



**CITY OF TWINSBURG, OHIO**

**Finance Committee Mtg.**

**May 28, 2019**

**6:00 PM**

- **CALL TO ORDER**

Bill Furey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

**Finance Committee Members:** Mr. Scaffide, Mr. Steele, Mr. Furey

**Finance Director:** Ms. Buccigross

**Also Present:** Mr. Barr, Mr. Bellan, Ms. Stauffer, Ms. McFearin, Mr. Schroeder, and Mayor Yates

- **APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 23, 2019 MINUTES**

Minutes were unanimously approved. Minutes stand approved as written.

- **NO AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

- **REVIEW OF REVENUE GENERATING OPTIONS**

- Ms. Buccigross presented numbers that were requested at the previous Finance Committee meeting on April 23, 2019.
- General fund spending – Mr. Furey questioned the general bond and if it included the end of the park as the waterlines for Glenwood Acres. Ms. Buccigross stated that there is a voted piece of the park that has its own fund and the other piece of that falls under the general fund that they support the bond retirement fund with.
- There was explanation of where general fund revenues monies come from:
  - a. 85.6% comes from income taxes.
  - b. 5.3% Charges for services – EMS billing, 911 calls for the township, day camp, etc. Anything where the City is charging for services they provide.
  - c. 3.7% Reimbursements – monies that the City gets back from RITA or BWC.
  - d. The smaller revenue line items were briefly discussed
- Historical review of inside millage along with income tax:
  - a. Inside millage was 5.7 mills in the 80's and into the 90's.
  - b. Income tax was increased from 1.5% to 2% in 1997 and inside millage was reduced.
  - c. A decade later Chrysler left and a main income tax revenue source was lost. City income tax then went from 2% to 2.25%. A reserve was built up and then the City income tax was voted to be reduced.
- Further revenue reductions that the City has seen from the State of Ohio.
  - a. The State of Ohio eliminated the estate tax
  - b. The state local government fund has been reduced from \$321,605 in 2008 to zero in 2018.

- How much current residents are paying in property tax to the City:
    - a. .30 mills for both police and fire pensions.
    - b. Millage for the Park Land debt was voted and passed by the residents
    - c. There is no millage currently available for General Fund expenses
  - Numbers were discussed if the City were to reduce the income tax credit from 100% to 75%, 50%, or 25%. The impact of these numbers would all depend on a few different factors such as if a resident lives and works in the City or if they work outside of the City, and if the City that they work in outside of Twinsburg had a higher or lower income tax rate than Twinsburg. Reductions in the credit would generate an estimated \$2 million to \$6 million dollars depending on the amount of the reduction.
  - Numbers were also discussed if the City were to increase the city income tax rate an additional quarter percent. An additional quarter percent income tax would generate an estimated \$3.3 million dollars.
  - Ms. Buccigross stated that the County provided an estimate that 1 mill would generate approximately \$640,000.
- **PROCUREMENT CARD PROGRAM UPDATE**
    - The procurement card program has been implemented on the accounts payable side. Finance has initiated this program with payments to Waste Management as well as Bureau of Workmen's Comp. They have not yet rolled this program out to additional vendors. The payment program generates rebates.
    - Phase II of the program would include rolling a couple of credit cards that the City has into this program so that they can start receiving rebates off of those expenses as well. The Finance Director wanted to run this by the Finance Committee to make sure everyone was comfortable and onboard with this. No objections were made to move forward with Phase II.
- **MISCELLANEOUS**
    - Liberty Park Ballfield – The lowest bid came in higher than what the City had budgeted for the construction of the new ballfield. Mr. Schroeder has some monies in his budget that could be put toward that difference. Cost saving changes have been reviewed in order to lower the original bid. The president of TBL is okay with all of the changes and is planning on attending the Caucus Council meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m. Twinsburg Township has sponsored three of the scoreboards that are currently at Liberty Park ballfields. This was a good way for the Township to contribute to their kids playing in the league already.
    - Ms. Buccigross mentioned that there is an appropriation amendment on tonight's schedule that they can amend to add in the money that Mr. Schroeder needs in order to move forward with the agreement that they have on legislation as well. Ms. Buccigross commented that there are line items in the budget that can be reduced so that there is no negative impact on the budget, if Finance Committee would like to do so. Mr. Maistros reiterated that they do not have an agreement to have a change order yet for the ballfield. Mr. Furey noted that the appropriation amendment to add in the money for the new ballfield will get done.
- **NEXT MEETING: July 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**
  - **ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Furey adjourned the meeting.**