

## **Byram Township Council Meeting Minutes 09/05/2023 - ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **2024 Budget Goals and Objectives | APR Funding –**

Councilman Bonker - said that majority of the council agrees on most of the items and would like to stay under the 2% cap. Most of the budget goals will be determined by the November referendum. If the referendum fails, the APR money would be a good source to use toward the repairs that would be needed for the current municipal building structure, otherwise he would like to see C.O. Johnson 8 to be repaired using the APR money.

Councilwoman Franco- Would like to get the Municipal Building across the finish line and use the APR money for that. If the referendum does not pass in November, would like to use the ARP money for current repairs. Would like to see a 911 memorial for our first responders and use with ARP money for that.

Councilman Roseff - Would like to see the roads in the township funded as he feels that the roads are in maintenance mode. Roads should take priority over a Municipal Building. Would like to start investing in the infrastructure at our fields, in specific, field 8.

Mayor Rubenstein - Would like to see more funds being allocated to support Recreation. Would like to keep from using the fund balance. Would like to use some of the APR funds on C.O. Johnson 8. If the referendum does fail, they will need to discuss further on how to fund the repairs that will be needed to the existing municipal building.

Mr. Sabatini -Explained that a Capital plan and a survey of all the streets and road was done. Next year there will be many sizable projecting in the upcoming years. There have been many obstacles along the way with both water issues and gas, that caused a delay in paving.

Councilman Bonker - asked Mr. Sabatini if he foresees any large increases coming up for 2024.

Mr. Sabatini expects to see increases in healthcare and pensions.

Councilman Bonker and Councilwoman Franco want to see the ARP funds to be used towards the repairs of the current municipal building should the referendum fail. Councilman Roseff was not in agreeance and would like the ARP funds to go towards the fields.