



Village of Fox River Grove

MINUTES OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Trustee Wall opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Center. Present were Trustees Wall, Administrator Soderholm, Assistant to the Village Administrator Bechler, and Village Clerk Caesar.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

1. DISCUSSION: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) – PUBLIC INPUT FOR SPENDING OF FUNDS

Trustee Wall opened discussion stating that the Village received its first allotment of the American Rescue Plan Act funding and that the Village distributed most of the first allotment to a business financial assistance program. He noted that the purpose of this committee is to gather public input regarding the remaining expenditure of funds. Trustee Wall said that there are limitations set forth in how ARPA funds can be used and that micro stimulus would be difficult given the amount of staff hours that would be required to administer the program.

Stephen Miller – 206 S. River, spoke in favor of using the funds to invest in infrastructure, citing the financial impact the pandemic must have had on the Village's revenue.

Brian Janssen – 262 Foxmoor Rd. stated that he agrees with using the funds to invest in infrastructure, favoring water infrastructure.

Nicole Steeves – representing the Fox River Grove Memorial Library would like to see if funds could be used towards supporting the development of a small meeting room with updated technology, to allow group meetings of 10-12 people. In 2018, the library received a project estimate of approximately \$150,000 - \$200,000. Steeves stated that other library grants could be pursued to help fund the project.

Administrator Soderholm noted that the only infrastructure improvements allowed for under the act are water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure improvements.

With no additional comments, Trustee Wall thanked everyone for coming and invited them to a second meeting that will be held on November 17, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Wall closed the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Village President Marc McLaughlin

Trustees Jennifer Curtiss / Steve Knar / Andrew Migdal / Melissa Schladt / Sheri Sepeczi / Patrick Wall