

**Town of Oak Bluffs Finance and Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, February 24, 2022, 5:00 pm**  
**Via Zoom Conference**

Present: Chair –**Bob Gaffey, Dion Alley, Sherry Countryman, Bernie Crossland, Maura McGroarty, Mike Taus, Walter Vail, Bill Vrooman, Richard Weiss.**

Absent:

Others: Deborah Potter - Town Administrator / Accountant. Debra Alley - Recorder. Don Leopold – Dukes County, Martina Thornton – Dukes County, Patrick Hickey – Wastewater, Christine Todd, Mark Drainville, Anastasia Rudenko. Richard Peter Wharton. Gail Barmakian.

**5:00 pm** The Oak Bluffs Finance and Advisory Committee came to order.

Review minutes from January February 17, 2022, meeting. Mr. Vrooman moved the minutes be approved seconded by Mr. Taus. With corrections by Ms. McGroarty.

McGroarty - Aye, Countryman - Aye, Weiss - Aye, Taus - Aye, Alley - Aye, Vail - Aye, Vrooman – Aye, Crossland -Aye, Gaffey - Aye. **(9- Aye)**

**Dukes Country Presentation** – Don Leopold & Martina Thornton.

**Committee Discussion and Possible Vote on FY23 Budget**

**Warrant Article 1. Budget \$35,476,928.14** - Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman

McGroarty - No

Countryman - No

Weiss - No

Taus - Aye with concerns

Alley - Aye, any budget exceeding 2.5% need to have an explanation and vote on the line item

Vail - Aye

Vrooman - Aye

Crossland - Aye

Gaffey - Aye **(6 - Aye 3 - No)**

\*\*\*Sherry Countryman is going to write a draft for the committee to vote on with concerns.

**5:48** Maura McGroarty left the meeting

**Warrant Article 2. Revolving Funds** - Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman

McGroarty

Countryman - Aye

Weiss - Aye

Vail - Aye

Alley - Aye

Crossland - Aye

Vrooman - Aye

Taus - Aye

Gaffey - Aye **(8 - Aye 0 - No)**

**Warrant Article 3. Waterways Account \$25,000.** Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman  
McGroarty  
Countryman - Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye,  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey – Aye (8- Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 4. \$30,000 COA handicap access ramp** Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman  
McGroarty  
Countryman - Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 5. \$54,000 Highway Dept Garage Furnace** Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr.  
Vrooman  
McGroarty  
Countryman - Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 6. \$25,400 four Electric Vehicles** Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman  
McGroarty  
Countryman - Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 7. \$55,000 Woodchipper Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman**

McGroarty

Countryman - Aye

Weiss- Aye

Vail - Aye

Alley - Aye

Crossland - Aye

Vrooman - Aye

Taus - Aye

Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 8. \$120,000 two highway pickup trucks Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman**

McGroarty

Countryman - Aye

Weiss- Aye

Vail - Aye

Alley - Aye

Crossland - Aye

Vrooman - Aye

Taus - Aye

Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 9. \$23,500 Library Hold Lockers Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman**

McGroarty

Countryman - Aye

Weiss- Aye

Vail - Aye

Alley - Aye

Crossland - Aye

Vrooman - Aye

Taus - Aye

Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 10. \$35,000 Beach Plantings Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman**

McGroarty

Countryman - Aye

Weiss- Aye

Vail - Aye

Alley - Aye

Crossland - Aye

Vrooman - Aye

Taus - Aye

Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 11. \$30,000 Jet Ski rescue Board Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman**

McGroarty

Countryman -No

Weiss - No

Vail - No

Alley - No

Crossland - No

Vrooman - No

Taus - No

Gaffey - Aye (1 - Aye 7 - No)

\*\*Comment to be forthcoming about no votes

**Warrant Article 12. \$15,000 Beach Mats Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman**

McGroarty

Countryman -Aye

Weiss- Aye

Vail - Aye

Alley - Aye

Crossland - Aye

Vrooman - Aye

Taus - Aye

Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 13. \$30,000 exterior painting OB School Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman**

McGroarty

Countryman - Aye

Weiss- Aye

Vail - Aye

Alley - Aye

Crossland - Aye

Vrooman - Aye

Taus - Aye

Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 14. \$80,000 streetlights Sea View Ave Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman**

McGroarty

Countryman -Aye

Weiss- Aye

Vail - Aye

Alley - Aye

Crossland - Aye

Vrooman - Aye

Taus - Aye

Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 15. \$40,000 retaining walls County Road** Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman  
Vrooman  
McGroarty  
Countryman -Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 16. \$ 73,534 fund Police Cruiser Lease x 4 vehicles** Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman  
Mr. Vrooman  
McGroarty  
Countryman -Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 17. – Withdrawn**  
**Warrant Article 18. – Withdrawn**

**Warrant Article 19. \$19,200 Minor interior repair** Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman  
McGroarty  
Countryman -Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 20. \$69,914 Re-chassis of ambulances** Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman  
McGroarty  
Countryman -Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye

Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 21. \$80,000 Fire Rehab Unit Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman**  
McGroarty  
Countryman -Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 22. \$70,000 Turn Out Gear Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman**  
McGroarty  
Countryman -Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 23. \$80,000 Fire Chief's Vehicle Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman**  
McGroarty  
Countryman -Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 24. \$30,000 SCADA upgrade Wastewater Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman**  
McGroarty  
Countryman -Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye

Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 25. \$6,900,000 East Chop Bluff Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman**

