

**MINUTES
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2022**

Present: Mayor Ben Florsheim; Majority Leader Gene Nocera; Minority Leader Phil Pessina; Pamela Steele; Rev. Robyn Anderson; Cynthia Clegg; Bobbye Knoll Peterson; Bryan Skowera; Christina Heckart; Diana Doyle; Brig Smith; Joe Fazzino; Kevin Elak

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1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m.

2. Public Comment

JR Hargreaves thanked Bobbye Knoll Peterson for taking the time to tour his property. He also offered his contact information to anyone else that would like to come and tour his property.

3. Approval of Minutes

Phil Pessina made a MOTION to approve the March 2, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Cynthia Clegg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bryan Skowera made a MOTION to amend the agenda to add the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce to present its application after Gilead Community Services. Phil Pessina seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. New Business

A. Presentation by Applicants

i. Gilead Community Services

Gilead Community Services gave a presentation on potentially addressing the growing need to promote mental health awareness and wellness in the community.

ii. Middlesex Chamber of Commerce

Middlesex Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation on its Side Street to Main Street Business & Leadership Development program potentially seeking to help program participants become more successful by developing qualities necessary for effective business ownership and success.

5. Old Business

a. Report on Current Expenses and Balances

Brig Smith advised that there was nothing new to report and that we so far have \$2.75 million dollars that the task force recommended for expenditures on Water and Sewer matters. The sub group has yet to meet to look at potential recommendations, but will be meeting in the near future.

b. Report from Water and Sewer

Joe Fazzino updated the Task Force on upcoming water and sewer work. There are two requisitions for POs in the works with Prime AE for the preliminary engineering for Basin 27. There is a scheduled flow assessment, which is a contractor that will go into the system and portable flow monitoring equipment for the manholes. Water and Sewer are fine-tuning the report by McGuire back in 2006 and will do additional design investigation. There is a PO for Wright Pierce for software and updating. Cardinal Engineering completed the design for the water work and Saybrook Road. There are a couple other projects and Weston & Sampson has been doing a design for the replacement of Red Road Pump Station in the Wesleyan Hills area. Water & Sewer may be applying for ARPA funds.

6. Other

7. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn made by Gene Nocera and seconded by Phil Pessina. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting ended.