

## Tracy Kapusta

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**From:** Sharon Davis <sharon.davis@vnahsr.org> on behalf of Sharon Davis  
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The committee met on 6/22/2023

Members present: Alderman Barbagallo, Savage, Adams, McCann and Chair Davis

Also present: Mayor Doenges, President Talbott, Alderman Tadio, Gillam, Cupoli

Also present Randall Smathers from the Library and Andrew Strniste Building and Zoning

Randall presented the committee with the history of the library and when and what upgrades had been done over the years. In applying for this ARPA grant available to libraries he is hopeful to improve site lines, create a WOW factor in the children's room, create a teen space, connect the circulation and help desks, fix the HVAC system to name a few .

The request before the board is to show community support for the grant and the request is 18,000.00 dollars. This money would go to NBF architects and Engineers of Vermont to begin the initial evaluations.

The motion is to approve the request with the funds to come for Zamias totaling 9,000.00 dollars and 9,000.00 from the formal known ARPA funds.

Motion passed 5-0 and I so move.

The second discussion was to use 560,000.00 dollars of surplus to create new positions, and not be used for taxpayer relief. The Mayor outlined his requests as follows:

DPW commissioner position will need funding as the position has been changed.

Executive Administrator to the Mayor: serves as the Office manager for the Mayor .

Zoning Technician : manages zoning permits, zoning activities and frees up current administrator to do planning

Grant writer: RRA dedicated grant writer and project coordinator to capture all available funds

DPW Engineering technician II : learn from current position holder planning who is planning to retire.

There was much discussion regarding the request as this is taxpayer dollars and should be returned to them. It was also discussed that this was Mayor Allaire's budget and these positions were not included or voter approved. The support was that the new Mayor was elected and so were his ideas. Positions were discussed and what was needed and necessary at this time and could they or should they wait for Mayor Doenges first budget.

Motion is to approve the assignment of up to 560,000.00 dollars of anticipated budget surplus to the FY24 fiscal year budget and additional RRA funding and I so move.

Motion passed 4-1

Submitted,  
Sharon Davis Chair

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