



Town of Abington

OFFICE OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Minutes

July 8, 2024

Cotter Room

10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Kevin Donovan, Chair, Suzanne Djusberg, Roger Woods, Paul Bunker, Scott Lambiase, Town Manager, Andrew Nocon, Finance Director

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Review of traffic enforcement data on Presidential Drive and consideration of traffic calming measures.** Presidential Drive is a 30 mph zone. A traffic study (copy attached) was conducted between June 24-July 8th, and the average speed was 29 mph, with the outliers between 33-41. There were 12 monitoring's on 12 occasions that resulted in 3 verbal warnings for speeding, 2 citations for speeding and 1 citation for lane violation. Based on the report that Sgt. Feely put together, there were no safety issues on Presidential Drive, and no additional signage or engineering effort is needed.

Paul Mollica reminded the Board that Braintree had 8 streets with speed bumps, one of which is Forest Street. Forest Street is a cut-thru from St. Claire's to Columbian Street. There are 27 houses on Presidential and 19 of the 27 signed a survey okaying a speed bump; the other 8 weren't home. A year ago, when he did the survey, 5 of those 8 signed the survey. There are 22 kids on the street. The cost of a temporary speed bump is around \$2,000 – definitely worth the investment. The Police may say no, but the residents on the street are 100% in agreement that it's an issue and don't want to get into a situation where a kid gets hit by a car. The speed limit sign still has to be put up.

Mr. Donovan - he has talked to people on Hancock, Spruce and Birch Streets because they are cut throughs, and they would like speed bumps as well. It is a town-wide issue that they have to take into consideration. He understands his concerns and where he stands on it. If the data had come back in agreement with Mr. Mollica, he would agree. Mr. Mollica – if the town doesn't have the money, his

neighbors would pay the expense. This is shortsighted. Try it with this street and see how it works. His request is that we try. There was no motion from the Board.

2. **Consider and establish Policy on Use of Town Vehicles.** List of vehicles:
DPW – 5 including Sewer, and reasons make sense in Mr. Donovan's opinion.
Fire – 3, required for emergency response.
Police – 4, required for emergency response.
Assessor – does inspections on the way to the office and at the end of the day.
This is approved with the caveat that no other departments are assigned take-home vehicles on a regular basis. However, from time to time, a situation may arise where a department head or staff member for town business purposes may be granted permission by the Town Manager to take a vehicle home provided, however, that if this list is amended for more than a 30 day period, it shall be reviewed and approved by the Board of Selectmen. Motion by Mr. Woods to approve, seconded by Ms. Djusberg, unanimous.
3. **Transfers between Accounts FY 24 Year End.** Mr. Donovan went over the list of transfers (list attached). Discussion took place regarding the rental house that came with the purchase of the Strawberry Valley Golf Course property. It was the consensus of the Board that when the lease runs out, it may be time to sell the house at market rate. We will be in tough financial straits going forward. Motion by Mr. Woods to sell the SVGC house when the lease expires up, seconded by Ms. Djusberg, unanimous.
Motion to complete the transfers on the attached list made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Bunker, with the caveat that if there is a bill that comes in at the last minute the Board authorizes the Town Manager to review and have it processed for payment, unanimous.
4. **Vote to authorize the Town Manager to sign Local Action Unit Application regarding 871 Plymouth Street for South Shore Habitat for Humanity.** Motion by Mr. Woods to approve, seconded by Ms. Djusberg, unanimous.
5. **Vote for Grant of Easement for new pole to support electrical service to Island Grove recreational area.** Motion by Mr. Woods to grant the easement, seconded by Mr. Bunker, unanimous.

Mr. Woods congratulated Deputy Police Chief Kevin Sullivan on his retirement after 34 years in the Police Department. There is an Open House for him on Friday, July 12th at the Police Station.

An Assessment Board will be reviewing candidates for Police Chief.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be Monday, September 9th.

Motion by Mr. Woods to adjourn at 10:20 a.m., seconded by Mr. Bunker, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Hurst



Traffic Study

June 24-July 8, 2024

Presidential Drive
30 mph zone

Report Completed by: Sergeant Brian Feely

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Following the July 24th Board of Selectmen meeting, members of the Abington Police Department were directed by Chief Majenski to increase traffic patrols on Presidential Drive

In addition to enforcement, Officers also documented the speed, quantity of vehicles, and spoke with residents about their concerns

Approximately 200 vehicle speeds were recorded, out of this sample the average speed was 29mph, top speed was 41mph. Marked & Unmarked police cruisers were utilized.

A traffic data collector was loaned to the Abington Police Department and deployed to Presidential Drive on Sunday July 7 (more extensive data can be made available upon request)

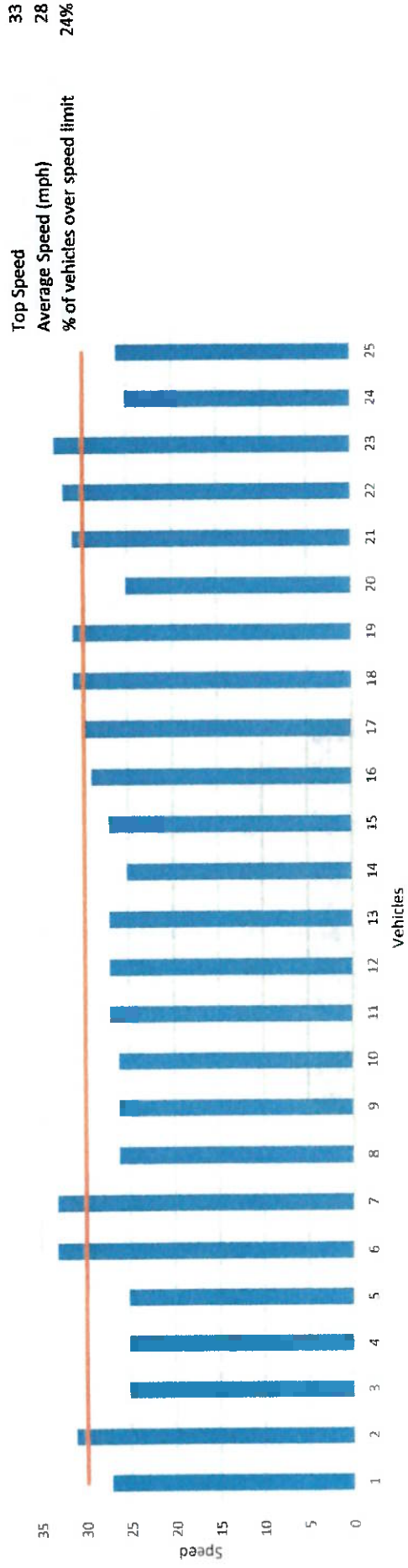
Included in this report is data documented by the Abington Police Department in chart format to include date, time, # of vehicles, and speeds

Minimum enforcement was needed: 3 Verbal Warnings for speeding, 2 Citations for speeding, 1 citation for marked lanes violation

The data included in this report supports the following:
there is **no immediate traffic safety issue on Presidential Drive** and **no additional signage or engineering effort is needed**

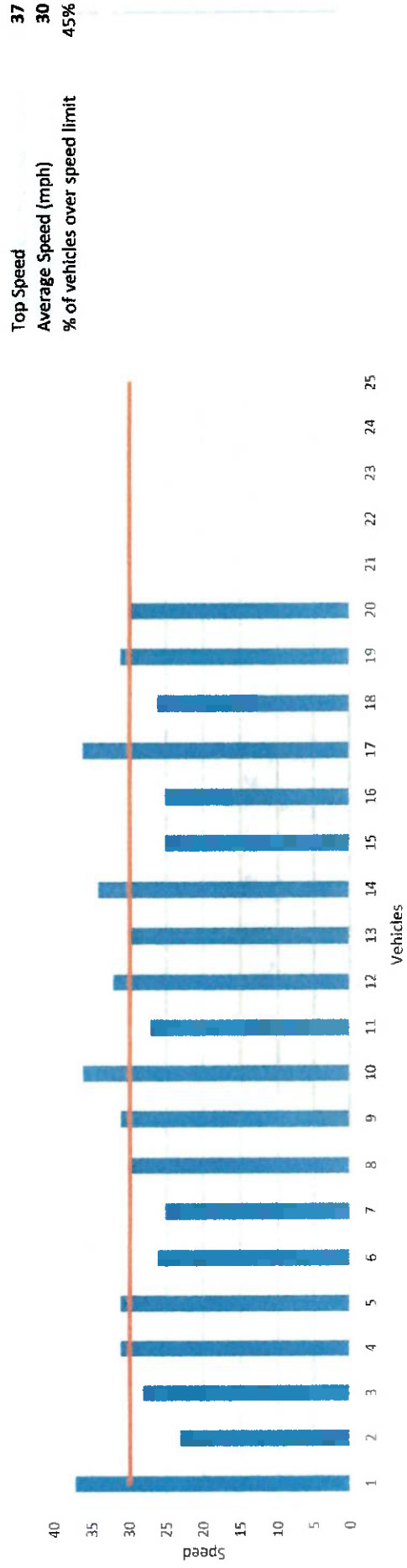


Thursday June 27, 2024 @ 5pm
Sergeant Chris Sanderson





Saturday June 29, 2024 @ 3pm
Sergeant Brian Feely

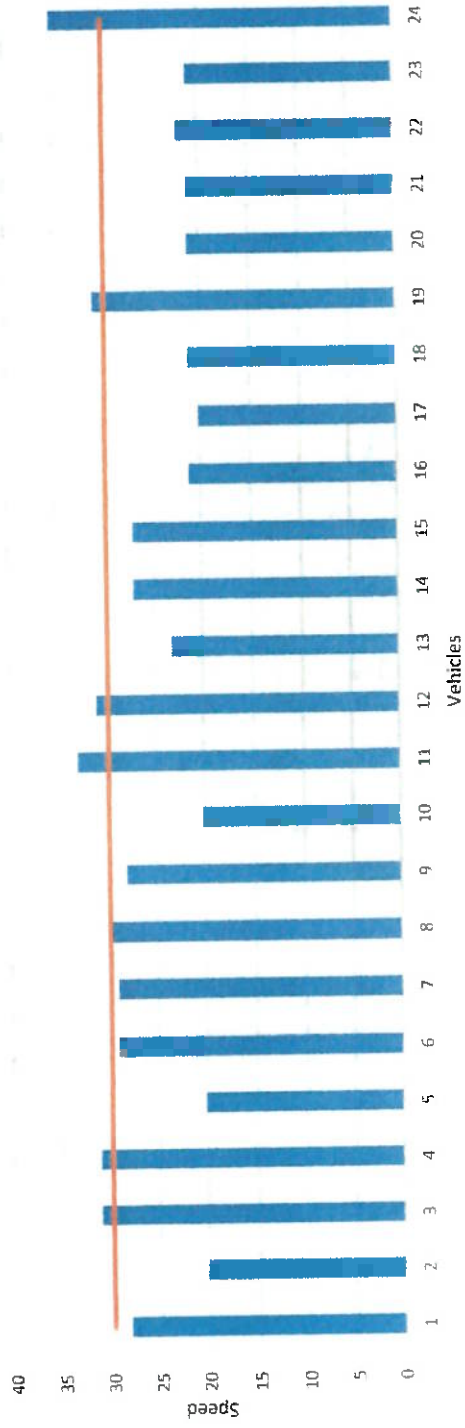


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Tuesday July 2, 2024 @ 8am
Officer Andrew Rezendes

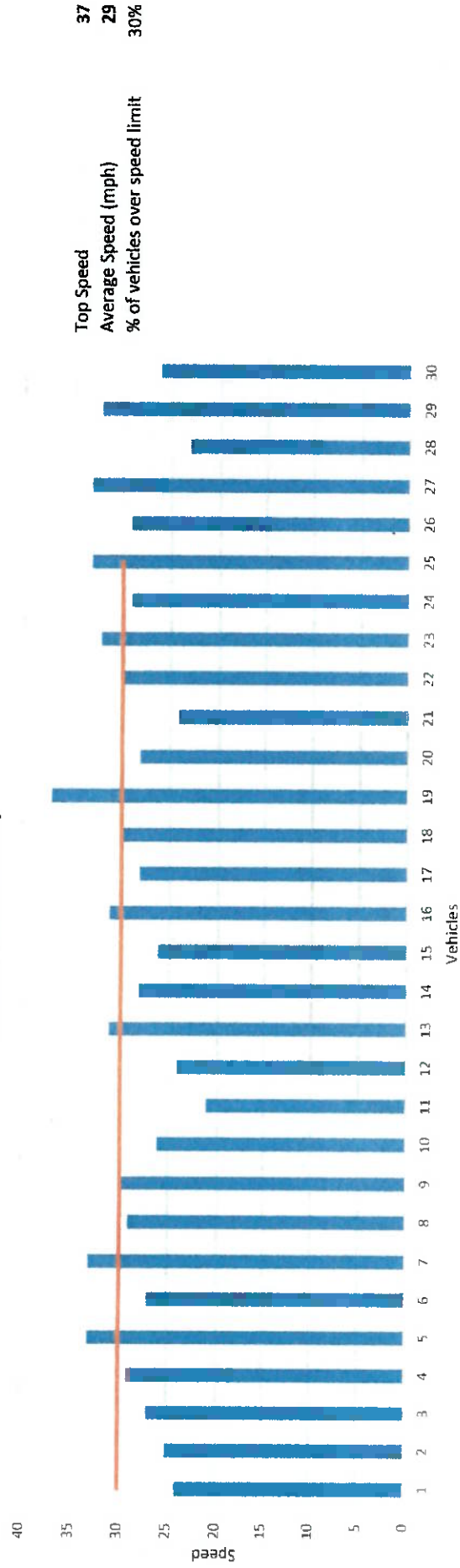
Top Speed 35
Average Speed (mph) 26
% of vehicles over speed limit 25%



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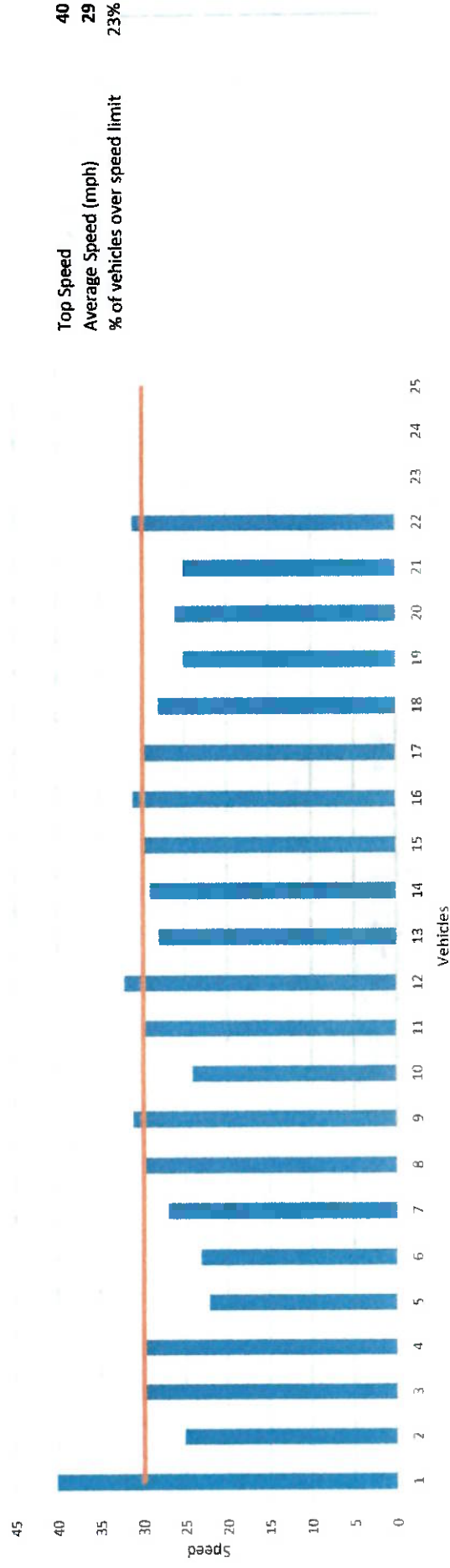
Tuesday July 2, 2024 @ 2pm
Officer Sean Flannery



