



**CITY OF AMESBURY
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX**

SPONSORED BY:


Kassandra Gove, Mayor

BILL No. 2026 *098*

An Order to appropriate \$55,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings to the Sludge Disposal, Repair & Maintenance Other Equipment and Consulting accounts to fund an emergency wastewater treatment plant repair.

Summary: This order proposes an appropriation from Sewer Retained Earnings to fund critical repairs at the wastewater treatment facility. The wastewater treatment facility sludge processing centrifuge installed in 2003 had a significant failure on May 6, 2026. The eventual replacement of the centrifuge was identified as a major capital expense by DPW review and design is scheduled to begin in FY 2026.

Without the centrifuge, sludge volume requiring offsite disposal resulting from the treatment process increases exponentially. Additionally, there is minimal storage on site for sludge processed through the centrifuge process. The purpose of this transfer is to make repairs to the unit and start an emergency replacement project should repairs not be possible.

The following amounts will be transferred from Sewer Retained Earnings to the following accounts:

Fund Account No.	Fund Name	Transfer To:
620 0440 5291 00	Sludge Disposal	\$20,000
620 0440 5253 00	Repair & Maint Other Equip	\$15,000
620 0440 5316 00	Consulting	\$20,000
	Sub-Total	\$55,000
Fund Account No.	Fund Name	Transfer From:
	Sewer Retained Earnings	\$55,000
	Sub-Total	\$55,000

Current Sewer Retained Earnings balance is \$1,628,037.46.

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

Authorize the transfer of \$55,000 from the Sewer Retained Earnings account to the Sludge Disposal, Repair & Maintenance Other Equipment and Consulting accounts.