

Town of Reading Meeting Posting with Agenda

Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

Select Board

Date: 2023-12-12 Time: 7:00 PM

Building: Reading Town Hall Location: Select Board Meeting Room

Address: 16 Lowell Street Agenda: Revised

Purpose: General Business

Meeting Called By: Caitlin Nocella on behalf of Chair Jackie McCarthy

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Topics of Discussion:

	This Meeting will be held in-person in the Select Board Meeting Room at Town Hall and remotely on Zoom. It will also be streamed live on RCTV as usual. Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86131917623 Meeting ID: 861 3191 7623 One tap mobile +16465588656,,86131917623# US (New York) +16465189805,,86131917623# US (New York) Dial by your location • +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) • +1 646 518 9805 US (New York) Find your local number: https://us06web.zoom.us/u/kb0DDUrlaJ	PAGE #
7:00	Department Budget Presentations from: Library Facilities Technology Finance Shared Costs Budget Summary	



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10:00	Executive Session - Vote to Approve Collective Bargaining Agreements (Reading Patrol Officers Association - Mass Cop, Local 191A, AFL-CIO; Public Works - AFSCME Council 93, Local 1703)	
10:30	Executive Session to discuss details related to the appointment of Acting Town Manager	

FY25 Reading Public Library Budget

LEVEL 1

Prepared: Amy Fang Lannon (she/her) Library Director

Strategic Plan (FY21-FY25)



Customer Convenience

Improved access **to** collections and resources, both physical and digital.



Community Learning

The Library as a leader, partner and participant.

Learn and collaborate to strengthen the Reading community.



Space & Place

Improve and expand equitable access to library services.

Support and enhance essential community services.

Information → Knowledge → Understanding → Application

Vision

Evolving together to strengthen communication, equity, collaboration, and learning.

Core Values

- **Education:** To help all people reach their full potential.
- Equity: So that all people can participate justly and fully in all dimensions of their individual and community identities.
- Access: Working to provide open access and reduce systemic barriers to education, services and resources.
- ► **Accountability:** When individuals are responsible for their words and actions and take shared ownership for overcoming challenges, celebrating successes, and ensuring a just community.

TOTAL \$2,181,150 Increase 3.6%

SUMMARY

Salaries* \$1,754,250 +3.3%

General Expenses \$143,000 +7.4%

Materials \$283,900 +3.7%

*Step + 1.25% COLA

	FY24	FY25	%
Administration Salaries ¹	\$446,950	\$468,400	+4.8%
Collection Services Salaries ²	\$536,300	\$506,450	-5.6%
Public Services Salaries ³	\$714,900	\$779,400	+9.0%
General Expenses	\$133,200	\$143,000	+7.4%
Materials Expenses	\$272,375	\$283,900	+3.7%
TOTAL	\$2,105,025	\$2,181,150	+3.6%

¹ Includes the Office of Equity

² The reduction (-5.6%) of this salary budget reflects the transfer of one position to Public Services. Without that transfer, the net change would be an increase of 3.7%

³ The 9% increase is due to transferring one position from Collection Services. Without that transfer, the net change would increase by 2.1%.

All Expenses (+4.9%) L92

Category	FY24	FY25	% Change
LIBRARY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$14,000	\$14,000	+0%
LIBRARY PROGRAMS	\$4,000	\$10,500	+163%
LIBRARY SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$13,000	\$14,000	+8%
LIBRARY EQUIP CONTRACT/REPAIR	\$22,000	\$23,000	+4.5%
LIBRARY SOFTWARE LICEN	\$69,200	\$70,500	+1.9%
LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY EQUIP	\$11,000	\$11,000	+0%
LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$273,675	\$283,900	+3.7%
	\$406,875	\$426,900	4.9%

