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**DECEMBER 8, 2021
PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Bob Preston at 7:00 p.m.

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Notification of Meeting

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Aleli, Gersh, Horton, Howell, Kirk, Thompson, Clinkscale, Tiberio, Preston

ABSENT: Reilly, Strugala

OLD BUSINESS:

Vote: Minutes of July 14, 2021 meeting

Motion to approve: Nick Tiberio – second – Betty Howell

All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Andy Previti – Corea - \$315.53; Falivene - \$714.12

Joe McGroarty – Falivene - \$442; \$325 - Falivene

Chris Dochney - \$706.50 – Falivene

There is an additional bill that was charged to the Falivene account that was submitted by the City Solicitor for this project.

Motion to approve – John Aleli – second – Nick Tiberio

All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of the RFP's (Request for Proposals) for 2022

PB Attorney – only one proposal was submitted by Joe McGroarty.

Everyone is happy with his services that he has provided.

Motion to accept the 2022 RFP for Fitzgerald & McGroarty for legal services – Betty Howell – second
– Kim Horton

ROLL CALL: Aleli, yes; Gersh, yes; Horton, yes; Howell, yes; Kirk, yes; Thompson, yes; Clinkscale, yes; Tiberio, yes; Preston, yes

PB Engineer – two proposals were sent in. One by Colliers Engineering (Andy Previti), who is our current engineer and also a resident, which is important. The other one was from CME Associates, who are our planners at this time.

PB Planner – the same two firms submitted for this position.

Both positions were discussed at the same time.

Jessica - the hourly rates were hard to determine because the titles are different on the bills and to compare it's hard to say you're comparing the same title. CME as planner, were \$157/hour this year and it goes to \$161 for this year. For engineering, we don't know what category the person would be at to determine the hourly rate. Their highest category is \$170. Colliers engineering rates in 2020 was \$175/hour and 2021 was \$180 and 2022 is proposed at \$185.

Bob – he doesn't see the rates being terribly different; one is higher than the other though. We have two separate firms now, which are individuals and we haven't had many applications, but they are both responsive to him when he has needed direction. We have a choice of maintaining the status quo or one of these firms doing both positions. He is looking at the convenience factor and there is a coordination effort when you have two different things on the same project.

Darren – works at AtlantiCare and he reviews these all the time. It is sometimes good to have separate entities, because they will keep each other in check and challenge one another.

John – feels Andy does a good job, so we shouldn't change the engineer position. We are not wedded to CME and they are a big firm and the main office is in North Jersey, so if we want to make a change, Colliers should get both. Maybe we should spread things around. We need to be sensitive to costs to the applicant as well.

Betty – we haven't met much, so it's tough to decide if CME has done a good job or not.

Holly – she feels it should be both and keep Andy as engineer.

Jessica – she feels we should have the two and see how CME is this year

Kim – she also hears how expensive it is to the applicants, but she is hearing having the two separate entities could keep the costs in check. Andy has been here a long time and a resident who cares about Absecon. She'd like to see him stay on as engineer and hire CME as planner to keep costs down.

Holly – asked if the hourly rate could be negotiated

Jessica – she has done that in the past, but with larger firms they probably won't. If you have your own practice, it's easier to do that. These proposals are given to all their clients and they have to answer to a board or higher ups.

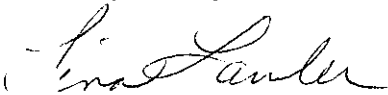
Motion to keep things the same and appoint Andy Previti as the Engineer and keep CME for the Planner made by – John Aleli – second – Holly Gersh

ROLL CALL: Aleli, yes; Gersh, yes; Horton, yes; Howell, yes; Kirk, yes; Thompson, yes; Clinkscale, yes; Tiberio, yes; Preston, yes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn – Darren Clinkscale - second – Nick Tiberio
All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Lawler, Secretary

Approved: 1-12-2022