

Minutes

Special Meeting for Discussion with Bonadio Group about ARPA Funds Appointment Via Zoom

June 26, 2021, at 11:00 am Meeting, called to order by Supervisor James Goldstein

In Attendance:

Supervisor James Goldstein

Council Patricia Matson

Council Chadwick Nower

Town Clerk Joann Collins

Absent:

Council Marie Morgan

Council Adam Carvell

 0 Residents in Attendance

The purpose of this meeting is to listen to Keeley Ann Hines from the Bonadio Group from Syracuse NY. They are the signing Principal for Madison County.

Greg Evans will be working directly with Supervisor Goldstein, there will be a set retainer for \$ 5000. The own would pay this then they would keep track of hours and subtract from the retainer.

Greg would attend meetings, strategize, file and claim. Do the final reporting.

The Treasury Guidance is end of September.

The Bonadio Group suggest the town considers taking this funding, its free money, and accepting by July 9th. Then Gregg Evans can attend meetings and need to know how to use the funding.

The worst-case scenario is we must return the funding or return what we do not use. The deadlines for this are 12/31/2024.

12/31/2026 to physically disburse funds.

The Bonadio Group will first look to see if the town has a revenue loss. The Federal finding is 4.1 % increase.

The Town cannot use the funding to pay down debt or put it into reserves.

The Federal government is trying to stimulate the economy.

The Towns AUD should be back on track in the next 2 months. They use our AUD.

Question From

Chadwick Nower: Is the \$5,000 refundable. Would the Bonadio Group reimburse the town if the town does not spend the \$5000. Keeley said yes, they would.

Chadwick also asked if there is funding for an employee from the township, as a point person to create a plan to use the funding. Answer: Yes, she stated that Onondaga is using three individuals from their offices to manage theirs along with consulting from Bonadio Group.

Question from

Patricia Matson: She asked if Bonadio Group goes with one strategy, she stated that it sounds like they go with least restrictive.

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Answer: Keeley stated that the document for outlining the ways to use the funding is 150 pages long. The Bonadio Group starts with our revenue first.

The total for the town s \$ 140,000.

The town of Lebanon does not have infrastructures.

Council Patricia Matson stated that certain people gave up raises because the budget was so tight.

Keeley stated that the town can give premium pay for the ones that had to work through the pandemic such as the Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent.

Supervisor Goldstein asked if the Highway Garage that we built could be considered for this funding, Keeley said no because it was not from the pandemic. Supervisor Goldstein also asked if the paint and coating that we are going to have done on this building can be considered and she said no.

Town Council members Patricia Matson and Chadwick Nower agreed for Supervisor Goldstein to go ahead and sign the agreement with Bonadio Group by July 9th, 2021.

Supervisor James Goldstein is withdrawing the tabled resolution # 48-21 from the last board meeting (June) and resubmitting it for the July 12,2021 Town Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Next Meeting

7/12/21, Via Zoom

The motion to adjourn was made by **Council Patricia Matson and Seconded by Council Chadwick Nower at 11:31 am.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joann L Collins
Recording Town Clerk