Overview of Services

Hours

9:00 AM — 9:00 PM Monday Tuesday 9:00 AM — 9:00 PM Wednesday 9:00 AM — 9:00 PM Thursday 1:00 PM — 9:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM — 5:00 PM 9:00 AM — 5:00 PM Saturday 1:00 PM — 5:00 PM Sunday (Oct-May)

- > 60 hours per week (64 w/ Sundays)
- 4 evenings and Saturdays

Staffing

25 FTE (w/ Sundays)

- 30 Regular Employees
- 4 Pages
- 10 Substitute/Sunday staff

Programming

- Over 500 programs in FY23
- All ages, abilities, interests, and identities
 - Author visits
 - Climate Education
 - Community Conversations
 - Concerts
 - Storytimes
 - STEAM Programming
 - School Visits
 - Therapeutic Arts Programs

Overview of Services

In-Library Services

- Books, Magazines, Music, DVDs, and Audiobooks
- Library of Things
- Museum Passes
- PCs (in-library) and free WiFi
- Chromebooks and Hotspots (take-home)
- Fax/Copy/Scan
- On-site/remote printing
- Study and soft seating (189 seats total)
- Meeting room rentals

24/7 Virtual Library

- "Financial Fit" financial literacy program
- Libby/Overdrive (all MA)
- Hoopla
- Kanopy
- Mango Languages
- Brainfuse Help Now Tutoring
- LearningExpress ³ Test Prep

³ ACT®, SAT®, AP®, DAT®, GRE®, GMAT®, LSAT®, MAT® and MCAT®, GED®, Occupational Certification Exams, U.S. Citizenship

... and

- Consumer Reports
- · Valueline Digital
- Ancestry.com
- My Heritage
- New York Times online
- Wall Street Journal online
- Community Resources Page
- Digital Literacy Resources
- · And more

14960 Reading Library Card Holders

OTHER:

- Free Fax/Scan services
- Free WiFi
- Free public computer use

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Transactions	Library Service	Total Value	Avg. Value
102,282	Adult Books Borrowed	\$1,534,230	\$15.00
14,086	Young Adult Books Borrowed	\$169,032	\$12.00
182,270	Children Books Borrowed	\$2,187,240	\$12.00
29,471	eBooks Downloaded	\$442,065	\$15.00
29,699	Audiobooks Borrowed/Downloaded	\$356,388	\$12.00
20,745	Movies Borrowed	\$82,980	\$4.00
4,631	Magazines Read	\$23,155	\$5.00
29,201	Interlibrary Loan Requests	\$642,422	\$22.00
1,829	Adult Programs Attended	\$27,435	\$15.00
1,718	Young Adult Programs Attended	\$20,616	\$12.00
5,059	Children's Programs Attended	\$35,413	\$7.00
1,743	Museum Passes Borrowed	\$43,575	\$25.00
114,470	Database, Language, Tutoring, Testing	\$2,283,677	\$19.95
21,954	Reference Assistance	\$153,678	\$7.00
	TOTAL	\$8,001,906	

Questions?

TOWN OF READING FACILITIES

FY25 REQUESTED BUDGET 12/12/23





Agenda – FY25 Requested Budget



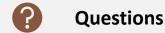








Facilities Organizational Chart



FY25 Requested Core Facilities Budget Summary

The salaries for administrative staff include steps plus COLA

The salaries for Licensed Maintenance Staff reflect steps plus COLA per collective bargaining agreements

					FY	/24 BUDGET	FY2	5 BUDGET	F	Y24-25	FY24-25
	FY	22 Actual	FY	23 Actual	To	wn Meeting	Tow	n Manager	\$	Change	% Change
Facilities Director	\$	145,389	\$	150,691	\$	157,100	\$	163,000	\$	5,900	3.8%
Facilities Assistant Director	\$	107,086	\$	110,977	\$	118,050	\$	122,500	\$	4,450	3.8%
Facilites Support Staff	\$	79,880	\$	72,871	\$	75,950	\$	78,700	\$	2,750	3.6%
Maintenance Staff	\$	305,820	\$	314,860	\$	326,000	\$	348,000	\$	22,000	6.7%
Overtime	\$	25,846	\$	21,800	\$	36,300	\$	36,300	\$	-	0.0%
Buyback	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%
CORE FACILITIES WAGES	\$	664,021	\$	671,199	\$	713,400	\$	748,500	\$	35,100	4.9%

