

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR***Minutes of the Special Board of Commissioners Meeting of September 30, 2021***

The Radnor Township Board of Commissioners met via Zoom at approximately 6:40 pm

Commissioners Present

Jack Larkin, President

Moira Mulrone, Vice President

Lisa Borowski

Cathy Agnew

Sean Farhy

Richard Booker

Jake Abel

Also Present: *William White, Township Manager, Robert Tate, Director of Finance, Amy Lacey, Assistant Director of Finance, Tammy Cohen, Director of Parks and Community Programming, Steve Norcini, Township Engineer, Ricky Foster, Jr., Public Works Director, Peggy Hagan, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager.*

Not Present:

President Larkin called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Participation

Jim Higgins – Former Commissioner – He is concerned about children playing on the playground equipment in the heat and the need for sunshades. He also asked about the funds from the 2015 Bond Ordinance.

2. Community Organizations Funding

Bill White, Township Manager, thanked the Board for taking the time to meet on the budget. Bob Tate, Director of Finance, spoke on Community Organizations Funding, Capital and OPEB Funding.

Mr. Tate presented the 2021 Approved Budget amounts and the 2022 requested amounts, along with a tie-in to mileage, noting the mileage tie in is a potential concept for carving out specific funds for Community Organizations.

There was discussion among Commissioners and Staff. The discussion included breaking out the Fire Companies and Library from the Community Groups, placing the community funding mileage on the real estate tax bill, money available in the budget to fund community organizations, 501c3 funding history, setting aside the Fire Companies, Senior Center and Library and have a scaled approach to decreasing funding to 501c3s, Federal Funding received, appreciation for the amount of detail sent in by the organizations with their requests, discussion on forgiving the Wayne Art Center debt to allow them to borrow on their asset and not have to come to the Township for future funding, incorporating other 501c3s with a competitive process and committee for selection process similar to a grant process.

Public Participation

Jane Gardner – Wayne Art Center - She noted that the ask for \$100,000 for the roof can be deferred.

Eamon Brazunas - Radnor Fire Company – He spoke on the funding and noted the additional \$74,000 requested includes \$20,000 for capital items and \$54,000 to fund 1/3 of the cost for 2 full-time positions that are dedicated to firefighting. The full-time positions were acquired with a four-year grant.

Danny Kincade – Bryn Mawr Fire Company - He stated that they submitted an incorrect number for funding, the number originally submitted was \$183,036 and should have been \$213,000.

There was further discussion among Commissioners and Staff with a note to Staff to keep last year's community organization numbers in the working budget until a decision has been made on the funding for 2022.

3. Capital Funding Discussion

Bill White, Township Manager, presented types of capital, departmental, general, sanitary sewer, and stormwater, possible funding concepts, and 2022 recommendations addressing immediate needs.

There was discussion among Commissioners and Staff including the hiring of staff to do facility maintenance, setting parameters and criteria to vet and prioritize projects, projects including Township facilities, and Odoriso Park comfort station.

4. OPEB Funding Discussion

Bob Tate acknowledged the work CARFAC has done to tackle the OPEB challenge. Jay Osterholm, CARFAC member, spoke on the OPEB process and did not want to give a recommendation until they receive all information necessary from the actuary. There was discussion among Commissioners, Mr. Osterholm, and Staff.

5. Public Participation

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, the regular meeting adjourned on a motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted.

Peggy Hagan