

City of Rossford, Ohio

Finance and Insurance Committee

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Attendees: Robert Ruse, Bob Densic, Gina Schell, Allyson Murray, Todd Audet

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. (Via Zoom)

Agenda:

1. Debt and Financing Options

a. Refinance \$2.5M and \$1.5M Bond Anticipation Notes (a.k.a "Notes")

- i. \$2.5M was spent for the Colony roadway project. Refinance all debt to bond.
- ii. \$1.5M was borrowed for the SR65/Colony/Lime City roundabout and Vineyard and Groce roadway projects.
 1. Vineyard and Groce
 - a. Total project costs: \$279,061
 2. SR65/Colony/Lime City Roundabout
 - a. Upfront costs (engineering, property acquisition, etc.) was \$1.274M. This was paid out of previous capital budgets. \$375,000 of these costs would be eligible to Bond if requested per IRS regulations
 - b. Total construction costs approximately \$1.4M. ODOT share through direct pay was 80% or \$1.12M. City of Rossford share is 20% or \$280,000. We received an offsetting \$175,000 OPWC grant which lowered the cities share to \$90,077.
 3. Combined costs for all items:
 - a. Construction costs only: \$369,138
 - b. Construction costs plus eligible "upfront" costs: \$744,138
 - c. Do we include the upfront costs as these have already been paid for out of previous budgets and not the \$1.5M note?
 4. Can we roll total BAN/note costs into a new bond \$4M and use the difference for upcoming capital projects by IRS rules? (We would need to have separate ordinances for outstanding amount owed to BAN/notes and new project money. It can be the same Bond.)
- iii. Motion by Ruse, Second by Densic to recommend refinance \$4M bond for both BAN notes if this meets IRS bonding regulations. All aye.

2. Capital Projects

- a. Todd Audet noted he has been coordinating upcoming projects with Northwest Water and Sewer District (NWWSD). Projects for the next two years will focus on the Jennings road and side streets area. Our intent is to coordinate our road repair with their efforts to maximize dollars and minimize disruptions. This will be brought forward to the Public Works Committee. If we are able to bond the entire \$4M, we may be able to utilize unspent debt on some of these projects. (Pending review.)

3. Health Insurance

- a. Allyson Murray, Gina Schell, Bob Densic and Kent Murphree attended a meeting February 26, 2021 with Savage and Associates to review current health insurance plans and market conditions.

- i. It was noted city employees do have access to wellness benefits however we have not formalized any efforts. Some plans have incentives tied to participation in wellness offerings. Savage team will summarize and present concepts for further review.
- ii. Savage team noted the very unusual arrangement of the City pre-covering 100% of out-of-pocket HSA expenses every year.
- iii. The group discussed the potential implications of benefit requirements for expanded fire/rescue coverage. Many department members may push up against the 29-hour maximum for benefits. Could we offer a minimum value plan? Savage team discussed further with Medical Mutual who was not willing to quote any prices until we are ready to move forward. Can we estimate how many employees may be eligible and interested? Allyson will discuss further with the Chief.
- iv. Once we have further information back, we will discuss in committee to make recommendations to council and for consideration as needed in labor contract negotiations.

Meetings adjourned at 3:58 pm

Next meeting March 22, 2021 at 5:45 pm