FY25 Requested Core Facilities Budget Summary Continued

Accommodated Expenses are projecting an increase in consumption as well as utility rates

Repairs and Maintenance increase is due to roofing and glass & mirror contracts up for renewal

HVAC increase is due to HVAC repair and HVAC control contracts up for renewal

					FY	24 BUDGET	FY	25 BUDGET	F	Y24-25	FY24-25
	F	Y22 Actual	FY	23 Actual	Τοι	wn Meeting	Τοι	vn Manager	\$	Change	% Change
Core Energy Expenses	\$	1,360,557	\$	1,492,898	\$	1,965,500	\$	2,198,300	\$	232,800	11.8%
Core Maint. & Repairs	\$	483,164	\$	588,562	\$	415,100	\$	445,120	\$	30,020	7.2%
Core HVAC Expenses	\$	164,346	\$	107,698	\$	221,500	\$	238,560	\$	17,060	7.7%
Core Plumbing Expenses	\$	34,525	\$	41,540	\$	31,500	\$	31,500	\$	-	0.0%
Core Electrical Expenses	\$	21,656	\$	14,461	\$	44,500	\$	44,500	\$	-	0.0%
Core Elevator Expenses	\$	49,826	\$	49,223	\$	59,400	\$	59,400	\$	-	0.0%
Core Alarm Expenses	\$	62,858	\$	128,007	\$	84,900	\$	84,900	\$	-	0.0%
Core Fire Equip. Expenses	\$	6,098	\$	4,825	\$	35,000	\$	35,000	\$	-	0.0%
Core Pest Mgmt. Expenses	\$	10,732	\$	15,062	\$	14,280	\$	14,280	\$	-	0.0%
Core Misc	\$	49,747	\$	74,530	\$	48,700	\$	48,700	\$	-	0.0%
CORE FACILITIES EXPENSES	\$	2,243,509	\$	2,516,806	\$	2,920,380	\$	3,200,260	\$	279,880	9.6%

FY25 Requested Town Facilities Budget Summary

Wages show an increase of 3.4% for steps and cola per collective bargaining agreements

All other expenses are level funded

The Town Facilities budget has a total requested increase of 2.4%

					FY	24 BUDGET	FY2	5 BUDGET	FY	24-25	FY24-25
Town Buildings	FY	22 Actual	FY	23 Actual	Τοι	wn Meeting	Tow	n Manager	\$0	hange	% Change
Custodians	\$	215,195	\$	206,013	\$	231,200	\$	240,000	\$	8,800	3.8%
Buyback	\$	-	\$	12,496	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%
Overtime	\$	28,912	\$	31,081	\$	27,500	\$	27,500	\$	-	0.0%
TOWN BLDG. WAGES	\$	244,107	\$	249,590	\$	258,700	\$	267,500	\$	8,800	3.4%

