

The stated meeting of the Finance Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, February 15, 2024 via webinar and the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA, with Commissioner Winegrad presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners WINEGRAD, VAHEY, DiPLACIDO, HENRY,
SPIEGELMAN

OTHERS: Finance Director Hermann
Township Manager Manfredi
Manager of Financial Services Embery
Deputy Chief Porter

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Winegrad made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from January 18, 2024.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Call for nominations and selection of Chairman of the Finance Committee –

Commissioner Winegrad opened nominations for the selection of Chair.

Commissioner Spiegelman nominated Commissioner Stuart Winegrad as Chairman of the Finance Committee, seconded by Commissioner Vahey.

Commissioner Spiegelman asked for any other nominations. There were none. Nominations were closed by unanimous vote of 5-0.

Commissioner Stuart Winegrad was appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee by unanimous vote of 5-0.

Call for nominations and selection of Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee –

Commissioner Winegrad opened nominations for the selection of Vice Chair.

Commissioner Vahey made a MOTION to appoint Commissioner John Spiegelman as Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee, seconded by Commissioner Henry.

Commissioner Winegrad asked for any other nominations. There were none. Nominations were closed by unanimous vote of 5-0.

Commissioner John Spiegelman was appointed Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee by unanimous vote of 5-0.

Item FC-01-031424:

Commissioner Winegrad made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the January 2024 expenditures in the amount of \$3,185,054.52 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$2,865,034.47 and authorize the proper officials to sign and approve invoices and supporting documentation in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of April 2024.

Commissioner Winegrad asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

Commissioner Winegrad asked for any public comment. There was none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Item FC-02-031424:

Commissioner Winegrad made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Vahey to approve the use of fund balance for the purchase of a new emergency generator in the amount of \$76,800.00.

Mr. Angelo Pontelandolfo explained that the 20-year-old generator that supports the Police Department and Township building has issues with the engine such as metal shavings in the oil and oil mixing with antifreeze, and we can no longer get parts to rebuild the engine, and although it still runs, it gives off noxious fumes and can fail at any time, so it needs to be replaced.

Commissioner Winegrad asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner DiPlacido questioned whether the Township still has the mobile unit.

Mr. Pontelandolfo replied yes, but it is used for the pump stations. New generators are warranted for five years including a new oil change package.

Commissioner DiPlacido asked about using funds from the Fund Balance.

Manager Manfredi clarified that we do not suggest using funds from the three-month reserve of the Fund Balance but using unappropriated dollars from it for this one-time, long-term expense.

Commissioner Winegrad clarified that the amount of \$76,800 is the market rate for this type of generator. Is that correct?

Mr. Pontelandolfo yes, it is what we need for this size building.

Commissioner Winegrad clarified that funds will be taken from the overage above the Fund Balance policy. Is that correct?

Manager Manfredi replied yes, we would be using unappropriated dollars from the Fund Balance.

Commissioner Winegrad asked for any public comment. There was none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Minutes Secretary