

MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING via webinar

March 24, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Commissioners Chairman WINEGRAD,
Vice Chairwoman CARSWELL, VAHEY, BOLE,
SPIEGELMAN

OTHERS: Finance Director Hermann
Manager of Financial Services Embury
Director of Community Development/Code Division Hamm

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Winegrad made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of February 17, 2022.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item FC-01-041422:

Commissioner Winegrad made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Vahey to approve the February 2022 expenditures in the amount of \$2,181,509.80 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$2,047,388.86, and authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts through the month of May 2022.

Commissioner Winegrad asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Vahey commented that he sent his questions regarding this agenda item to Ms. Hermann earlier today and does not expect answers in this short timeframe; however, he is in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Winegrad said he will be sending his questions to Ms. Hermann as well.

Ms. Hermann replied she will respond accordingly.

Commissioner Winegrad said he understands there is coordination between police departments regarding DUI checkpoints and clarified that the charges are reciprocal. Is that correct?

Ms. Hermann replied yes, Abington participates with other police departments in conducting DUI checkpoints and they in turn participate with us. In this case, Abington was reimbursing those departments for their assistance.

Commissioner Winegrad referring to Item #72650 – Tree Authority LLC noting there was a tree-give-a-way program that was advertised where residents of the Township could get up to two trees, and it was so popular that they sold out in three days, so it is something worth doing, and he suggested the Township put more money towards this program.

Ms. Hermann said she will provide further information on that program.

Commissioner Spiegelman commented that the trees were gone before he could get the flyer into his newsletter.

Commissioner Winegrad asked for any public comment.

Lora Lehmann, resident, asked to be able to see who is attending the meeting, and how these expense items fit into the general purposes and real estate taxes.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Lora Lehmann, resident, asked for an interactive chart; an open session to discuss the Comp Plan and finances; and she needs to understand how the tax structure is being set up and for an explanation on the increases. Also, she asked for a safe walking/bike path near Rydal School.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Minutes Secretary