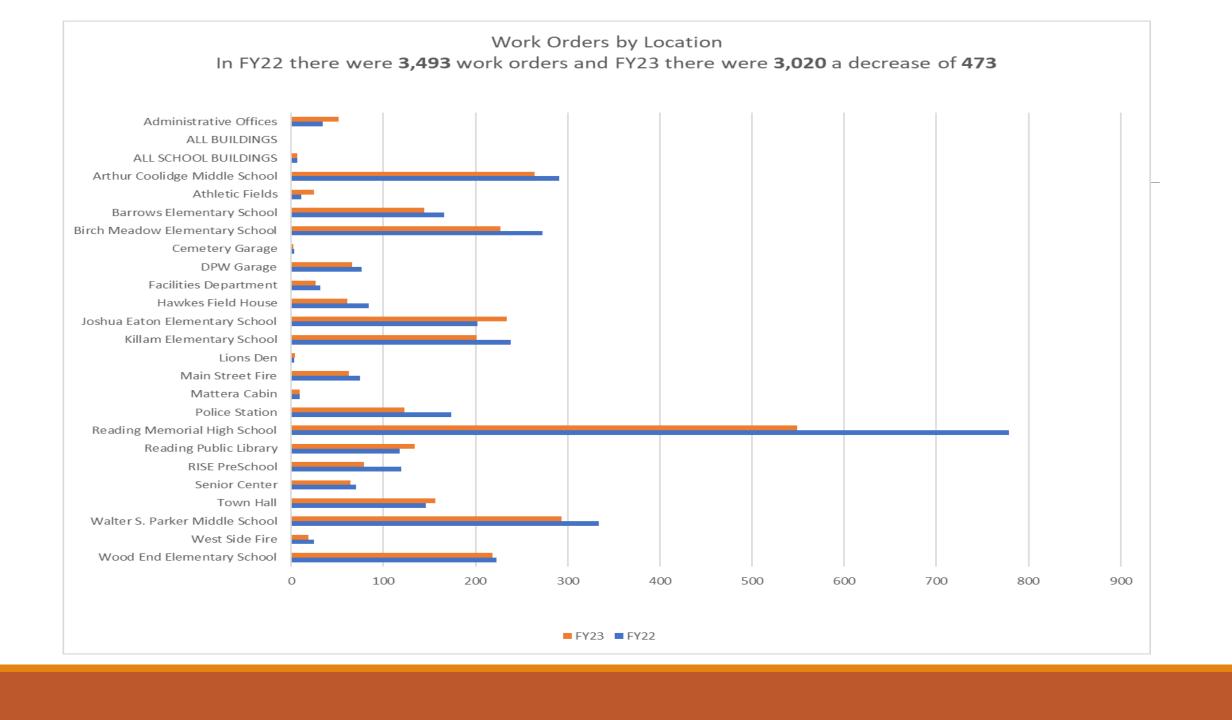
					FY	24 BUDGET	FY2	25 BUDGET	FY2	24-25	FY24-25
Town Buildings	FY2	22 Actual	FY	23 Actual	Τοι	wn Meeting	Tow	n Manager	\$Ch	nange	% Change
Outsourced Cleaning Services	\$	81,500	\$	91,280	\$	93,725	\$	93,725	\$	-	0.0%
Building Supplies	\$	876	\$	288	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	-	0.0%
Other	\$	12,725	\$	19,374	\$	12,225	\$	12,225	\$	-	0.0%
TOWN BLDG. EXPENSES	\$	95,102	\$	110,942	\$	110,950	\$	110,950	\$		0.0%

TOWN FACILITIES BUDGET	\$	339,208	\$	360,532	\$	369,650	\$	378,450 \$	8,800	2.4%
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FY25 Requested Core & Town Facilities Budget Totals

Total Core and Town budget increase is \$323,780 or 8.1%

					FY	24 BUDGET	FY	25 BUDGET	F	Y24-25	FY24-25
	FY	22 Actual	FY	23 Actual	Τον	vn Meeting	Tov	vn Manager	\$	Change	% Change
Core Facilities (M91)	\$	2,907,530	\$	3,188,005	\$	3,633,780	\$	3,948,760	\$	314,980	8.7%
Town Buildings (M92)	\$	339,208	\$	360,532	\$	369,650	\$	378,450	\$	8,800	2.4%
School Buildings	see	School Bu	dge	t							
FACILITIES DEPT. TOTALS	\$	3,246,738	\$	3,548,537	\$	4,003,430	\$	4,327,210	\$	323,780	8.1%
Core Facilities	\$	664,021	\$	671,199	\$	713,400	\$	748,500	\$	35,100	4.9%
Town Buildings	\$	244,107	\$	249,590	\$	258,700	\$	267,500	\$	8,800	3.4%
School Buildings	see	School Bu	dge	t							
FACILITIES DEPT. WAGES TOTAL	\$	908,128	\$	920,789	\$	972,100	\$	1,016,000	\$	43,900	4.5%
Core Facilities	\$	2,243,509	\$	2,516,806	\$	2,920,380	\$	3,200,260	\$	279,880	9.6%
Town Buildings	\$	95,102	\$	110,942	\$	110,950	\$	110,950	\$	-	0.0%
School Buildings	see School Budget										
FACILITIES DEPT. EXPENSES TOTALS	\$	2,338,610	\$	2,627,748	\$	3,031,330	\$	3,311,210	\$	279,880	9.2%



