BOROUGH OF DOYLESTOWN FINANCE AND PENSION COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019 – 6:00 pm MINUTES

The meeting of the Finance and Pension Committee was held on the above date and time with the following people present:

Committee Members: Chair Noni West, Tim Brennan and Joe Frederick

Council Members: Mayor Ron Strouse

Staff: John Davis, Caroline Brinker, Phil Ehlinger, Karyn Hyland

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of May 9, 2019 Finance and Pension Committee meeting were approved. (Brennan/Frederick)

Stormwater Management/NPDES

Mr. Davis provided an overview and history of the Borough's NPDES MS4 permit. The permit was initiated in 2003 and requires renewal every five years. With each new permit term, the requirements have become stricter with the additional cost being the sole responsibility of the Borough. Prior permits focused on public education and adjustments to municipal operations. The current permit was issued by the PADEP in April 2019 and includes a mandate to remove ten percent of the Borough's sediment loading to waters of the Commonwealth. Ms. Hyland presented the MS4 Location Map prepared by the Borough Engineer to delineate drainage areas and options for constructing sediment removal Best Management Practices. Options include above-ground basins, vegetated swales, underground basins, basin forebay, and streambank restoration. The PADEP favors streambank restoration with respect to effectiveness for reducing sediment loading. Mr. Ehlinger stated that many streambanks are inaccessible due to trees. Bank stabilization would require tree removal, making the project both costly and counterproductive. In addition to prioritizing options based on cost and effectiveness, Mayor Strouse requested improvements that serve more than one function, such as an underground basin at the Chapman Park parking lot. Borough staff will evaluate streams for locations where stabilization would be appropriate. The Committee also considered whether this unfunded mandate should be discussed with State Representatives.

Comprehensive Plan Discussion

Tabled.

Sale of Borough House

No bids were received at the June 3, 2019 bid opening for the sale of the Borough property located at 440/442 Boro Mill Hill Road. It is recommended by the committee that the bid be re-advertised for a second bid opening on July 23, 2019. There will be an open house on July 10, 2019 from 1pm to 4pm. If no bids are received for the second bid opening, the Borough may then begin negotiations for a private sale, taking into consideration the fair market value.

Budget Report as of 5/31/2019

The Committee reviewed the revenues and expenditures as of 5/31/2019.

Old/New Business

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Caroline Brinker Finance Director