

Finance Advisory Committee
Minutes – 01/19/2026

Attendees: Mike Albanese (minutes), Bob Dewing, John Kaplan, Melissa Muilenburg, Jim Murphy, Khizar Sheikh, Jennifer Semler, Mitchell Stern.

Absent: Lauren Barnett

1. 2026 preliminary budget review: Water and Sewer.
 - FAC reviewed the water budget and had no suggested revisions on budgeted revenues or expenses. The projected Fund Balance at the end of 2026 was also deemed to be appropriate and within an acceptable range of the 20% target as a percentage of total budget.
 - FAC reviewed the sewer budget and had no suggested revisions on budgeted revenues or expenses. The projected Fund Balance at the end of 2026 was also deemed to be appropriate and within an acceptable range of the 15% target as a percentage of total budget.
2. Review 2026 current budget updates
 - An updated current budget was not provided, as there have been no meaningful changes since the last meeting.
 - FAC's recommendation for the Surplus Anticipated figure is to maintain it at \$2.1MM, however \$100k of that is earmarked for an increase to the Capital Improvement Fund (currently \$100k, increased to \$200k). The increase in the Capital Improvement Fund expense will allow for a like-sized reduction in capital expenses funded by bond issuance. Included in the \$200k capital improvement fund expense is the purchase of police vehicles for \$100k, which allows for a \$15k reduction in Police Department expenses in the budget, which would have covered police vehicle leases that are no longer needed.
3. Review 2026 capital budget and review/discuss open capital ordinances.
 - FAC reviewed the current draft of the 2026 Capital Budget, which projects approx. \$1.64M of spend for the year, including \$250k of prior year ordinances and \$227k funded by grants, for \$1.16M of net funding costs.
 - Counsel will continue to review all line items to ensure spending for the year is appropriate.
4. Review Preliminary Tax Impact analysis for 2026 reassessment.
 - FAC reviewed the Preliminary reassessment, but notes that the Predicted Tax Rate shown cannot be truly assessed until all 2026 budgets are finalized, including the School Board and County.
5. Next meeting: Wednesday, February 11 at 7:00pm, Zoom. Minutes – J. Murphy

To Dos:

- Circulate any updates to Current, Water, Sewer and/or Capital Expenditure budgets.
- 4th Quarter budget and trust account review, 2/11 meeting – J. Semler.
- Tax appeal exposure update from tax assessor, 2/11 meeting – M. Stern.
- Recommendations for reserve replenishment and/or increases after update from tax assessor 2/11 meeting – M. Stern, J. Semler.
- Water usage analysis, 3/4 meeting – J. Semler.
- Update and distribute Surplus Account / Fund Balance Forecast analysis, include dam financing for 4/1 meeting– J. Semler.
- Updated bond model – J. Kaplan.