Facilities Department Preventative Maintenance Program

17 Buildings Maintained



- > 55 Roof Top Equipment Serviced 2-3 times/year
- > 336 Exhaust Fans Serviced annually
- > 41 Boilers Serviced annually
- > 299 Unit Ventilators Serviced three times/year
- > 12 Elevator and Lift Services Serviced monthly
- > 9 Emergency Generators Serviced twice per year
- > 11 Grease Traps Serviced annually
- > 2 Acid Waste Tanks Serviced annually
- > 17 Locations Pest Control Services
- > 13 Locations Sprinkler/Fire-Serviced Annually
- > 15 Locations Fire Alarm–Serviced three times per year
- 17 Locations Fire Extinguishers/Fire Suppressions Serviced annually
- > 17 Locations Exit Signs and Emergency Lighting Serviced annually

Facilities Department Organizational Chart





Administrative Specialist/Rental Billing

Assistant Director

Maintenance Technicians (4 FTE's) Town
Custodians
(4 FTE's)

HVAC; HVAC
Controls; Fire
Alarm; Fire
Suppression;
Elevator; Roofing:
Pest Mgmt;
Boiler; Sprinkler
and Access
Control/ Camera
Repair &
Maintenance

School Facilities Manager Rental Coordinator

School Custodians (18 FTE's)

Event Technicians

Cleaning Contract

Courier (.5 FTE)

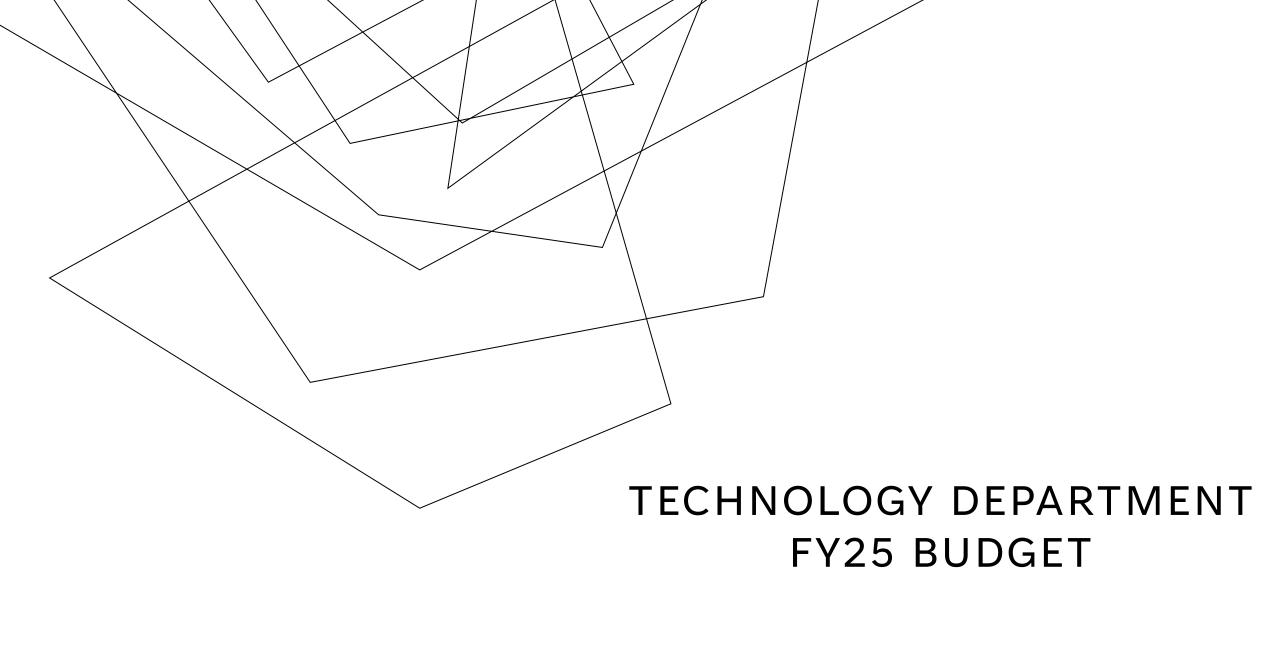
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Questions



