

Resolution 11-11-20

RESOLUTION EXPENDING CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota provided the Township with local government aid funding through the Federal CARES Act to mitigate the unexpected costs and burdens of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Township;

WHEREAS, Federal guidance on CARES Act expenditures allows the Township to be reimbursed for their COVID-19 related expenses if the Board of Supervisors reasonable believes the expenses meet the following three criteria:

1. The expense must be necessary in response to the COVID-19 pandemic's effect on the Township;
2. The expense was not accounted for in the Township's budget passed as of March 27, 2020, and could not be funded using a line item, allotment, or other allocation within the budget;
3. The expense was incurred between March 1, 2020, and December 1, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Township Board will follow the rules and guidance provided by the Federal Government and State of Minnesota concerning the use of CARES Act funding;

WHEREAS, the Township has identified the following expense or expenses for the use of the Township's CARES Act funding (\$58,325):

- Projection System for virtual meetings – \$25,654.52
- Touch less openers for the doors to the Town Hall – \$5,956.42
- Touch less soap and towel dispensers for bathrooms – \$274.37
- Stand-up voting booths – \$2,529.79
- Health/Safety during the Primary & General Elections – \$295.46

WHEREAS, the expense of \$25,654.52 for the installation of a presentation system (*including a system from EPA Inc – \$24,448.49; a laptop computer & software – \$739.44; electrical wiring – \$466.59*) is a necessary part of the Township's response to the COVID-19 pandemic because Avon Township lacks the ability to conduct virtual meetings which is the current "best practice" recommended by the Minnesota Association of Townships, this AV presentation will allow for virtual meetings via a format such as Zoom; and

WHEREAS, the expense of \$5,956.42 (*\$5,366.42 MidCentral Door; \$590.00 Liberty Electric*) for the installation of a touch less/motion-sensor door opener is a necessary part of the Township's response to the COVID-19 pandemic because it will allow visitors to the Town Hall to access the building without contaminating their hands. As an added benefit, it will provide ease of access for disabled individuals; and

WHEREAS, the expense of \$274.37 for touch less/motion-sensor soap and towel dispensers in the restrooms is a necessary part of the Township's response to the COVID-19 pandemic because these dispensers will allow individuals to clean their hands without the additional risk of contamination;

WHEREAS, the expense of \$2,529.79 for stand-up voting booths that were a necessary part of the Township’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic in order to maintain social distancing because our existing booths were side-by-side and didn’t provide enough spacing between voters;

WHEREAS, the expense of \$295.46 for protective equipment and staff (*including disinfecting supplies & signage – \$189.94; four face shields for election workers & for Town staff during meetings – \$64.27; hiring a person to sanitize between voters during the Primary Election – \$41.25*) to reduce prevent and reduce the risk of COVID-19 during the Primary and General Elections;

WHEREAS, the Township Board finds the expenses listed herein to be necessary parts of the Township’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Township Board finds the expenses listed herein were not accounted for in the budget passed as of March 27, 2020;

WHEREAS, the expenses listed herein cannot be funded using a line item, allotment, or other allocation within the budget that are of substantially the same purpose of use;

WHEREAS, the expenses listed herein are made between March 1, 2020 and December 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Township Board finds the expenses listed herein to be authorized uses of public funds that serve a public purpose;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Township Board elects to use its CARES Act funding on the expenses listed herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township Board elects to submit to Stearns County the remaining funds in the CARES Act fund (\$23,614.44).

Adopted by the Avon Township Board of Supervisors this 11th day, in the month of November in the year 2020.

BY THE TOWN BOARD

	Yes	No	Abstain
Supervisor _____ Mike Linn, <i>Chair</i>	___	___	___
Supervisor _____ Ken Mergen	___	___	___
Supervisor _____ Rich Sanoski	___	___	___

Attest:

Stephen Saupe, *Town Clerk*

date