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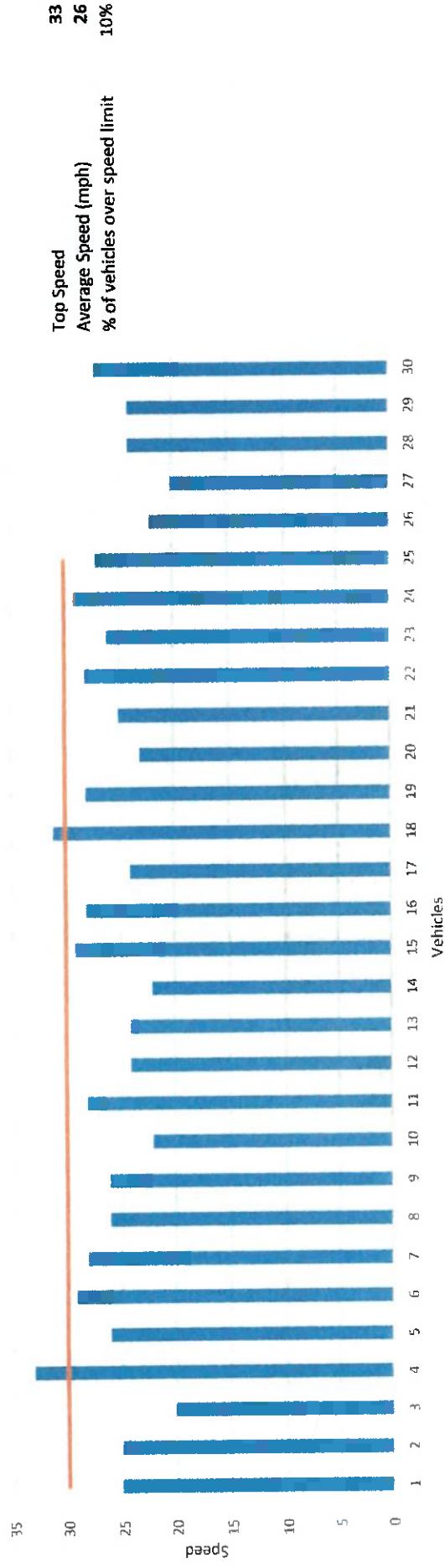
Thursday July 4, 2024 @ 1130am
Sergeant Stephen Marquardt



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Thursday July 4, 2024 @ 1030am
Officer Andrew Rezendes



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FY24 Year-End Transfers

#1	From	Account	Amount
		Health Insurance	202,300.00

To	Account	Amount	Reason
	Town Manager - Salaries	5,000.00	Contract raise
	Town Counsel - Expenses	70,000.00	Difficult legal year
	IT - Expenses	12,000.00	New website
	Town Clerk - Salaries	2,000.00	Unexpected costs
	Elections - Salaries	2,500.00	Unexpected costs
	Elections - Expenses	4,000.00	Unexpected costs
	Zoning - Salaries	200.00	Personnel change
	Town Offices - Salaries	5,000.00	Extra custodian hours
	Town Reports - Expenses	1,600.00	Printing of Town Meeting warrants/exhibits
	Building Inspection - Salaries	65,000.00	Emergency calls; personnel changes
	Highway - Salaries	25,000.00	Extra OT (spring)
	Snow and Ice - Salaries	5,000.00	Remaining balance
	Snow and Ice - Expenses	5,000.00	Remaining balance

#2	From	Account	Amount
		Golf - Salaries	11,000.00

To	Account	Amount	Reason
	Golf - Expenses	11,000.00	House Repairs

#3	From	Account	Amount
		Civil Defense - Expenses	1,800.00

To	Account	Amount	Reason
	Civil Defense - Salaries	1,800.00	Emergency management stipend