MINUTES
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2022

Present: Mayor Ben Florsheim; Majority Leader Gene Nocera; Pamela Steele; Cynthia Clegg; Bryan Skowera; Rev. Moses Harvill; Christina Heckart; Diana Doyle; Brig Smith; Joe Fazzino; Kevin Elak; Joe Samolis; Carl Erlacher

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Cynthia Clegg made a MOTION to approve the March 9, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Rev. Moses Harvill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. New Business

A. Update on Pending Applications

Brig Smith shared his screen with the group, which was an excel spreadsheet of all the pending applications. He explained that Water & Sewer, so far, is the only application approved.

B. Presentation by Applicants

i. Northern Middlesex YMCA, Inc.

Northern Middlesex YMCA gave a presentation on potentially converting their current steam heating system to gas-powered, energy-efficient heating and cooling.

ii. Middlesex Health

Middlesex Health gave a presentation on potentially relocating the Home for Behavioral Health to a new location in Middletown in order to offer additional services and serve more people with mental health needs.

iii. Paws at Home LLC

Paws at Home LLC gave a presentation on potentially building and operating a centralized wildlife center.
C. Timing and Process for Recommending Projects and Funding to Council

Brig discussed the timing and process of the applications that are considered to Council. More discussion ensued regarding bringing the applications forward to Council on a rolling basis.

5. Old Business

a. Report from Water and Sewer

Joe Fazzino updated the Task Force on upcoming water and sewer work. He explained that engineers are starting to do survey work on various I&I basins. The Saybrook Road water main project is on hold and Public Works is working with Cardinal Engineering to get it resolved. Prime is working on Basins 24 and Wright Pierce is working on Basins 25 and 26 to look for defects and where the clean water is getting into the sewer system. He would like to get in an application for the water booster pump station on Bartholomew Road, which would replace the Coe Avenue pump station.

6. Other

7. Adjournment

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