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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Budget and Finance

Mike Finnerty, Chair

Members; Sam DeMarco, Nick Futules, Paul Klein, Ed Kress, Bob Macey, Chuck Martoni, Sue Means, John Palmiere

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA - County Manager or Designee

Mary C. Soroka - Director, Office of Budget and Finance or Designee

Robert Hurley - Director, Department of Economic Development

Jack Exler - Senior Deputy Director, Department of Economic Development

Mr. McKain was present from the Office of the County Manager.

Mr. Exler, Mr. Earley, and Mr. Bozzolla were present from the Department of Economic Development.

Mr. Barker and Mr. Szymanski were present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 4 - Finnerty, Sam DeMarco, Bob Macey and Sue Means

Members Absent: 5 - Nick Futules, Paul Klein, Ed Kress, Chuck Martoni and John Palmiere

Members 1 - Cindy Kirk

Non-Members:

- III.** [9528-16](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2016 meeting of the Committee on Budget and Finance.

A motion was made by DeMarco, seconded by Finnerty, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Agenda Items**Discussion Topic****Authority for Improvements in Municipalities**

Mr. Exler gave a brief overview of the history and function of the Authority for Improvements in Municipalities, as well as the Authority's Board of Directors structure and current membership, funding sources, and entities eligible for loan funding (Mr. Exler noted that grants were discontinued by the Authority in the 1990s). Mr. Exler discussed the types of projects that are eligible for loan funding by the Authority, noting that there are capital equipment programs such as police, fire or EMS vehicles, backhoes or sewer cameras, capital infrastructure programs such as road, bridge and sidewalk improvements and the installation or extension of public utilities, and special projects such as traffic signal purchase or installation, playground equipment, and emergency flood and storm projects. Mr. Exler also described the Authority's funding criteria, the process of applying for funding and criteria that are used to ensure municipalities' ability to repay the loan(s), gave a short summary of the Authority's power to issue tax-exempt bonds, and summarized the Authority's major activities over the past few years and goals and initiatives for 2016.

In response to a question from Mr. Macey, Mr. Exler discussed the steps that the Authority might take in the event that municipal police departments would opt to merge.

Ms. Means, Mr. Exler and the Chair discussed the mechanics of appointing board

members.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. Exler noted that the Authority occasionally ends up funding projects that one might think would be candidates for CDBG funding, but which are do not meet the federal CDBG eligibility requirements.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:32.