- i. Every year, they replace a few – the ones in good shape move to per diem folks, and the 10-year equipment gets replaced yearly – this is 10 sets of gear.
 - 1. The last quote was \$44,200
- ii. Different pieces of equipment come from different areas

d. Replace TIC cameras

- i. They are more than 20 years old; the idea is to upgrade with (Thermal Imaging Cameras, 3 in inventory) (one might be approximately 12 years old)
- ii. It gives us additional tools (looking for people or looking in walls)

e. Replace Station Generator

- i. The issue with the generator is the availability of parts –
- ii. It hasn't been changed in 30 years
- iii. Potential for grant eligibility (FEMA grants are pretty limited right now)
 - 1. Plausibly slowed down, they closed the national fire-fighting academy, lots of training and lots of pending training
 - 2. Executive officer training is potentially unavailable

f. Replace Cardiac Monitor

- i. They cannot buy a service contract for a 10 year+ old monitor (they have four, one is going to age out)
- ii. The cost has gone way up for these; Lifepak 15s are \$57,000

- iii. Lifepak 35 with a five-year maintenance contract \$61,730
 - 1. It is a great monitor but expensive, with a high level of comfort
 - 2. Stryker might have a lease-purchase program
 - 3. Potential for discounts if other departments
- g. Replace E-73
 - i. This is in the CIP for FY29
 - 1. Once you purchase the engine, it could take 3-4 years to receive them
 - 2. This would freeze the price
 - a. Ideally, we're hoping for a total cost of around \$980,000.
 - 3. This would replace their 2007 engine, which has had its fair share of work & saltwater.
 - 4. Most of the equipment on the 2007 can be reused.
 - 5. Potentially a 20-year bond to pay (because of lifespan)
- h. Paving of fire station
 - i. The trucks have made gullies that drop down and damage the suspension, replacing the springs on the front-line engine.
- i. Steel beams above the apparatus doors
 - i. They remove the block, remove the lintels, and then redo the block over the four front side garage doors above the admin office. The blocks are pulled out from the building.
 - ii. Repairing the block
 - 1. Why does this happen?
 - a. The ocean-facing side is battered with wind and rain, so the porous blocks cause the issue.
 - b. These were built in 1976, so it's been a while, but the weather has taken its toll.
- j. Replacing the four front garage doors
 - i. Priced both ways, all glass or partial glass,
 - 1. All glass was like \$14,000 a piece
 - 2. Partial glass is \$9,600 a piece
 - a. More light in the apparatus bay, more visibility
 - 3. More energy efficient now
 - 4. Replacing in kind (no glass, \$6,900) (little window)
- k. Lifeguard Storage Trailer
 - i. Store the four-wheeler and the jet ski right on the beach
 - ii. Reduced transit, more accessible and secure
 - iii. With the current trailer, they can launch right from the beach – it also improves efficiency in responding to after-hours calls if the lifeguards have gone home.

1. Waterproofing FD, purchase security camera.
 - i. The blocks on the building are pretty porous, and they latex the building.
 1. They are going to repaint, which was done approximately 12-15 years ago
 2. It was effective at that time, but it wears down.
 - a. Right now, blocks are cracked and missing mortar, among other issues.
 3. That type of block is no longer the industry standard.
 - m. Quick discussion on Priority
 - i. Turnout, SCBA, TIC, Cardiac, E73, lintels, lintels, Lifeguard Storage, four garage doors, front apron paving, conduct building study
 - n. We will be part of the 800 system (the VHF with no additional frequencies) for several years, but we moved some of the costs and will likely see these hit CIP in FY2027.
 - i. Did a 35k feasibility study with Scarborough
 - ii. The town will look to get a bid
5. The next meeting will be Admin, Rec, and Wastewater, and we will shoot for 4:30 next week.
6. Discussion preparation for the Public works discussion: Terry introduced the idea of using performance metrics to help prepare for the Public Works discussion. He suggested percentages might be a better comparison tool than raw costs.
7. The Meeting was Adjourned at 5:47 pm.