

# Greensboro Selectboard

## October 7, 2025 Budget Meeting (FY27) – Minutes

**MEETING LOCATION:** Town Hall meeting room (in-person only)

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** MacNeil, Mike Metcalf, Judy Carpenter, Tim Brennan

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ellen Celnik

**OTHERS PRESENT in person:** Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Brett Stanciu, Jennifer Lucas

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 1 PM

Josh presented a FEMA report to the board, focusing on the 2023 flood.

### 2023 FLOOD

All FEMA reimbursements have been received for the 2023 flood.

In addition to reimbursement for the town's cash costs, a \$566k reimbursement for in-kind costs was received. This breaks down into:

- \$72,400 for road crew labor;
- \$198,100 for town equipment use;
- \$295,500 for town gravel.

\$170k in additional reimbursements from the State are expected once all mitigation projects are completed (improvements to road infrastructure above and beyond flood repairs). It is expected these projects will be completed by fall 2026. This breaks down into:

- \$150k from the State (the state's share of overall 2023 flood expenses);
- \$20k for flood admin labor costs (Josh's FEMA labor over the last three years).

The town was fronted about \$500k for mitigation projects, and Josh is working with Tom and VTrans to develop sensible projects for Greensboro's road network. The town will have to return any funds not used.

The town was also fronted \$600k for the Shadow Lake Bridge replacement. This project came in substantially under budget and the difference will also have to be returned.

The town's share of 2023 flood costs, after FEMA and the State pay their share, amounts to about \$40k.

Most of the interest expense on the town's \$1 million flood loan was covered by FEMA. \$7.5k of interest expense must be paid by the town.

While this flood loan was paid back using FEMA reimbursements, the town spent an additional \$150k on flood repairs, so the general fund needs to be paid back from the FEMA reimbursements.

Due to possible federal budget cuts, FEMA may have less money to offer towns for future disaster recovery. Josh said it may make sense to ask the voters to approve an emergency roads fund, and then to transfer some amount of the in-kind FEMA reimbursements to this fund. It would need to be clarified exactly what would be appropriate uses for such a fund.

Josh also suggested that a prudent use for some of these in-kind FEMA reimbursements could be to partially offset the costs of long-lasting road improvements that are part of the regular roads budget, such as ledge removal projects.

The selectboard needs to clarify who has the authority to allocate the FEMA in-kind reimbursements: the selectboard, or the voters?

### **2024 FLOOD**

The town borrowed \$750k to repair roads after the 2024 flood, and all of this was spent.

All 2024 projects have been reviewed by FEMA and have received preliminary approval. Josh said the last step before final project submission is to make sure that the town is receiving all of the mitigation funding it is eligible for.

As currently formulated, the 2024 projects total \$1,165,000 in eligible reimbursement costs. As with the 2023 flood, this total includes cash costs as well as the town's in-kind costs.

Since no projects have been submitted yet for the 2024 flood, no reimbursements have been received.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:15 PM

*Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp*