



## CITY OF DERBY

### BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT & TAXATION MEETING MINUTES MARCH 23, 2021 6:00 PM "ZOOM MEETING"

Ray Bowers  
James Butler  
Christopher Carloni  
Brian Coppolo  
Robert Forte

Michael Gray  
Carlo Malerba, Jr.  
Rose Perfoso  
Sam Pollastro, Jr.  
Judy Szewczyk, Chairperson

Ms. Szewczyk opened the meeting at 6:07 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Roll Call

Present: Mr. Bowers, Mr. Butler, Mr. Carloni, Mr. Coppolo, Mr. Forte, Mr. Gray, Mr. Malerba, Ms. Perfoso, Mr. Pollastro and Ms. Szewczyk

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*Marc J. Garofalo*  
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## Additions, Deletions and Corrections and Adoption of the Agenda

None

### Public Portion

No one spoke

### 2020-2021 Business

Purchase Cyber Insurance to limit the cost of recover from a Cyber breach.

- From our Insurance Broker:  
"Cyber breaches and ransomware incidents have increased 10-fold relative to what we were seeing a year or year and a half ago. The public sector has been hit especially hard by hackers because municipalities are regarded as easy targets (less sophisticated IT departments, less controls in place, etc.). We insure about two dozen public entities in CT and Derby is the only one that still does not purchase cyber coverage (we have been recommending this be put in place for the past couple years.) In the past year alone, we have had three different CT clients be hit with a cyber-attack. Cyber is one of, if not, the biggest exposure municipalities face today, and it is now more important than ever to make sure the City/BOE has coverage.
- Create account Cyber (2200-270-0002-0000)
- Transfer from Account (8100-450-0453-0000) Corona Virus Expenses \$5,393.00
- Transfer to Account (2200-270-0002-0000) Cyber

This is to expend the first three months of 15-month premium (\$3M policy cost: \$25,500.00, coverage from 4/1/2021 to 7/1/2022). Remaining payment (\$29,107.00) will be recorded as Prepaid Expense (1000-110-1113-0000) and recognized in the 2021-2022 budget. Premiums in subsequent years will be for 12 months coverage aligned with the City's fiscal year.

NOTE: Finance Director is analyzing our current Anti-Virus and Firewall Protection against FBI recommendations and will report back to the BOAT at a later meeting.

Mr. Taylor explained to the board the dangers of having someone hacking the system, and why it is necessary to have this insurance. This insurance would start in April, and the cost would be \$20,000. Presently, we have firewalls, but we have no insurance. Mr. Taylor will do more research and report back to the Board. Ms. Szewczyk said that this had to be approved by the Board of Alderman before the BOAT can approve anything. The board will not act until they are given the results from the BOA.

### Fire Department

- Increase Revenue Account (6000-690-6930-0000) Fire Watch Reimbursement \$15,000.00
- Increase Expense Account (3200-150-0150-0000) Outside Demolition Watch \$15,000.00 for funds received prior to demolition of vacant Birmingham Nursing facility.

A motion was made by Mr. Pollastro and seconded by Ms. Pertoso. Mr. Carloni asked the question if something was going to be built in its place or will be another parking lot. The question could not be answered. Motion Carried.

### 2021-2022 Annual Budget

Dr. Conway presented 6 different cases, showing how the money would be distributed by the State. All of the cases he presented depend on the passing of 2 bills, NBR948 and NBR4949. Depending on the bill, it would determine the amount of money the City would receive. The money he spoke of was \$629,300, and the City would have to fund the BOE, excluding grants. He went on to explain the difference between the 6 cases, Ms Szewczyk asked how long it would be before we heard the decision, and Dr. Conway didn't know. Mr. Taylor asked if it were possible for more than 1 bill to pass, would we get more money? Dr. Conway's answer was no. Mr. Malerba asked is nothing passes, would the City let the total of \$634,198, which was the last scenario presented and Dr. Conway said yes. The Board thanked Dr. Conway and Mark Izzo for their presentations.

Ms. Szewczyk went over all the numbers projected thus far. There were some changes made, and some are still in question. Ms. Szewczyk and Mr. Taylor will meet on Friday morning (3/26) and go over all the changes and decide on the numbers that are still in question. The Board will meet on Tuesday (3/30) and decide on the numbers. The Preliminary Budget will be presented on Tuesday (4/6), and if needed, will present another scenario. Everything will be pushed back a week.

Mr. Garofalo explained to the BOARD the Capital Planning Commission and what makes up the board. Mr. Garofalo will send copies to all the BOARD members. Mr. Gray asked if there was any long-range capital planning for the City. Mr. Garofalo said that any money would be funded through LOCIP and has to be part of the City 5-year plan.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Pertoso and seconded by Mr. Carloni. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Louise Pitney

Recording Secretary

\*\*\* These minutes are subject to the approval by the Board of Apportionment & Taxation at their next regular meeting.