

Finance Committee Minutes – 10/2/13

Present: Shute, Rich, Hamtil, Little, Malek, Hoyer

Absent: Bergenfeld, Tomenchok

Other:

Minutes of 7/30/13: Approved

OLD BUSINESS

Purchasing Policy: No progress. This item will be removed from the agenda for the time being

County Gas Facility: System is working and charges seem to be declining. Only 2 months data so far. Review at 3 months.

Spectra Energy/United Water Assessment: Shute distributed outtakes from the pipeline appraisal. Consensus that the appraisal was well done but did not address the facility, only the pipes. Hamtil was able to verify calculations on pipes. Assessor should be asked to generate assessment report on facility. Also, tax history of all Spectra properties should be generated.

DPW/Firehouse/Equipment: No change

SHREC: Setback due to transformer problem at SHRHS.

Community Energy Aggregation Proposal: Public information meeting was held in the township meeting room. The notices that went out may not have reached residents using Ringoes PO or businesses. Businesses must opt in to be included in program. Vendor should address this concern.

Township Budget: No action.

Downsizing WAT Government: Shute distributed letter from PB attorney Bill Shurts examining the possibility of one unified Land Use Board. Discussion regarding the lack of significant savings of either time or money ensued. Also considerations of different functions of planning vs Zoning Boards. Decision not to recommend combining Boards unless it becomes difficult to find good volunteers to staff 2 separate boards.

School Regionalization: Referendum passed easily. Committee will track progress on this to see if savings vs current separate districts materialize

JCP&L WAT substation upgrade: Project is moving forward. JCP&L negotiating purchase of land needed to implement the upgrade.

Clean-up day(s): Little reported that 1st clean-up was held and process was smooth.

Insurance: No change, 2014 project

Next meeting: Nov. 6

Submitted by Hal Shute 11/6/13