Finance Committee Meeting Minutes June 29, 2022

A meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Charles Heller. Committee members present in addition to Mr. Heller were Jeff Cascino, Charles Neubauer, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also in attendance were Council member Keith Endy, Lori Carnes, Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; and an interested citizen.

Mr. Heller called for public comment on the agenda; no comments were forthcoming.

Mr. Heller made a motion, second by Mr. Neubauer, to approve the minutes of the June 1st, 2022 meeting of the Committee. The motion was approved.

Review of Financial and Revenue and Expenditure Statements and List of Bills Paid -

The financial reports for the month of June were reviewed.

Unfinished Business

Borough Hall Renovation

Office Furniture and Landscaping – Mrs. Loder advised that she is still working with two companies on quotes for the purchase of office furniture for the administrative office and the council room. Mrs. Loder, Mr. Heller, and Mr. Deery will be meeting with the supplier to review the quotes.

Regarding landscaping for Borough Hall, Mrs. Loder advised that she has not yet begun the process of obtaining quotes.

BAF&R Contribution Request – Nothing new to report. Mr. Neubauer suggested contacting Colebrookdale Township concerning their decision to contribute the funds requested by BAF&R to offset 2020 revenue losses due to Covid.

Streetscape Phase II 2022 Multimodal Grant – The committee reviewed the updated Opinion of Probable Cost. The estimate is approximately \$50,000 more than last year's application; total probable cost is \$1,229,796. Mrs. Loder informed the committee that Nathaniel Guest, Colebrookdale Railroad, met with her to ask if the borough would be interested in submitting a joint Multimodal Grant Application with the railroad. Mr. Guest advised Mrs. Loder that he is planning to submit an application for funding to make sidewalk and railroad yard improvements and thought there may be advantages to filing a joint application. Mrs. Loder, Ms. Blank, and Mr. Guest held a Zoom Meeting with Ryan Emerson of the DCED for his input on filing a joint application. Mrs. Loder stated her opinion that Mr. Emerson did not provide any conclusive advantage in filing a joint application. Mrs. Loder advised that Mr. Guest and Ms. Gilmore will attend the July 5th meeting of Borough Council to obtain Council feedback on the idea.

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Codification Joint Zoning Ordinance – Mrs. Loder advised that Colebrookdale Township officials are in agreement with the proposal to use General Code to put the Joint Zoning Ordinance in eCode360 format which provides online access to the ordinance, and they are agreeable to cost sharing. Pike Township has not yet provided an answer; however, Mrs. Loder anticipates a decision soon.

New Business

Midget Baseball League Request to Release Financial Commitment for the Mackey Field Renovation – Mrs. Loder advised the committee that the league has requested the Borough release the \$50,000 commitment the Borough agreed to provide toward the Mackey Ballfield Renovation Project, which includes ADA compliant restrooms which will be open to park patrons. The committee agreed to list this matter on the agenda of the July 5th meeting of Council.

Public Comments

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. was made by Mr. Heller and seconded by Mr. Neubauer. The next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, July 27th, 2022 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder Borough Secretary