

MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING via webinar

August 18, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

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

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

Note: Commissioner Vahey chaired tonight's Finance Committee Meeting.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Vahey made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes of June 16, 2022.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item FC-01-090822 – Consider and discuss continued sale of wastepaper as part of the Township's recycling program:

Mr. Mike Jones, Director of Public Works, explained that the Township's existing agreement with the Newman Paper Company will be expiring in October 2022. Paper collected is a commodity and valuable income stream for our department, which helps stabilize refuse fees.

For decades, the Township had a great working relationship with Newman Paper Company and this program has evolved over the years. The existing agreement has a range from \$30 minimum to \$105 maximum per ton that the Township collects.

In 2020, the Township brought in \$134,000, in 2021, it was up to \$261,000, and this year, we are already over \$160,000 and expecting over \$300,000 by the end of 2022. So, with the growing value, the time has come to put this program out for bid as opposed to just receiving prices for the best value and make a recommendation in October.

Commissioner Vahey asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Spiegelman questioned whether it is expected that Newman Paper Company will bid and will bid specs be similar to the existing agreement.

Mr. Jones replied we are sure they will bid. The same process will be put together in a bid package for all bidders, and then recommendation will be made in October.

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

Item FC-02-090822 – Consider revised appropriation for ARPA funded Refuse truck:

Mr. Jones explained there is authorized funding for two trash trucks through ARPA: one side arm and one rear loader. In January, both units were ordered, but due to supply chain issues, the two trucks will not be built until sometime in 2023, and if that order even makes it through the process, it could be canceled at the end of this year. We found a different manufacturer and the Peterbuilt chassis is available immediately and the complete unit would be delivered in 90 to 120 days, so the recommendation is to cancel the two Mack truck chassis and purchase the Peterbuilt chassis.

Commissioner Vahey asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Bole questioned whether it was considered keeping the order for the one side arm truck and then order the other one now.

Mr. Jones replied there is a good chance that the order would be canceled, so we will work on getting a replacement truck for next year.

Commissioner Vahey made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to revise the ARPA line-item appropriation increasing it by \$20,000 from \$230,000 to \$250,000 for purchase of a Refuse truck.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

Item FC-03-090822:

Commissioner Vahey made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Bole to approve the July 2022 expenditures in the amount of \$2,758,940.63 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$3,221,328.12, and authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of October 2022.

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

Item FC-04-090822:

Commissioner Vahey made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Bole to approve the escrow release request for LD-19-08 Galman Residential in the amount of \$334,916.40.

Ms. Jeannette Hermann, Finance Director, explained that a certain amount of work was completed, and a letter of credit is in place, so the request is for a partial amount as listed.

Manager Manfredi added that this is Galman's first request for escrow release for the Old York/Jenkintown/Meetinghouse/Greenwood Roads project.

Commissioner Vahey asked how does the Township calculate total escrow?

Manager Manfredi replied total escrow is calculated based on the land development agreement and an escrow release amount is based on a percentage of actual work completed.

Commissioner Vahey asked for any public comment.

Lora Lehmann, resident, requested that the Board of Commissioners revise the resolution to require escrows for all costs of a development project "so that the residents are not paying for these kinds of projects."

Manager Manfredi said under the MPC, there is a professional services agreement where there is escrow required to cover costs, although this agenda item is specific to agreements for post-development to ensure that the work has been completed and then inspected by the engineers.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

Item FC-05-090822:

Commissioner Vahey made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to adopt Resolution No. 22-XXX recognizing that the Township's minimum municipal funding obligation for the calendar year 2023 with respect to the Municipal Non-Uniformed Employee, Police and Non-Uniformed Employee Defined Contribution Plans is \$741,081.00, \$3,269,009.00, and \$250,000.00, respectively.

Ms. Hermann explained that this is a standard item every year in which the Board of Commissioners must vote to accept the MMO, although it does not prevent from contributing funds at a later time or at a greater amount, but the minimum needs to be passed per State legislature by September 30, 2022.

Commissioner Vahey questioned whether the MMO is a larger amount than last year.

Ms. Hermann replied no, and it has remained stable.

Commissioner Vahey asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Winegrad suggested the Board discuss allocating more towards the pension fund; however, he is in favor of the motion on the floor.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

Item FC-06-090822:

Commissioner Vahey made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to recommend renewal with United Healthcare for retirees for FY 2023.

Ms. Hermann said we have seen decreases in United Healthcare premium cost for Medicare plan for retirees of 36% from 2020 to present time, although we will see a modest increase of 2.5% for the premiums heading into 2023. The other carriers declined to quote for the past two years as they cannot meet those thresholds, so recommendation is to stay with United Healthcare, and Medicare plans need to be renewed annually.

Commissioner Vahey questioned whether there was an attempt to get quotes from other carriers.

Ms. Hermann replied yes, through a broker who submitted information that the other carriers declined to quote.

Commissioner Vahey asked for any comments from Commissioners. There was none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

Item FC-07-090822:

Commissioner Vahey made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to ratify NFP Corporate Benefits, PA as the broker of record for all Medicare lines of coverage.

Ms. Hermann explained that Managed Care Consultants is being required by United Healthcare to provide updated documentation identifying NFP Corporate Benefits, PA as broker of record. Managed Care Consultants is now wholly owned by NFP, so we need to change the name from Managed Care Consultants to NFP Corporate Benefits, PA.

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

Commissioner Vahey asked for any public comment. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Lora Lehmann, resident, asked for litter control for each neighborhood. She expressed concern about “hidden information” on the website and asked for interactive charts and a hard copy of the budget in large print.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Minutes Secretary