

Finance Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 9, 2021

7:00 PM

Guests: Craig Deiner, Elaina Deiner, Sharon van Kooten

Committee Attendees: Anita Sears, Rex Keck, Denise Caudill, Sharon Ketner, Pat Sherman, Jay Nogan, Scott Nickerson, Carrie Vavul

CSCD Employee: Brian Miller

Committee Absent: Ron Rayl

- 1) Meeting called to order
- 2) Recognize FAC as a "Committee" and Jay Nogan is appointed as Chair
- 3) Review of August Minutes
- 4) Freeholder Comments / Concerns
- 5) Agenda approved
- 6) Freeholder comments: van Kooten comments that she pays more in taxes for her home in Trafalgar compared to a home of similar AV in CSCD. Both homes had the homestead exemption applied. van Kooten felt that homes in CSCD tax rate was not bad.
- 7) Modeling of revenue was discussed.

Nickerson: meeting discussions surrounded budget and survey / freeholder priorities to understand where value was derived of being a freeholder. FAC worked with '21 budget and have not modeled based upon a proposed '22 budget.

FAC tried to assign / classify budget line items to determine where the costs fell and how to allocate supplies / salaries, etc. Security / Lakes / Parks / Roads. The admin was allocated on a pro-rata basis. It's an imperfect science. Discussed how each of the activities should be funded. FAC members felt security and roads would ideally be shared equally by all freeholders. Atty stated we cannot assess the ditch fee to different properties differently. They all must be equal.

Security and Roads subject to "ditch."

Lakes / Parks could and should be more "user" based. FAC discussed to what extent should the user fee cover the lakes? Ideally, 100% but it's not feasible.

FAC members discussed that a "phase-in" recommendation makes most sense and a 4-year phase-in would allow for education and consensus building.

What type of "user" charges are reasonable? None were determined.

Recommend in year 4 the user charge should be 50% of Lake then AV and Ditch should be 50/50 of remainder. Phase in be similar to the model laid out.

The FAC recommends the Board prepare a budget internally by program activity based upon the 4 categories and use that methodology to maintain consistency.

Communication points: recommend providing information to freeholders about program activities supported by the CSCD budget and follow up on survey results to better inform freeholders about the CSCD budget vs other organizations who help pay for services in the community.

Subject to distribution to the group for presentation at the CSCD Board meeting.

Sharon moved to accept draft recommendation

Carrie second

Nickerson – yay

Ketner – yay

Sears – yay

Vavul – yay

Caudill – yay

Keck – nay

Sherman – nay

Nogan – abstain

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