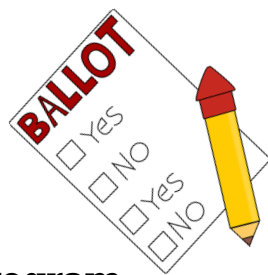


Know Before You Go!
Don't Miss the Following
Referendum Questions on the
Reverse Side of Your Ballot!



5-Year Pavement Management Program

Shall the City of Torrington appropriate \$38,000,000 for road and bridge improvements and pavement projects and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?

Middle School Improvements

Shall the City of Torrington appropriate \$1,400,000 for roof and window replacements at the Torrington Middle School and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?

Animal Shelter Facility Upgrade

Shall the City of Torrington appropriate \$1,000,000 for construction of a new animal shelter facility and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?

Street Department Roof Replacements

Shall the City of Torrington appropriate \$850,000 for roof replacements at the Street Department Building and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?

Why Now? Torrington is in a good financial position to absorb new debt without affecting the City's bond rating, and with minimal impact on the mill rate.

This will be accomplished through:

- Utilizing a series of bond issues to limit the impact on the City's operating budget while allowing existing debt to be retired and the tax base to grow, and
- Capitalizing on a 5-year phase-in of over \$20 million of tax assessment abatements which will result in additional tax revenue to offset any impact on taxes.



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Pavement Management Program



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The Problem: Paving budgets have not kept pace with increasing construction costs. The City sidewalk network is in deteriorating condition and much of Torrington's roadways are in poor or failing condition.

Public Pulse: Torrington residents and businesses demand that the City invest in its infrastructure, support public safety, and promote the protection of personal property by repairing the City's failing roads and sidewalks.

Project Outcomes: Safer roads and sidewalks.

Tax Impact: \$95.10/year*

*The portion of your tax bill that you will pay toward the project. This is not a tax increase.

Tax impact projections are calculated based on the average yearly cost for a property with a market value of \$100,000.

Middle School Improvements

The Problem: The roof and windows at Torrington Middle School were installed in 1994. The windows are not energy efficient and are a safety hazard. The roof has also outlived its life expectancy and is due to be replaced.

Public Pulse: Proper school facility maintenance has become a primary focus of the public and our school board.

Project Outcomes: The installation and replacement of the School's aging windows and roof will ensure a healthy, safe, and efficient building for years to come.

Tax Impact: \$2.40/year*

Animal Shelter Facility Upgrade

The Problem: The current facility lacks sufficient space, is unsafe for officers and animals, and is out of compliance with the CT Department of Agriculture and other State regulations. No meaningful improvements or upgrades have taken place since the 1990s.

Public Pulse: Torrington residents have a long history of supporting the regional animal shelter through adoptions and direct donations. The project has also received support from the surrounding towns of Litchfield and Goshen, which have agreed to pay their share for the construction of the new facility.

Project Outcomes: An efficient, modern, and safe animal shelter facility that complies with all regulatory and statutory provisions.

Tax Impact: \$2.00/year*

Street Department Roof Replacements

The Problem: The roofs at the Street Department Building located at 107 Arthur Street have exceeded their useful life and are in need of complete reconstruction to eliminate water intrusion and protect the infrastructure within the building.

Public Pulse: Taxpayers want their money to be used responsibly, and building officials have warned that further water intrusion will lead to a more costly project down the road.

Project Outcomes: The replacement and reconstruction of two (2) roofs at the Street Department Building.

Tax Impact: \$2.20/year*