Thanks!



INTRODUCTION

The Technology Division is responsible for providing and maintaining the necessary computing and telecommunications infrastructure and systems that the various Town departments use, in a secure and thoughtful manner. Additionally, the division administers the geographic information system (GIS), and provides the town's departments, boards, committees, and commissions with custom maps and analysis.

MEET OUR TEAM

Kevin Furilla

Jennifer Iosua

Matthew Deane

СТО

Software Coordinator

GIS Administrator

Kevin Connors

Timothy Johnson

Senior Computer Technician Computer Technician

SERVICES PROVIDED

Supporting Services (Foundational)

Physical Network, Wireless Network,
VoIP Controller, Virtual
Infrastructure, Firewall, Servers,
Environmental Monitor, Storage
Device, GIS Platform, Databases,
Backup, Security Systems, etc.

Services(Directly Consumed)

Financial Platform, CAD System,
Resident Communication System,
E-Mail, Voicemail, EDS, Permitting
System, Office Automation Tools,
Video Surveillance & Access Control
System, etc.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR - FY24

Expenses	Salaries
\$630,360	\$494,600

PROPOSED FY25

Expenses	Salaries
\$654,700	\$511,800

FY24/FY25 COMPARISON

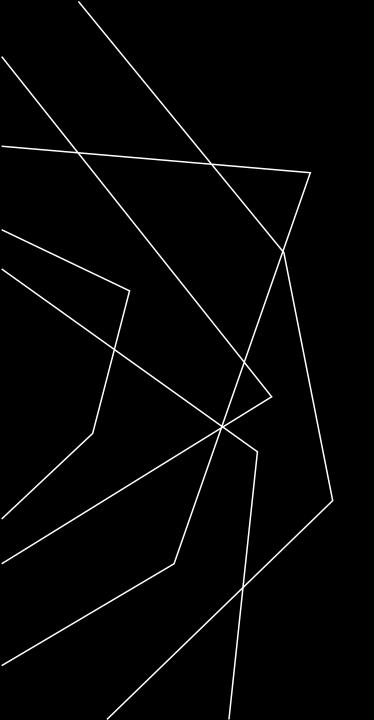
	FY24	FY25	Change
Salaries	\$494,600	\$511,800	3.48%
Expenses	\$630,360	\$654,700	3.86%
Overall	\$1,124,960	\$1,166,500	3.69%

EXPENSES EXPLAINED

Software (licenses, subscriptions, cloud, etc.)	\$422,700
Communication Services and Equipment	\$115,000
Professional Services/Maintenance	\$34,000
Hardware	\$44,000
Parts-Supplies-Misc.	\$39,000

SUMMARY

The Technology Department's goal is to help the other town departments achieve their goals. We make the best effort to accomplish this without sacrificing security, with an eye on where technology is headed, and with as much integration between our systems as possible.

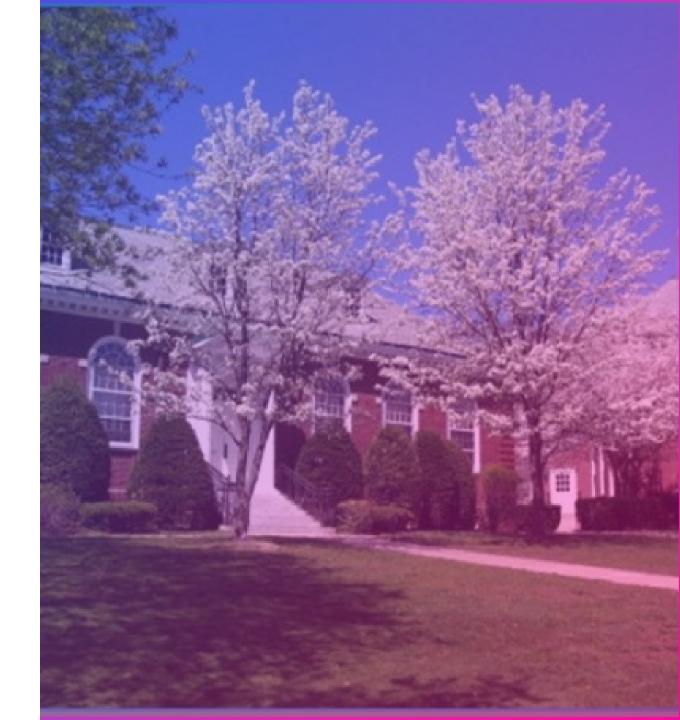


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QUESTIONS?

Town of Reading

FY25 Finance Budget



Chief Financial Officer/Town Accountant Treasury Collections Accounting Assessors Treasurer/ Select Assistant Town Board of Assessors **Assistant CFO** Collector Board Accountant Audit Accounting Admin Assistant *Assessor **Assistant Collector** Committee Specialist Treasurer **Assistant Assessor** Finance Administrative Administrative Commissioners Committee Assistant Assistant of Trust Funds Administrative Clerk Assistant

Finance Department

*regionalized with Wakefield

Clerk

Finance Department Divisions

General Finance 6.43 FTEs

Accounting 4.0 FTEs

Assessing 2.5 FTEs

General Finance Key Responsibilities

Payroll - Biweekly (approx. 1,200 employees)

Cash Management and Reconciliation

State and Federal Reporting

Debt Issuance

Quarterly Property Tax Billing (9,388 properties)

Quarterly Utility Billing

Manage Tax Title Accounts

Payment Processing (128,000 payments per year)



Assessing Key Responsibilities Valuation of all Real and Personal Property Field Review,
Data Collection &
Data Entry of
Property Info

Administration of Statutory and Local Property Tax Exemptions

Motor Vehicle Excise Billing (approx. 23,000/year) Motor Vehicle
Excise and
Property Tax
Abatements

Maintenance of Property Tax Records

Tax Classification
Presentation to
SB and General
Public

Advertise & Admin Sr. Tax Relief Program

Invoice
Processing &
Payment (approx.
26,500/year)

Monthly Budget
Reporting to
Department
Heads

Budget Oversight and Support

MUNIS Support and Security Settings

Tax Recap - setting the tax rate

Free Cash Calculation

Schedule A Reporting

Financial Analysis and Reporting

Compile Audit Requests

Accounting Key Responsibilities

Finance Budget Summary

	FY24 Revised Budget	FY25 Level 1 Proposed Budget	Percent Change
Accounting	\$384,950	\$397,400	3.2%
Assessing	\$188,300	\$194,800	3.5%
General Finance	\$561,150	\$585,950	4.4%
Finance Total	\$1,134,400	\$1,178,150	3.9%

