MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 13, 2022

620 West Chestnut Street Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member: Scott Bomboy

Randy Faulkner Jim Purcell

Steve Rose

Jim Ryder

Borough Manager:
Finance Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Dave Worthington
Andrea L. Coaxum
Rebecca Deemer
Lauren Moll

Parks and Recreation Director:

Community Development Manager:

Borough Engineer:

Police Chief:

Electric Superintendent:

Public Works Director:

Lauren Moll

Linda Reid

Doug Rossino

Robert Schurr

Harold Stone

Jeff Tulone

Finance Committee Chair, Randy Faulkner convened the meeting at 4:30 PM.

PUBLIC FORUM:

There were no public comments.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION PRESENTATIONS:

David Nyman, the advisory board chair for Pennridge Community Center addressed the Finance Committee. He provided The Committee with the Center's financial summary going back to 2016 to show how COVID has impacted their budget. Their main source of revenue is generated from facility rentals and program income. Because of the shutdowns during the pandemic they were unable to offer these services. The Community Center is requesting a portion of the American Rescue Plan Funds to help offset their revenue shortfall.

David Alderfer and Mark Horne from Medic 51, a department of Grandview Hospital, addressed the Finance Committee. GVH (151) responds to 74% of emergency calls in the Borough. In 2021 the total EMS calls that they responded to was 432. They spoke about the challenges they have faced during the pandemic. They saw increased costs with the operations of their ambulances. They had to treat each call as if it was a COVID case and performed extensive cleaning and sterilization of the squad after each call. They will be purchasing a new ambulance and have asked the committee to consider donating some of the American Rescue Plan Funds to their organization to put towards the new ambulance.

DISCUSS AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING:

Andrea provided a detailed list of the recommended uses for the funds. She reviewed the list with the Committee and there was discussion on each item. The committee decided to move forward with presenting the following uses to Council for approval:

Replenishing the Menlo Fund\$ 197,488.44
Additional Funding for Menlo Fund for potential shortfalls in 2022-2024 \$ 165,000.00
Variable Message Sign Boards \$ 36,000.00
Side by Side Utility Vehicle for the Police Dept. w/ enclosures est. \$ 32,044.61
Engineering and Design for storm water projects \$ 30,000.00
Contributions to Non-Profits \$ 15,000.00

Rebecca will put together a proposed budget to be presented at the Council meeting on May 2, 2022.

The Finance Committee will continue to meet to dedicate additional funds.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PRESS FORUM

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM.

Andrea L. Coaxum

Borough Manager/Secretary