

Binghamton Urban Renewal Agency

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MINUTES

Special Meeting

December 30, 2015

3:00 PM, Mayor's Conference Room

Attending: R. David, C. Shager, J. Matzo, R. Standish, T. Kellogg
Staff: J. Kraham, L. Cornwall

Mayor David called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM. He said the purpose of the meeting was to review reimbursement requests from the Binghamton Mets baseball team for continued maintenance of NYSEG stadium. As the Mayor explained, BURA was contractually obligated to cover annual maintenance expenses for the stadium. The next quarterly meeting of BURA would not have taken place until January. The ball club had been sold and ownership was transferring to a new business group, so a special meeting had been called prior to the end of the year to approve reimbursement to the former ownership. The Mayor said the City had received a letter requesting reimbursement for \$13,966.00. This sum covered seven projects/task areas:

- \$1,717.00 – for painting support beams, steel beams supporting the concourse roof were rusted and had not been painted since 1996. Last year they painted the vertical beams, this year they painted the horizontal beams. It would have cost \$10,000 if they had used a painting contractor, but the Mets used in-house staff instead. This item reimbursed for the cost of Sherwin-Williams paint and renting a lift from NES. No reimbursement was requested for in-house labor.
- \$1,327.00 – Painting new batters eye wall in centerfield; this area had not been painted since 1991. This fee covered the cost of Sherwin-Williams paint; the painting was completed by in-house staff – no charge for labor.
- \$2,618.00 – Fees paid to J&K Plumbing & Heating for replacing bathroom urinals and drains dating back to 1991
- \$620.00 – paid to KB Services to repair leaks in the clubhouse roof
- \$1,600.00 - paid to Mark Kelly to rebuild the ramp for player's board the team bought on Henry Street, the ramp had crumbled since 1991
- \$350.00 – paid to F.E. Jones Construction to repair a retaining wall in the stairwell
- \$5,734.00 – paid to Matco Electric for non-recurring electrical work to replace some of the field lights (which last many years), receptacles and fixtures.

The Mayor said he thought the request was slightly less than last year's request. Councilman Matzo recalled last year there was replacement expense for drains due to the 2011 flood. Mayor David said all reimbursement requests were provided with all necessary documentation that the work had been completed. They were submitted for review by the Controller's Office and Corporation Counsel. C. Shager responded that the expense requests were in line with the agreement the City has with the ball team. Mayor David said all reimbursement requests are reviewed by the Comptroller and the Corporation Counsel's office in comparison with the lease agreement in place between the City and the baseball team; the agreement specifies what the City is responsible for. He

said these standard requests were consistent with expense requests that have been made in the past.

Mayor David asked for a motioned to approve the total \$13,966.00 reimbursement request in its totality. J. Matzo motioned, R. Standish seconded and the motion was approved (5-0-0).

There being no further business to come before the board, Mayor David asked for a motion to adjourn. R. Standish motioned, J. Matzo seconded and the meeting adjourned at 3:09 PM.

Respectfully certified,



Terry Kellogg, Secretary