Finance Salaries Budget

	FY24 Revised Budget	FY25 Level 1 Proposed Budget	Percent Change
Accounting	\$379,250	\$391,700	3.3%
Assessing	\$75,300	\$77,900	3.5%
General Finance	\$510,700	\$535,900	4.9%
Finance Salary Total	\$965,250	\$1,005,500	4.2%

Finance Expense Budget

	FY25 FY24 Level 1 Revised Proposed Percent		
	Budget	Budget	Change
Accounting	\$5,700	\$5,700	0.0%
Assessing	\$113,000	\$116,900	3.5%
General Finance	\$50,450	\$50,050	-0.8%
Finance Salary Total	\$169,150	\$172,650	2.1%

Questions



Town of Reading

FY25 Shared Costs

Shared Costs (\$ millions)

- Purposefully high figure for Capital + Debt: extra Free Cash added to fund this to not detract from the funding of the Operations of the Schools or Town
- The overall increase in Shared Costs year over year is deceptively low as large reduction in excluded debt in FY25 is lowering the overall increase percentage.

		FY24	FY25	Change
B99	Benefits	\$20.68	\$22.32	+7.9%
C99	Capital	2.94	3.04	+3.3%
D99	Debt	6.07	4.82	-20.6%
E99	Vocational Schools	0.90	1.14	+26.1%
F99	FINCOM Reserves	0.20	0.20	0%
	Shared Costs	\$30.79	\$31.52	+2.4%

FY25 Benefits (\$ millions)

Employee & Retiree Benefits			\$22.32 + 7.9%
Retirement	\$ 7.71	+ 15.4%	
 Pension Assessment 7.17 + 16.8% OPEB 0.50 +0.0% Other 0.04 + 0.0% 			
Medicare	\$ 1.03	+ 2.0%	
Health Insurance/Life Insurance	\$ 12.92	+ 4.3%	
Worker Compensation	\$ 0.40	+ 2.6%	
Indemnification	\$ 0.14	+ 3.7%	
Unemployment	\$ 0.12	+ 60.0%	

Proposed Capital spending

\$3,035,000

+3.5%

• \$	50k	Permanent Building Committee
•\$	10k	Telephone system upgrades for schools
•\$	125k	District-wide Technology projects for the schools
• \$	100k	Technology projects – Town
• \$	400k	Computer Aided Dispatch for Public Safety
• \$	240k	Sander Truck – Public Works - Highway
•\$	40k	Cemetery passenger car
•\$	80k	Highway pickup truck
•\$	250k	Blower Unit for Loader – Public Works
•\$	50k	Fence Improvements
•\$	215k	Birch Meadow (parking lots, sidewalks & walkways
•\$	100k	Field, Playground and Court Improvements
•\$	100k	Rock Wall Repair Program
•\$	50k	Parking Lot Improvements
•\$	100k	Sidewalk/Curb/Pedestrian Safety
• \$	100k	Skim Coating & Crack Seal Patch
•\$	600k	Lowell Street paving
•\$	425k	Road paving

	> Debt Servic	e	\$ 4,818,738	-20.6%
	>	debt premiums paid	\$ 1,281	
	>			
	>	within levy	\$ 3,539,038	
	>	School buildings	\$ 463,700	
	>	All buildings – energy/safety	\$ 1,196,813	
FY25	>	RMHS Turf II & Turf I	\$ 541,875	
FY25 Debt	>	Police Station/Public Health	\$ 175,750	
Debt	>	Community Improvement	\$ 1,020,900	
	>	Roadway Improvements	\$ 135,200	
	>			
	>	excluded from the levy	\$ 1,279,700	
	>	Library (ends 2025)	\$ 1,279,700	

Vocational Education & FINCOM Reserves

Vocational Education

\$1,140,992 +26.1%

This figure annually estimates enrollment, and sometimes needs to be amended at a future Town Meeting.

The figure above includes the \$200k for the Town's share of the annual capital charge for the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School building project.

FINCOM Reserves

\$200,000

+0.0%

