

TOWN OF McCANDLESS
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 p.m. by Committee Chairwoman Powers with the following in attendance: Council members Zachary, Aufman, Mertz, Walkauskas, LeDonne and McKim; Other present: Town Attorney Ries, Town Manager Cordek, Assistant Town Manager Ebner, Zoning Officer Betty, John Bojarski, Communications Assistant, Marie Haller, Administrative Assistant and citizens as per the sign-in sheet.

REVIEW OF THE 2015 TOWN AUDIT

Dustin Starr, Manager and Megan Gebrosky, CPA, Senior Auditor of Maher Duessel, the Town's auditing firm, presented an overview of the Town's 2015 Audit and Financial Statements. The Town received an unmodified clean opinion for this year's audit from Maher Duessel. It was noted the auditors did not identify any issues, deficiencies and there were no audit adjustments made. No recommendations for changes were made.

Mr. Starr discussed the 2015 reporting requirements, audit communications and the overall reporting structure. Financial highlights were reviewed reflecting the Town's total assets of \$54 million, including \$39 million in fixed assets. The total liabilities are \$4 million, which includes \$1 million in OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) liability.

A detailed summary of the following reports were also provided including the 2015 Government Fund Balance, 2015 Revenue Budget vs. Actual, 2015 Expense Budget vs. Actual and Net Pension Liability. It was noted that the Town has no current debt and has not had any debt for the past several years. Councilwoman Powers remarked that she recently received a compliment from the State Auditor General who recognized the Town for its fiscal management in being the only Town in the State of Pennsylvania without debt. It was noted Town Council has been kept the mileage rates low despite the large amount of exempt property in this municipality, which includes North Park, a hospital, 16 churches, and various other exempt properties. Mr. Starr also recognized this in part may be attributed to Council's prudent spending policy which includes setting an annual budget and sticking to it.

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Councilmember Powers provided a brief overview of prior discussions held pertaining to the Town's use of social media. Town Manager Cordek reported John Bojarski, Communications Assistant and Attorney Kristen Biedinger of Tucker Arensberg have worked together to draft a social media policy similar to policies adopted by other neighboring municipalities. The draft of this policy was distributed to Council in advance and posted on the Town's website prior to this meeting. The goal of the policy is to provide guidelines, reduce risks, and include a mechanism to resolve issues.

Councilmember LeDonne discussed his opposition to the use of social media and expressed his concerns regarding potential pitfalls versus benefits that were previously discussed. Councilmembers Powers and Zachary discussed their willingness to consider a Facebook site with appropriate monitoring and control. It was noted the open records law will permit inappropriate postings to be hidden, but not deleted. Town Manager Cordek discussed the importance of posting accurate information and affirmed the Facebook page will be launched and managed with current staff.

Rita Martin, 10585 Grubbs Road, asked if various departments would be able to post on the Facebook page. Town Manager Cordek responded by stating they will be able to post through the administrator and discussed the site leaning more towards providing information about the Town.

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

The Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM) 2016 Annual Legislative Invitational will be held Monday July 11, 2016 at the Allegheny County Club.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie A. Haller, Administrative Assistant

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