McGroarty  
Countryman -Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**CPA Rescind \$7,400. \$125,000 & \$125,000 Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman**

McGroarty  
Countryman -Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**CPA Rescind \$904,764 Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman**

McGroarty  
Countryman -Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 28 \$1,299,340 Community Preservation Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman**

McGroarty  
Countryman -Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye

Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 29. \$72,300 Flying Horses Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman**

McGroarty  
Countryman -Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 30. \$58,981.04 Dukes Country Emergency Communication Center Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman**

McGroarty  
Countryman - Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - No  
Alley - No  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - No (5 - Aye 3 - No)

**Warrant Article 31. Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman**

**Warrant Article 31.1 Dukes County Human Services \$11,001**

McGroarty  
Countryman -No  
Weiss- No  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - No  
Gaffey - Aye (5 - Aye 3 - No)

**Warrant Article 31. 2 Substance Abuse and Homelessness Prevention \$12,326**

McGroarty  
Countryman -No  
Weiss- No  
Vail - Aye



Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - No  
Gaffey - Aye (5 - Aye 3 - No)

**Warrant Article 31. 3 CORE program of MV Community Services \$21,892**

McGroarty  
Countryman -No  
Weiss- No  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - No  
Gaffey - Aye (5 - Aye 3 - No)

**Warrant Article 31. 4 First Stop \$2005**

McGroarty  
Countryman -No  
Weiss- No  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - No  
Taus - No  
Gaffey - Aye (4 – Aye 4 - No)

**Warrant Article 31. 5 Healthy Aging MV \$22,906**

McGroarty  
Countryman -No  
Weiss- No  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - No  
Gaffey - Aye (5 - Aye 3 - No)

**Warrant Article 31. 6 SUD Coalition \$10,742**

McGroarty  
Countryman -No  
Weiss- No  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - No  
Crossland - No

Vrooman – No  
Taus - No  
Gaffey - Aye (1- Aye 7 - No)

**Warrant Article 31. 7 Dukes County Allocation of Overhead \$14,005**

McGroarty  
Countryman -No  
Weiss- No  
Vail - No  
Alley - No  
Crossland - No  
Vrooman - No  
Taus - No  
Gaffey - Aye (0 - Aye 8 - No)

**Warrant Article 32. \$14,796 ACE MV Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman**

McGroarty  
Countryman -No  
Weiss- No  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - No  
Crossland - No  
Vrooman - No  
Taus - Abstain  
Gaffey - No (1- Aye 6 - No 1- Abstain)

**Warrant Article 33. \$15,000 MVC Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman**

McGroarty  
Countryman -Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Warrant Article 34. No Vote**

**Warrant Article 35. No Vote**

**Warrant Article 36. No Vote**

**Warrant Article 37. No Vote**

**Warrant Article 38. MV Housing Bank - Too Early to make a motion or vote.**

**Warrant Article 39. \$26 million upgrade Wastewater Treatment Plant** Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman with the modification the appropriation and authorization be contingent upon passage of prop 2 and half debt exclusion at the same time with limitation.

McGroarty

Countryman -Aye

Weiss- Aye

Vail - Aye

Alley - Aye

Crossland - Aye

Vrooman - Aye

Taus - Aye

Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Committee Discussion and Possible Vote on Special Warrant Articles**

**Special Article 1. \$50,000 shortfall general Fund expenditure accounts** Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman

McGroarty

Countryman -Aye

Weiss- Aye

Vail - Aye

Alley - Aye

Crossland - Aye

Vrooman - Aye

Taus - Aye

Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Special Article 2. \$30,000 Dredging Farm Pond and Little Bridge** Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr.

Vrooman

McGroarty

Countryman -Aye

Weiss- Aye

Vail - Aye

Alley - Aye

Crossland - Aye

Vrooman - Aye

Taus - Aye

Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Special Article 3. \$30,000 Training Costs Police** Moved Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman

McGroarty

Countryman -Aye

Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Special Article 4. \$300,000 Residential Placement Moved** Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman

McGroarty  
Countryman -Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Special Article 5. \$5,292.25 Library Lighting Fixtures Moved** Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman

McGroarty  
Countryman -Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8- Aye 0 - No)

**Special Article 6. \$50,000 Oak Bluffs August Fire Works Moved** Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman

McGroarty  
Countryman -Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Special Article 7. \$50,000 Overlay Surplus Moved** Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman

McGroarty  
Countryman -Aye

Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Special Article 8. \$50,000 Leave of absences Covid-19 Moved** Mr. Vail seconded by Mr. Vrooman  
McGroarty  
Countryman -Aye  
Weiss- Aye  
Vail - Aye  
Alley - Aye  
Crossland - Aye  
Vrooman - Aye  
Taus - Aye  
Gaffey - Aye (8 - Aye 0 - No)

**Special Article 9. \$600,00 Oak Bluffs Elementary School Boiler Replacement. Not voting – further information required**

**Adjourn:** 7:40 Mr. Taus motioned to adjourn the Finance and Advisory Committee Meeting Seconded by Mr. Alley.

Countryman -Aye, Weiss - Aye, Vail - Aye, Alley - Aye, Vrooman - Aye, Gaffey - Aye, Crossland - Aye, Taus - Aye. (8 - Aye)

**Meetings/Events:**

Oak Bluffs Finance Committee – 5:00 PM Thursday, March 3, 2020

**Documents on file**

Updated FY23 Budget  
FY23 Warrant Articles

*Respectfully submitted*



Debra Alley, Office Administrator

Approved 03.03.2022