

The stated meeting of the Finance Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, September 19, 2024 via webinar and the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA, with Commissioner Winegrad presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 p.m.

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

OTHERS: Finance Director Hermann
Manager of Financial Services Embury

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Winegrad made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes from August 15, 2024.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

FC-01-101024:

Commissioner Winegrad made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the August 2024 expenditures in the amount of \$3,460,535.59 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$2,365,138.62 and authorizing the proper officials to sign and approve invoices and supporting documentation in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of November 2024.

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

Commissioner Winegrad asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, resident, commented that we just heard expenses are outgrowing revenues and shouldn't that be discussed? Also, what can be cut in expenses that are being approved, so that ample funds can go towards code enforcement.

Commissioner Winegrad replied that should be discussed during the budget process. This finance item is for salaries, wages and expenses that have been approved through the 2024 budget and are being spent in accordance with it.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Lora Lehmann, resident, expressed concern about the amount of citizen participation in the budget process and the public deserves to get the finances of this township in a way so they can meaningfully participate. She was also concerned about public comment during the budget process; the pie charts should be converted to tables; and the name of employees, their salaries and benefits should be on one line, so the cost of that employee is available.

Ms. Hermann said residents can email questions to onlinebudgetbook@abingtonpa.gov.

Commissioner Winegrad said the Township welcomes questions/comments from residents about the budget or any finance matters.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Minutes Secretary