

**MINUTES
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT TASK FORCE
SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

Present: Majority Leader Gene Nocera; Minority Leader Phil Pessina; Cynthia Clegg; Rev. Moses Harvill; Diana Doyle; Kevin Elak; Joseph Fazzino; Brianna Skowera; Bobbye Knoll Peterson; Brig Smith

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Phil Pessina made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2022 regular meeting and Brianna Skowera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. New Business

A. Discussion of Pending Applications

i. Water & Sewer – Construction of Bartholomew Road Water Booster Pump Station

Gene Nocera explained that this project would not be funded. Discussion ensued regarding this project being on the November referendum and how the city will set aside money for city projects.

Brianna Skowera made a MOTION to refer the Bartholomew Road and Red Road pump stations back to the working group for reconsideration and Cynthia Clegg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. Water & Sewer – Reconstruction of Red Road Sewage Booster Pump Station

Brianna Skowera made a MOTION to refer the Bartholomew Road and Red Road pump stations back to the working group for reconsideration and Cynthia Clegg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

iii. Middletown Conn Realty LLC – Newfield Village Community Development

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Gene Nocera stated that this project was not well developed and the working group voted to not fund this project.

Brianna Skowera made a MOTION to accept the working group's recommendation and Rev. Moses Harvill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

iv. South Fire District – Active Violence Emergency Response Training/Protective Equipment

Gene Nocera explained that the working group recommended to fully fund this project at what South Fire is asking for, which is \$83,024.84. Phil Pessina recused himself from the vote.

Brianna Skowera made a MOTION' to approve at the working group's recommendation and Rev. Moses Harvill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

v. GN International and DeMarco Realty & Associates – Mohawk Development

Brig Smith introduced the application and explained that the working group recommended to not fund this project.

Briana Skowera made a MOTION to accept the working group's recommendation and Phil Pessina seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

vi. Westfield Fire Department – Active Violence Emergency Response Training/Protective Equipment

Gene Nocera explained the support of Westfield teaming up with South Fire on this project.

Phil Pessina made a MOTION to approve this application at the working group's recommendation and Cynthia Clegg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

vii. Middlesex YMCA – Teen Development

Phil Pessina made a MOTION to approve at the working group's recommendation and Brianna Skowera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

viii. Oddfellows Playhouse Youth Theater – Teen Programs Director

Gene Nocera explained that the working group recommended to fully fund this project.

Phil Pessina made a MOTION to approve at the working groups' recommendation and Rev. Moses Harvill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ix. Middletown United Fathers' Inc. – Rev. Douglas E. Lawrence
Community Garden**

Gene Nocera explained that the working group recommended to fully fund this project.

Phil Pessina made a MOTION to approve at the working group's recommendation and Brianna Skowera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Old Business

A. RFQ for Consultant

Brig Smith explained that we have received 10 applications and there was only 1 firm from Connecticut. Brig will present the three highest scoring proposals to Council, along with the recommended firm. He explained how he scored each response and closed in on his top 3, which were UHY, BerryDunn, and Anser Advisory, with UHY being the top candidate. Diana Doyle expressed her support for Brig's recommendation.

Brianna Skowera made a MOTION to accept UHY as the consultant and Cynthia Clegg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Report of Current Expenses and Balances

Brig Smith reported that, after today's recommendations, we would have \$5.969 million left to dedicate to city set-aside projects.

C. Report from Water and Sewer

Joe Fazzino reported that they are 90% complete on drawings for basins 25 & 26 and on the bond referendum for November. Prime has been working on the final design for basin 27. Snyder Engineering will be doing the design work for water main replacements.

6. Other

A. Middlesex Coalition for Children

Gene Nocera explained that the working group did not fund at the \$500,000 level but talked about helping to strengthen the system in place and recommended funding at \$110,000.

Phil Pessina made a MOTION to approve at the working group's recommendation of \$110,000 and Brianna Skowera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn made by Brianna Skowera. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting ended.