

**Finance Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
March 29, 2017**

A meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by Chairman Charles Heller. Committee members present in addition to Mr. Heller were Terry Mest, Lori Carnes, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also present were Council members Barry Christman and Keith Endy; Marianne Deery; Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Allen Steffy, Lynn Camella, and Adrienne Blank, Building a Better Boyertown.

Mr. Heller called for public comment on the agenda; no comments were forthcoming.

Mr. Heller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mest, to approve the minutes of the March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 meeting of the Committee. The motion was approved.

**Review of Financial and Revenue and Expenditure Statements and List of Bills Paid –**

Mr. Heller reviewed with the committee the financial reports for the month of March.

**Unfinished Business**

**BBB Anniversary Celebration Finance Statement** – Nothing new to report; the Committee was expected to finalize the Financial Statement by February 2017; it is now understood that finalization will not be complete until April 2017.

**BAF&R – PA Fire Recovery Service – Billing Services** – Mr. Heller and Mrs. Loder reviewed with the committee a draft ordinance to authorize BAF&R to seek recovery and reimbursement of costs for materials and equipment used and services rendered to provide fire protection and emergency medical services. Appendix A of the ordinance contains a schedule of charges which the fire company may recover from an insurance provider. Mr. Heller and Mrs. Loder noted that Section 10-18 entitled “Enforcement” authorizes the filing of a civil action against an insurance company who fails to pay an invoice within 30 days. Mr. Heller recommended that Section 10-18 be removed from the draft ordinance. The committee agreed. This matter will be listed on the agenda of the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Council to authorize the solicitor to advertise the ordinance for adoption at the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Council.

**DCNR Grant Approval – Trail Feasibility Study** – The DCNR grant is in the amount of \$35,000; Mrs. Loder informed the committee that the grant contract has been received. She also noted that the DCNR no longer requires the grant recipient to approve and execute the grant contract. The DCNR now uses the signature on the resolution authorizing the submission of the grant as execution of the grant contract.

Mrs. Loder further noted that Ms. Blank has advised her that BBB does have the required matching grant funds and she is in the process of developing an RFP to hire the consultant.

**Charles Haddad – BBB Main Street Planters, Water Carts** – Mrs. Loder advised that Mr. Haddad has not confirmed the purchase or price of the two water carts.

**Mid-Block Crosswalk – East Philadelphia Avenue** – Ms. Blank, Mr. Steffy and Ms. Camella again discussed with the committee the idea of a mid-block crosswalk on East Philadelphia Avenue between Reading Avenue and Chestnut Street. They shared with the committee their experience during a recent tour of Ambler; council members Deery and Mest participated in the Ambler tour. Their discussion included information concerning the current number of pedestrian mid-block crossings on a given day, and their opinion that a mid-block crosswalk would be a traffic calming tool, and their desire to make the Borough a “walking town.”

Mr. Deery shared with the committee and the BBB representative’s photographs of mid-block crosswalks in Ambler and Lititz. Committee members and Council members present offered numerous comments and concerns regarding a mid-block crosswalk at the location proposed. Specifically, concerns focused on a pedestrian’s false sense of security within a mid-block crosswalk; and the potential for pedestrian injury as a result.

A straw poll of committee and council members present indicated there was not majority support to continue investigation or discussion of a mid-block crosswalk.

### **New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

### **Public Comments**

The Chairman called for public comment; no comments were forthcoming.

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. was made by Mr. Heller and seconded by Mr. Mest. The next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder  
Borough Secretary