

Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes
August 31, 2022

A meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order at 7:50 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 Lori Carnes, Mayor; Councilman Keith Endy; 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 July 27th, 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 August were reviewed.

Unfinished Business

Borough Hall Landscaping – Mr. Heller advised that he, Mr. Deery and Mrs. Loder met with Justin Motta Landscaping today at 5:30 p.m. Motta expects to have a landscape proposal to us next week. Discussion was held on including lighting in the landscaping plan. Mr. Heller advised that we did not discuss lighting with Motta; however, it is something that should be considered. It was noted that at the present time exterior lighting along the walkways is minimal.

BAF&R Contribution Request – Mr. Heller noted that Colebrookdale Township continues to delay a decision on the donation requested by BAF&R to offset revenue loss in 2020 as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. Mr. Heller, Mr. Neubauer, Mr. Cascino and Mr. Deery feel that Borough Council should approve a motion to grant BAF&R's request for a donation in the amount of \$28,195.33 rather than continuing to wait for Colebrookdale to make a decision on the donation. Following discussion, Mr. Heller made a motion, second by Mr. Cascino, to recommend Borough Council approve the donation requested by BAF&R to offset revenue loss in 2020 due to Covid 19. The motion was approved. This matter will be listed on the agenda of the September 6th meeting of Borough Council.

Boyertown Living History Museums-Grant Request, Charles Haddad – Mr. Heller recognized Mr. Charles Haddad who thanked the Borough for their support of the donation request he made last month in the amount \$5,000 to be used as matching funds for a joint application to the Berks County Community Foundation for a \$10,000 grant to be used for tourism purposes to promote the Boyertown Historical Society, Vehicle Museum, Spaatz Museum and Colebrookdale RR. Mr. Haddad further stated that the plan was to submit the grant application under the name "Boyertown Living History Museums". Mr. Haddad stated that Kevin Lugo, of Berks County Community Foundation, requested that all four entities execute a "consent to participate form". However, the Spaatz Museum was the only entity to agree and sign the form. Therefore, the grant application was not filed and the donation approved by Borough Council will not be needed. The committee expressed to Mr. Haddad that they were sorry that this idea did not work out and their willingness to consider funding a similar venture in the future.

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Public Comments

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 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, September 28th, 2022 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary