

MINUTES FINANCE MEETING BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

July 15, 2021

The Finance Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Patinkin at 7:03 p.m. in the Jewett Park Community Center. The Secretary called the roll and the following were:

PRESENT: Brown, Caron, Cohen, Patinkin, Serota (5)

ABSENT: None (0)

and there was a quorum in attendance. Also present was Jeff Nehila, Jeff Harvey, Laura McCarty, Jay Zahn, Tony Korzyniewski, Jason Mannina, staff members.

Commissioners proceeded to review financial materials relative to the meeting.

Commissioner Brown asked about the \$2,500 appraisal for a property tax appeal and how the appeal worked out. Director Nehila responded that we are still waiting for the outcome.

Commissioner Brown asked about the charges for repairs and disconnects at Clavey. Staff responded that the repairs were for the irrigation system and the disconnect was for the ballfield lights.

Commissioner Brown asked about the charges for graffiti clean-up. Staff responded that this is for graffiti at Jewett Park.

Vice-President Caron asked about Heartland Business Systems for Deerspring wi-fi. Staff responded that this was for installation of a wi-fi access point for internet connectivity for when we were doing pool passes at the pools.

Treasurer Cohen asked about the credit card processors. Staff responded that certain software systems are linked to certain credit card processors.

Treasurer Cohen asked how many golf balls were purchased for \$4,500. Staff responded that we purchased 12,000 range balls. Treasurer Cohen asked if we need to replenish the balls multiple times a year. Staff responded that we had purchased some earlier in the season, so we are now done for the year.

Treasurer Cohen asked about the large charges for baseball camp. Staff responded that this is for the very popular Chicago White Sox camp. This is a contractual agreement and we pay them a percentage.

Treasurer Cohen asked about the Call One analog phone charges. Staff responded that these are for the call boxes in the parks.

Treasurer Cohen asked about the Kubuta Workman for \$24,000. Staff responded that this was part of the golf course maintenance budgeted capital purchasing for 2021.

Commissioner Serota asked how staff decides to use a contractual instructor instead of park district staff for a variety of programs. Staff responded that the contractual companies are specified or specialty type programs.

President Patinkin asked how many more months were left on the GPS lease. Staff responded that we pay 9 months for a 12-month lease, so we don't pay in the winter. The payments will resume at the end of the calendar year.

President Patinkin asked about the new fire hydrants. Staff responded that these are in the ice skating rink areas to assist in creating ice.

President Patinkin asked why the PDRMA payments were broken down into multiple payments. Staff responded that we split our total bill between two different funds, a Tort fund and the Corporate fund.

Staff presented a PowerPoint on Bond Overview and Bonding Capacity. The presentation included an explanation of municipal bonds, types of General Obligation Bonds and our current bonds outstanding.

In summary, the current bonds are being paid off through an annual bond & interest property tax levy and mature on December 1, 2023. The debt service has been just over \$300k and reduces in 2022 and again in 2023. Interest rates have trended lower since this issue. In addition, the bond rating from Moody's was increased from Aa1 to Aaa in February 2019. This is the highest investment grade rating possible which will result in lower future borrowing costs. The district's statutory debt limits and annual debt service extension base levy constraints would allow for over \$5 million of non-referendum bonds; however, this would result in an increase in the historical annual bond & interest tax levy. The district could finance upwards of \$40 million but would have to receive voter approval through a bond referendum. Other financing options include general obligation alternate revenue bonds (like the previous golf course bonds paid for using golf course revenues with a backup property tax levy), short-term bank promissory notes and leases.

Motion made by Vice-President Caron, seconded by Treasurer Cohen, to adjourn the Finance Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Voice vote as follows:

AYES: Caron, Cohen, Brown, Serota, Patinkin (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Nehila, Secretary