Finance Committee Meeting August 17, 2023

The stated meeting of the Finance Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held via webinar on Thursday, August 17, 2023 with Chairman Commissioner Winegrad presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Commissioners Chairman WINEGRAD VAHEY, BOLE, SPIEGELMAN
Excused: Commissioner CARSWELL

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

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Winegrad made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from June 15, 2023.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item FC-01-091423:

Commissioner Winegrad made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the July 2023 expenditures in the amount of $3,035,171.32 and salaries and wages in the amount of $2,356,789.36 and authorize the proper officials to sign and approve invoices and supporting documentation in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through of the month of October 2023.

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

Item FC-02-091423:

Commissioner Winegrad made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to adopt a resolution recognizing that the Township's minimum municipal funding obligation for the calendar year 2024 with respect to the Municipal Non-Uniformed Employee, Police and Non-Uniformed Employee Defined Contribution Plans is $923,065.00, $3,584,974.00, and $258,500.00, respectively.

Mr. Kennedy explained that many plans were impacted by losses in 2022 approximately15%-20% due to the downturn of the stock market, so he recommended the Township plan for the future by putting more funds into the plans rather than just the minimum as it would benefit over the long term.

Mr. Johnson added that an outdated mortality table is still being used to determine the obligations of the plan, which was a table based on longevity from the mid-90's. The Society of Actuaries published a public sector specific group of tables about five or six years ago and moving towards those tables will result in another 5-6% decrease to the plans.

Commissioner Winegrad asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Vahey said he would like to review the budget and the Fund Balance, and although he is not in favor of increasing the MMO, a flexible approach to reinvesting in the plans would be advisable.

Commissioner Winegrad clarified that it would be best to increase the MMO; however, it is recommended to spread it out as opposed to one lump sum. Is that correct?

Mr. Kennedy replied that is correct, and he suggested consulting with PFM Investment Manager.

Commissioner Spiegelman concurred with Commissioner Vahey regarding a flexible approach in allocating additional resources at the correct time.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Minutes Secretary