



Budget & Finance Committee

Wednesday August 18, 2010 – 9:30 a.m.
Room 100 – Otsego County Building
225 West Main Gaylord, MI 49735

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Beachnau called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM

Roll call – Present: Paul Beachnau, John Burt, Clark Bates, Erma Backenstose, Ken Glasser

Others present –Rachel Frisch, Dona Wishart, Dale Gehman

Absent (excused) – Diann Axford

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Bates to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2010 budget and finance committee meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Sportsplex Millage

Mr. Burt informed the Committee that the Sportsplex board has voted to request a 10-year renewal of the Sportsplex millage. A 10-year millage cannot be worded as a renewal on the ballot language, but it can be advertised as a renewal. This would be for the November election.

Motion by Ms. Backenstose to recommend to the full board approving the Sportsplex board recommendation to seek a 10-year millage renewal. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Commission on Aging Agreement

Ms. Wishart and Mr. Burt presented a draft agreement for the Commission on Aging (COA). The COA is proposing to change from a local unit of government to a 501c3 organization, in order to have broader grant writing opportunities. The Committee had a few questions for Mr. Burt to research and report back to the Committee.

C. Air Show Update

Mr. Burt reported that the 2010 air show brought in a profit of \$5,852.92. The Committee discussed options for how to best account for the air show financial activities.

Motion by Mr. Glasser to recommend to the full board to create a new fund, fund 282 Airport Special Events, to account for the financial activities of the air show, and to transfer the net profit of \$5,852.92 into the 282 fund for start-up costs for the next air show. Ayes: Glasser, Bates, Backenstose. Nays: Beachnau, Burt. Motion passed.

D. Body Armor Purchase

At the request of Undersheriff Nowicki who was unable to attend the meeting, Ms. Frisch presented information on the purchase of body armor for the Sheriff's staff. The Sheriff Department received a Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant, which would pay for ½ of the cost of body armor for each deputy. 10 vests cost a total of \$5,720, of which \$2,860 would be paid by the grant. Undersheriff Nowicki is looking into whether MMRMA would cover the other half with a RAP grant. If not, he is requesting that we pay for it out of the equipment fund (fund 266).

Motion by Mr. Glasser to have Undersheriff Nowicki look into the RAP grant option, unless there is a deadline for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant that requires us to act quickly. If there is a deadline, motion to recommend to the full board to pay \$2,860 out of the equipment fund (fund 266). Motion passed unanimously.

E. Justice & Public Safety Committee Recommendation

Mr. Burt reported the recommendation of the Justice and Public Safety Committee to purchase vacant parcel #080-028-400-045-09 on the North side of Fairview Road in the amount of \$54,600, to be used as the site for the new animal shelter. He explained that both Livingston Township and the Planning Commission approve of the location. All survey and title work has been completed. Fund 413, animal shelter building fund, will pay for the land.

Motion by Mr. Bates to recommend to the full board to purchase vacant parcel #080-028-400-045-09 of Fairview Road for a future animal shelter site in the amount of \$54,600; funds to come from the animal shelter building fund (fund 413). Motion passed unanimously.

F. June and July 2010 Financial Reports and Updates

Ms. Frisch presented the financial reports to the Committee.

G. Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act

Mr. Burt distributed an amendment to the Elmer's Brownfield Plan, which adds three parcels to the redevelopment plan. The Committee requested a clarification on some of the wording under the project summary section.

Motion by Ms. Backenstose to recommend to the full board to approve the amendment to the Elmer's Brownfield Plan, subject to clarification. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Beachnau adjourned the meeting at 10:55 AM.