

Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes
March 27, 2024

A meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order at 7:0 p.m. by Chairman Charles Heller. Committee members present in addition to Mr. Heller were Charles Neubauer, Jeffrey Cascino, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also in attendance were 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 February 28th, 2024 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 March were distributed for review. No questions or concerns were raised.

Unfinished Business

Aquatic Facility Design Assessment Report – The committee reviewed and discussed the Community Pool Assessment report provided by Aquatic Facility Design. The report documents and provides details on the current condition of the pool, and mechanical systems, and provides cost estimates for repair as well as recommendations for improvements. The complete assessment report is on file in the borough office. The committee also noted that the assessment report does not include assessment of the bathhouse. A lengthy discussion was held on the report; the committee noted that funds to repair or improve the facility would have to be borrowed, which would require a real estate tax increase. Grant applications can be filed; however, they are unlikely to cover all repair/renovation costs; the remaining costs would have to be paid by the taxpayers of the Borough. The committee noted that patronage of the pool by borough residents is minimal. The committee feels strongly that a financial partner is necessary for renovation of the facility. Mrs. Loder will contact the YMCA. Another potential resource may be the Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Committee.

Playground for Everyone Project – Pottstown Health & Wellness Application Grant Funding Request – Mrs. Loder advised the committee that Roger Lehmann, Boyertown Lions Club, submitted a grant application to the Pottstown Health and Wellness Foundation for grant funds to assist with the cost to replace the safety surfacing and the old Kompan playground equipment on the Playground for Everyone. The grant request will be for \$100,000. The project has a projected cost of \$270,000.

New Business

Uniform Allowance Street Department – Mrs. Loder discussed with the committee replacing the uniform rental service for the street department staff with an annual clothing allowance of \$800. Department staff would be required to present purchase receipts to obtain reimbursement for the purchase of work boots and pants. The annual uniform rental budget is \$4,700. The committee had no objection to the change in policy.

Public Comments

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. was made by Mr. Heller, seconded by Mr. Neubauer. The next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 1st, 2024 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary