

1. 7:00 P.M. Common Council Meeting
Common Council Meeting
Common Council Chambers
City Hall
Cohoes, New York 12047

AGENDA

January 23, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

MEETING

Roll Call

Public Comment

Discussion regarding Ambulance Services in the City of Cohoes

1. Resolution No. 1 – A Resolution amending the annual budget for the fiscal year 2023
2. Resolution No. 2 – A Resolution designating The Record as the official newspaper of the City of Cohoes
3. Resolution No. 3 – A Resolution appointing a City Clerk
4. Resolution No. 4 – A Resolution accepting funding from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for the City of Cohoes Police Station Roof Restoration Project
5. Resolution No. 5 – A Resolution approving agreements for Snow Emergency Towing Services
6. Executive Session
7. Motion to Authorize the Corporation Counsel to Commence a proceeding Involving a Member of the Common Council

Documents:

[1-23-2024 LEGISLATION AND ADDITIONAL BACKUP MATERIAL.PDF](#)

Meeting



October 31, 2023

City of Cohoes
City of Cohoes Fire Department
Chief Joesph Fahd
97 Mohawk St
Cohoes, NY 12047

Dear Chief Fahd:

Ambulnz appreciates the opportunity to work with the City of Cohoes Fire Department, and its talented professionals. Please accept this letter as the requested information to clarify our desire for a multi-year agreement.

We appreciate the City's willingness to work together and to identify ways to increase efficiencies, decrease costs, adjust resources, and enable the potential for revenue opportunities. We look forward to continuing with those efforts and are hopeful that an agreeable solution can be reached to allow Ambulnz to continue providing services in a long-term capacity.

We are committed to continue to serve the City of Cohoes with 9-1-1 ambulance service, as we discussed in our previous proposals, Ambulnz is willing to enter into a long-term agreement with the City.

We propose a five (5) year agreement with a yearly increase of CPI or 4% whichever is lesser, and continue all other terms as outlined in our current agreement.

If the City provides exclusive housing for the EMS Services, Ambulnz will continue the credit to the agreement for the housing and maintain the station as necessary.

Please let us know if you would like to move forward with the proposed extended agreement for services.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with our proposal and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully,



Michael S. Witkowski
Chief of EMS Operations



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RESOLUTION NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR 2024

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023**

WHEREAS, a transfer of funds from a certain account to another account in the annual estimate has become necessary to meet our obligations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the annual estimate for 2023 fiscal year is hereby amended in accordance with the budget line transfer form attached hereto and made a part hereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form this 23rd day of January, 2024.

Brian S. Kremer
Corporation Counsel

Engrossed and signed by the President of the Common Council and attested by the Clerk of the Common Council this ____ day of January, 2024.

Clerk

President

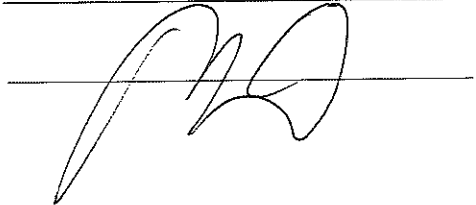
I hereby approve the foregoing Resolution of the Common Council.

Date

William T. Keeler
Mayor of the City of Cohoes, New York

**City of Cohoes 2023 BUDGET
ACCOUNT CODE TRANSFER REQUEST FORM**

Funds Transferred To		Funds transferred from	Account Code	Amount	Transfer Justification
The Following transfers are budget Neutral					
POLICE SGT SEVERANCE	A.3120.1600	PATROLMAN 4TH GRADE	A3120.1630	\$ 10,700.00	TRANSFER TO COVER SEVERANCE PAY FOR RECENTLY RETIRED SGT IN POLICE DEPT
CRIME SCENE EQUIPMEN- PD	A3120.2150	LT SALARIES -PD	A3120.1690	\$ 23,300.00	TRANSFER TO COVER NEW SERVER TO RUN THE AUDIOLOG RECORDER
FIRE DEPT STAFFING OVERTIME	A3410.1150.001	FIREFIGHTER 2ND GRADE	A3410.1050	\$ 19,000.00	TRANSFER TO COVER OVERTIME SAVED AS COMP-TIME AS OF 12/31/2023
FIRE LT SEVERANCE PAY	A3410.1800	FIREFIGHTER 2ND GRADE	A3410.1050	\$ 7,000.00	TRANSFER TO COVER RECENTLY RETIRED FIRE LT SEVERANCE PAY
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE- ANIMAL CONTROL	A3510.4600	LT SALARIES-PD	A3120.1690	\$ 8,100.00	TRANSFER TO COVER NEW TRANSMISSION/EXHAUST FOR ANIMAL CONTROL VAN
ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT	A3510.4570	LT SALARIES- PD	A3120.1690	\$ 10,000.00	TRANSFER TO COVER BOGHT VET FOR ANIMAL CONTROL FOR DECEMBER 2023
LANDSCAPING - 2 NEW LAWNMOWERS	A5110.4760	VEHICLE MAINT- STREETS	A5110.4600	\$ 28,500.00	TRANSFER TO COVER THE PURCHASE OF 2 NEW JOHN DEERE MOWERS
PAC 180 CHEMICAL	F8330.4950	WORKERS COMPENSATION-WATER	F.9040.8000	\$ 11,500.00	TRANSFER TO COVER INCREASE COST OF WTP CHEMICAL
VEHICLE- WATER FUND	F8340.4600	OVERTIME- WATER FUND	F8340.1050	\$ 19,000.00	TRANSFER TO COVER THE PURCHASE OF NEW SKID STEER
\$50,300 NEEDED TO COVER COST		HEALTH INSURANCE- WATER FUND	F9060.8000	\$ 12,000.00	TRANSFER TO COVER THE PURCHASE OF NEW SKID STEER
		SODIUM PERMANGANTE-WTP	F8330.4955	\$ 5,300.00	TRANSFER TO COVER THE PURCHASE OF NEW SKID STEER
		SOCIAL SECURITY-WATER FUND	F9030.8000	\$ 7,000.00	TRANSFER TO COVER THE PURCHASE OF NEW SKID STEER
		REPAIRS TO EQUIPEMENT	F8330.4653.	\$ 4,300.00	TRANSFER TO COVER THE PURCHASE OF NEW SKID STEER
		STATE HEALTH TESTS- WATER FUND	F8330.4920	\$ 2,700.00	TRANSFER TO COVER THE PURCHASE OF NEW SKID STEER
The Following Transfer are an increase to the annual budget based on actual revenue received to date					
COMPENSATED ABSENCES	A1410.1351	GROSS RECEIPTS UTILITY TAX	A1130	\$ 37,400.00	ADJUST VACATION DOLLARS AS OF 12/31/2023 TO ACTUAL AMOUNT
ELECTION FEES- ALBANY COUNTY	A1450.4754	INTEREST AND EARNINGS	A2401	\$ 30,120.00	ADJUST TO COVER ELECTION FEES. EARLY VOTING, PRIMARIES AND GENERAL ELECTION FOR 2022



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RESOLUTION NO. 2 FOR THE YEAR 2024

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE RECORD AS THE
OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF COHOES**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that The Record, a daily newspaper having substantial circulation in the City of Cohoes, is hereby designated as the official newspaper of the City of Cohoes, New York, for the term January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form this 23rd day of January, 2024.

Brian S. Kremer
Corporation Counsel

Engrossed and signed by the President of the Common Council and attested by the Clerk of the Common Council this _____ day of January, 2024.

Clerk

President

I hereby approve the foregoing Resolution of the Common Council.

Date

William T. Keeler
Mayor of the City of Cohoes, New York

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RESOLUTION NO. 3 FOR THE YEAR 2024

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CITY CLERK

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby appoints Lori A. Yando to the office of City Clerk for the term ending December 31, 2027, said appointment to begin January 1, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the salary as set by the Board of Managers for the position of City Clerk in the amount of \$56,095.00 per annum is hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form this 23rd day of January, 2024.

Brian S. Kremer
Corporation Counsel

Engrossed and signed by the President of the Common Council and attested by the Clerk of the Common Council this _____ day of January, 2024.

Clerk

President

I hereby approve the foregoing Resolution of the Common Council.

Date

William T. Keeler
Mayor of the City of Cohoes, New York

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RESOLUTION NO. 4 OF THE YEAR 2024

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM THE NYS OFFICE OF
PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOR THE
CITY OF COHOES POLICE STATION ROOF RESTORATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Cohoes applied for funding to assist in the cost of repairing the Police Station roof and has received notification of approval of said application for assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City of Cohoes applied for financial assistance from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation ("OPRHP") under the Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 for the purpose of funding the restoration of the City's Police Station roof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the City of Cohoes is authorized and directed to accept grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for the project described in the grant application; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the City of Cohoes is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of the Master Contract with OPRHP for the development of the City's Police Station Roof Restoration Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that City of Cohoes is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of any deed of easement granted to OPRHP that affects title to real property owned by the municipality and improved by the grant funds, which may be a duly recorded public access covenant, conservation easement, and/or preservation covenant; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Common Council delegates signing authority to execute the Master Contract and any amendments thereto, any required deed of easement, and any other certifications to the Mayor.

Approved as to form this 23rd day of January, 2024.

Brian S. Kremer
Corporation Counsel

Engrossed and signed by the President of the Common Council and attested by the Clerk of the Common Council this _____ day of January, 2024.

Clerk

President

I hereby approve the foregoing Resolution of the Common Council.

Date

William T. Keeler
Mayor of the City of Cohoes

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

I, Lori Yando, Clerk of the City of Cohoes, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and accurate copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted by the governing body of the municipality, at a meeting duly and regularly held on January 23, 2024, at which quorum was present throughout, and the required majority of the governing body voted in favor of this resolution. I further certify that this resolution is still in full force and effect and has not been revoked or modified.

Dated: _____

Lori Yando
Clerk of the City of Cohoes

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RESOLUTION NO. 5 FOR THE YEAR 2024

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENTS FOR SNOW
EMERGENCY TOWING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City has negotiated agreements with various towing companies for snow emergency towing services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Cohoes does hereby approve the agreements, attached hereto and made part hereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute such agreements in substantially the same form as the agreement attached hereto, which form shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form this 23rd day of January, 2024.

Brian S. Kremer
Corporation Counsel

Engrossed and signed by the President of the Common Council and attested by the Clerk of the Common Council this _____ day of January, 2024.

Clerk

President

I hereby approve the foregoing Resolution of the Common Council.

Date

William T. Keeler
Mayor of the City of Cohoes, New York