

**Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes
February 1, 2023**

A meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order at 7:10 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 members Keith Endy and Barry Christman; Lori Carnes, Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager, and interested citizens.

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 December 28, 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 January were reviewed.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to conduct.

New Business

Community Swimming Pool – Discussion was held on the Philadelphia Freedom YMCA’s request for the borough to assume the cost to reseal the pool joints at a cost of \$28,900; and to make other miscellaneous skimmer and wall repairs at an estimated cost of \$8,000. In addition, due to the potential undermining the leakage from the pool may have caused it was recommended by SSM, Inc. that a microgravity study be performed to determine the density of the soil below the pool structure as well as around the pumphouse and the grassy area. SSM, Inc. obtained a proposal from Rettew Field Services, Inc. to perform the study at a total cost of \$31,500.

A somewhat lengthy discussion was held on the subject, following which the committee agreed to recommend that Borough Council authorize execution and payment by the Borough of the Rettew proposal in the amount of \$31,500. The committee noted that under the lease agreement the YMCA is responsible for all pool maintenance. The committee did not agree to recommend Borough Council assume any pool maintenance costs.

Public Comments

Mr. Heller called for public comment and recognized Mr. Haddad who commented that Pottstown Health and Wellness Foundation is a potential source of funding for improvements to the Community Pool.

Mr. Heller then recognized Mr. Bill Draves who stated that he is the Facility Manager at the Hillside Aquatic Club. Mr. Draves expressed his interest in leasing the pool under the same terms as the current lease the borough has with the YMCA. Mr. Draves further requested an opportunity to investigate the condition of the pool and an aquatic engineer at his expense and if the repairs are deemed reasonable, he will pay for the repairs at no cost to the Borough.

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 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, March 1st, 2023 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary