

**TOWN OF DUNE ACRES
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
January 11, 2022**

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council conducted a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, via zoom teleconference. Council President Rich Hawksworth opened the hearing at 7:05 p.m., with Council Members Alexander Stemer and Paul Woidke, Clerk-Treasurer Jeannette Bapst, and Attorney Adam Mindel in attendance.

PUBLIC INPUT ON THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

The Town Council had advertised the “Notice to Taxpayers of Hearing on Additional Appropriation” relative ARP Funds. The notice was published in *The Times* and *Chesterton Tribune* on December 30, 2021.

The Town Council had proposed an additional appropriation relative to American Rescue Plan funds as follows:

\$20,545	Support the Public Health Response, Fund 2401 Upgrades to Clubhouse Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
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Resident input included two emails from one Dune Acres family. One questioned whether a licensed building inspection report on the clubhouse was on file. The other email suggested widening Mineral Springs Road at the hazardous hill would be a preferable project.

Attorney Mindel reported on new expenditure provisions that were outlined in the ARP Final Rule report issued January 6, 2022. He explained the new ruling allowed municipalities to utilize a standardized lost revenue index of \$10 million which greatly expands permitted fund uses.

In consideration of the Final Rule provisions, and following discussion, the Council determined a new Public Hearing would be conducted on February 15, 2022, to receive input on utilizing ARP funds for the Mineral Springs Road walkway project which had been previously approved by the Council, and which had an outstanding Dune Acres Civic Improvement Foundation (DACIF) grant request. Utilizing ARP funds would then reduce the amount requested from DACIF.

ADJOURNMENT

With input received from all residents wishing to speak, the hearing was closed at 7:25 PM.

RICH HAWKSWORTH, Town Council President

PAUL WOIDKE, Town Council Member

ALEXANDER STEMER, Town Council Member

JEANNETTE E. BAPST, Clerk-Treasurer