

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT COMMITTEE  
(ARPA)  
MINUTES  
February 7, 2022  
4:30 p.m**

**Committee Members Present**

Laura Dorrell, Co-Chair  
Anthony James, Co-Chair  
Jon Antonson, Member  
Brian Boling, Member  
Janeene Cabral Carrillo, Member  
Larry Avila, Member\*

\*Absent

Other meeting participants: Town Manager Rudy Perez and Espie Castaneda, Town Clerk.

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Laura Dorrell followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Discussion and/or action to approve the December 6, 2021 meeting minutes:** Motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented was made by Committee member Laura Dorrell. Second to the motion was made by Committee member Brian Boling. Motion carried.

**Update on the Vaccination Incentive Program:** Town Staff reported that 23% of the estimated 200 participants have registered. Still somewhat of a slow response. Also discussed was the option of offering the vaccination incentive for those who have received the vaccine booster. Committee recommended to wait on adding the booster to the program. Also discussed was the option to contact the Morenci High School video productions class to determine if they could come up with a short video promoting the Vax for Cash program. Committee member Laura Dorrell offered to reach out to school personnel to determine if this is an option.

**Discussion and/or action regarding funding available under the American Rescue Plan Act/Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds:** Committee Members agreed that the project priority for utilization of town ARPA Funds should provide a direct benefit to the whole community. With this in mind the following suggestions were presented:

- Upgrade the town's Ward's Canyon Lift Station, which is outdated and unsafe.
- Discussed the possibility of utilizing the funds to upgrade the town's sewer collection system, however the available ARPA funds are insufficient to cover the The entire town.
- Invest in the purchase of land to relocate the town's fire station.
- Consider funding emergency response requests.

The ARPA Committee recommended that Staff obtain a cost estimate for the upgrade/improvement of the Wards Canyon Lift Station.

- a. Review and discussion of the Town of Clifton ARPA Funding Notice, Application & Agreement Form:** Committee agreed to prioritize the funding to public benefit projects and decided to put a hold on the distribution of the application and agreement forms pending available funds.
- b. Discussion regarding the ARPA Final Rule:** A brief discussion was held on the forthcoming ARPA Final Rule effective date of April 1, 2022. Committee members were provided with a “youtube” video link provided by the treasury.gov explaining changes incorporated into the final rule document.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:25 p.m.

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