

Finance Committee

July 21, 2008

6:00 PM

Chairperson: Mark Helbling

Council Chambers

Minutes

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In Attendance:

Mark Helbling, Chairperson
Dave Gillingham Member
Linda Woshner, Member

Paul Cusick, Treasurer
Connie Flasher, DAS

Mark Helbling called the Committee meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Citizen Comments:

- ❖ Nothing at this time.

Citizen Communications:

- ❖ Mr. Brian Faull spoke to the Committee about his interest to purchase 143 and 145 Grant Avenue.
 - The DAS stated this property is in the zoning district that only allows for this property to be converted to a two unit.
 - There was discussion by the Committee about what is owed for back taxes and fees as well as the reasons why it is not able to be converted to more than a two unit structure.
 - The Committee stated they do not have the authority to allow Mr. Faull to convert this property to more than a two unit since it is not allowed in that Zoning district.
 - The Committee explained in order for him to be able to renovate it to be more than a two unit he would have to apply to the Zoning hearing board for a variance.
 - The DAS stated variances are not easily granted and in order for it to be granted there would have to be some type of hardship, which can not be monetary.
 - The Committee stated after the Zoning Hearing Board makes their decision if they will grant him the variance he could then come back to the Committee to ask for forgiveness for the back taxes and other fees that are owed.
 - There was further discussion.

Treasurer's Report:

- ❖ The Treasurer reviewed his cash flow and bond reports.
 - There was discussion by the Committee about the status of various funds.
 - There was discussion by the Committee about the Fire Vehicle fund.

DAS report to the Committee on financial related matters, activities, and events:

- ❖ There was discussion by the Committee about the Nuisance Tenant Ordinance.
- ❖ The DAS noted to the Committee that no work is being done with maintaining the current Census files.
 - The Committee stated they would like the DAS to aggressively approach getting the Census records updated.
- ❖ The DAS stated she would like to go to two seminars on employment Law and working with consultants in September at a total cost of \$230.00.
 - Mrs. Woshner seconded by Mr. Helbling made a motion to authorize Connie Flasher to attend the Labor Law seminar in September at a cost of \$200.00 and working with consultant seminar in September at a cost of \$30.00.

- Mrs. Woshner made a motion seconded by Mr. Helbling to authorize David Gillingham to go to an Intergovernmental conference at a cost not to exceed \$50.00.
- ❖ The DAS stated there is a Solicitors group through PSAB where if the Borough joins they would be able to access Labor Law lawyers at an annual cost of \$400.00.
 - She questioned if the Committee would like to be apart of this.
 - The Committee stated they would like this to be discussed further at the next Committee meeting.
- ❖ The DAS presented to the Committee information in regard to purchasing blinds for the Borough Building.
 - There was discussion by the Committee.
 - The Committee stated they would like to refer this to the Building Committee for a motion.

Other Agenda Items:

- ❖ Nothing at this time.

New Business:

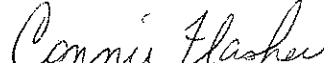
- ❖ The DAS stated she is preparing a resolution to procure equipment from the Aim loan
 - The DAS stated there will also be another resolution prepared to authorize her to apply for a CDBG grant to help eliminate blighted properties.
 - Mr. Helbling requested for the Committee to look at setting a criteria for tax abatement.
 - The Committee requested for the DAS to look into this.
 - Mr. Gillingham requested to have more parades in the next year whether for Memorial Day or a Fireman's Parade.
 - Mrs. Woshner questioned if the Borough has received the \$10,000 from Fontana's office for the playground equipment.
 - The DAS stated the Borough has not.
 - She stated the application would have to be sent to Harrisburg and she is waiting to see what the status of it is.
 - The DAS further explained what may need to be done to be able to get the grant.
 - The stated she will research what type of playground equipment can be purchased.
 - The Committee stated they would like to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Citizen Comments:

- ❖ Nothing at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Connie Flasher
Secretary

Motions to be made:

1. **Motion to authorize Connie Flasher to attend the Labor Law seminar in September at a cost of \$200.00 and working with consultant seminar in September at a cost of \$30.00.**
2. **Motion seconded by Mr. Helbling to authorize David Gillingham to go to an Intergovernmental conference at a cost not to exceed \$50.00.**