

**CITY OF TWINSBURG, OHIO**

**Finance Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 23, 2020**

**6:00pm**

**Meeting Called to Order:** Mr. Barr called meeting to order at 6:00 PM

**1. Present:** Mr. Bellan, Mr. Barr, Mr. Furey, Mayor Yates, Mr. Scaffide, Mrs. Walker, Ms. McFearin, Mrs. Stauffer, Ms. Buccigross

**2. Audience Participation:** None

**3. Approval of May 12, 2020 and May 26, 2020 Minutes:** No comments or concerns stated, Mr. Furey presented motioned to approve as presented. Mr. Bellan seconded motion.

Minutes approved unanimously

**4. Capital Budget Adjustments (NOPEC Grant & Sharonbrook):**

Ms. Buccigross wanted to make Finance Committee aware of the capital improvement adjustments. Under the NOPEC grant line item, it was decided to spend available NOPEC funding on Fire Station windows & overhead doors and for upgraded lighting at the Community Center. This is already budgeted, the budgeted amounts are just being moved to the correct Department lines. Lighting is being changed to LED bulbs at Community Center. Discussion continued regarding lighting changes to LED throughout other city buildings, Fitness Center and City Hall. \$54,000 total funding available includes some funds left over from last year and this year's award. Eighty dollars from City funds is needed to complete the projects.

Sharonbrook project: Money does remain for emergency repairs in the sewer improvement fund. This emergency money needs to be moved to the storm sewer improvement to pay for the Sharonbrook project the City is taking care of. Project cost is \$8,800.00. Mrs. Walker asked about an additional issue with a Sharonbrook resident that is having a flooding issue. Mr. Yates stated that Engineering Department has contacted this resident, however, at this time, Engineering has not heard back from the resident.

Additional general budget changes: Golf course is using operating supply money to operate the snack shop, we did budget this operating expense under restaurant line items and this now needs to be moved to the Pro Shop operating money, so he can continue to purchase supplies. Also noted: As of today's date green fees are at \$101,000.00, compared to last year at \$84,000.00.

## **5. Performance Audit City Response: City Response to those 5 recommendations**

Financial Analysis: Property Tax comparison to our peer communities who are collecting property taxes for general fund or safety services. Regarding the income tax, we are comparable to our peer communities at 2%.

1. *To implement a fee for refuse and recycling:* At this time we are not considering this. Last year we did pay 1.2 million to provide this service to over 6,400 households for free. It was noted that the fees charged by other communities ranged from \$13-20 per month.
2. *To reduce the shift differential within the specific CBA:* We are aware that our shift differential is higher than comparison communities. However, in previous contract years, there was a percentage based shift differential, which was a higher cost, even though our flat amount is still higher than comparison communities, it has been reduced and we will continue to work on this in future negotiations.
3. *To reduce the employer cost of medical, dental and vision insurance premiums:* We did have a no cost increase for this March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021 plan year. We also received an increase in coverage for dental coverage. Fitness incentive was introduced, health savings account has increased in employee participation and a Self-Insured plan is discussed as an option. We will continue to research how to use Pool resources and look at multiple other options, such as HSA vs PPO. Discussions with insurance broker will continue and information will be brought to council.
4. *Re-negotiate the minimum manning requirement in the Firefighters CBA:* We were able to negotiate that minimum requirement, so that if it does drop below 6 full time, if there are part timers on staff, they can fill two of those slots.
5. *Reduce Parks and Recreation Programs and Services or Increase fees to eliminate general fund subsidies:* We have reduced full time staff in maintenance at the golf course and issued a proposal request for the restaurant space. Fitness Center fees are increased each year and we continue to monitor class sizes and any cost savings for the Fitness

Center and plan for any improvements in the future. Summer camp prices have increased to cover transportation as well as Rock the Park ticket fees have increased.

We will communicate with The State of Ohio as we implement recommendations.

**6. Comments or Questions:** Ms. McFearin asked if the City can look into selling custom license plate covers promoting Twinsburg and using that money for City. Ms. Buccigross will explore if this is as an option and share information.

**7. Miscellaneous:** Ms. Buccigross – Updates on COVID-19: Relief money is \$271,000.00 from State of Ohio and \$543,000.00 from Summit County’s payroll relief program. We will look for guidance from the State and County for assistance on how to get these funds spent properly and timely. Ms. Buccigross stated that details will continue to be worked on and that we are prepared to receive the monies.

**8. Next Meeting Date:** August 25, 2020 at 6:00 pm

**9. Adjournment:** 6:38 PM meeting adjourned.