

**MEETING NOTICE/AGENDA**  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 5, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

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**Agenda:**

**Finance Update: Mr. Jackson**

**Questions submitted on previous finance reports:**

1. What is this \$2.1M Favorable Variance in Finance Revenues?
2. What is your understanding of this event? Do you agree that these funds are not to be presented as a "savings" in this year's budget but must be preserved for the bottom line?
3. If so, what is the true budget deficit we are facing right now? Is it in the \$8M range?

## **New Questions Submitted:**

1. How does the Administration plan to pay for the deficits in the other funds? The auditor said they must be brought to zero over next several years. Let us assume 3. How do we plan to stop the deficits from growing in these funds and pay off the current deficit of \$1.6M? That assumes we can resolve the remaining \$1.1 on WIMS with the State.

2. The rink issues. Mr Galarza stated \$400k loss but also \$250k loss and that the rink brought in \$150 of income. What we demand is a full accounting of the rink for us to review from 2017 - 2019 as per the management letter from the auditor. (we can skip 2020, as rink was effected by Covid)

A. .We want to see the bank statements from the rink manager and we want those matched to our revenue receipts from the town.

B. we want the expenses for the rink including the utility costs that may be accounted for elsewhere on budget. We want to see what the costs are for those meters are. Any repair or maintenance invoices.

3. Are there any other expenses or revenues that run through the funds that are not found in the operating budget, similar to the Ice Rink?

4. An explanation of the \$1.2m savings in the debt service line. The council budgeted for the full debt service payment, so that the \$7m savings would flow into the general fund. Is this what you are referring to as savings? If so, how did it go from \$7m to \$1.2m?

5. A debt restructure mentioned by Mr. Galarza. Is this a new debt restructure being proposed or was he referring to the May 2020 restructure? If it is a new one, when can council expect to hear the details of such a restructure? If this is a new restructure, are those savings already part of the proposed budget for 2021/22?

6. The collection of Private Duty police receivables. They were outstanding at time of audit, have we now collected 100% of those receivables? If no, why not?

7. Please provide a detailed cost breakdown of this expenditure from Economic Development. I see it is already 100% expended. What does this amount pay for? (11411 0679 HAMDEN ECON. DEV CORP \$50,000)

## **Agenda Business:**

1. Refund of Property Taxes collected prior to July 1, 2020 – (3) totaling \$6,212.61
2. Refund of Property Taxes collected between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 – Overpayments on Current Grand List – (14) totaling \$10,429.09
3. Refund of Motor Vehicle Taxes taxes collected between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 – Overpayments on Current Grand List – (46) totaling \$5,774.78
4. Appointment of Finance Director – Scott D. Jackson

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