

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – 3/2/11

Present- Committeeman Fisher, Shute, , Hamtil, Hoyer, Malek, Tomenchok, CFO Carro
Absent- Van Saase, Bergenfeld

Minutes from 2/1/11 meeting approved.

Township Budget: CFO Carro distributed Open Space Trust schedule out to 2022 reflecting \$500K annual debt service, up from about \$340K. For 2011, this would mean that Township Budget would pay about \$75K of Calton bond while open space would pay about \$150K. Committee encouraged CFO to investigate possibility of deferring more of school tax to bolster budget surplus. Tomenchok to inform WA School of pending policy change.

SHREC- Twp Comm passed resolution approving PPA, Lease Agreement in progress.

Municipal Solar Project Expansion- Committee agreed that expansion of SHREC should be pursued. Shute and Fisher to work up RFP.

PILOT program for renewable energy projects- No progress, Shute to draft letter to Senator Doherty and Hamtil to consult his accountant.

Rt. 31 Commercial District: Consensus that this idea should be revisited. Shute to work up map of properties from tax map.

Community Golf Course- Consensus that this idea should be tabled. Property in question should have higher use if possible (see commercial district)

Local Business License: Consensus that this should not be used as revenue raiser and therefore not a priority for this Committee.

Commercial Fire Inspection Fee – Idea panned for same reason as Local Business License.

School Regionalization- Tomenchok reported that RFP for required feasibility study produced 5 responses. South will contract for study as existing regional school. South board wants to put feasibility study on referendum for approval. If referendum fails regionalization process will stopped for 1 year minimum. Finance Comm. opposed to referendum. Tomenchok to present concerns to South Board.

Consolidation of Township Operations- Discussion of retiring existing Fire, Police and DPW buildings and construction of multiple use building on municipal property. Hoyer and Bergenfeld to investigate feasibility.

Police: Delaware Twp requested info in WAT Police Dept., info supplied.

Financial Plan Element: Tabled due to absence of Rich.

Next meeting- Regular meeting date going forward will be 1st Wed.; next meeting set for March 2.

Use of used motor oil as heating fuel- Discussion of possibility of converting DPW furnace to dual fuel system and issues of collecting used oil for fuel. Malek to investigate.

Next meeting Wed. April 6.

Submitted by Hal Shute 4/4/11