

Finance Committee Minutes– 4/6/11

Present: Tomenchok, Malek, Shute, Bergenfeld, Hoyer
Absent: Rich, Hamtil, Van Saase (resigned from committee)
Public: Porter Little

Minutes of 3/2/11: Approved as submitted

Township Budget: review of 5 options regarding utilizing open space trust to service calton debt.

Consensus to shift as much debt service as possible without creating future budget problems.

Country Fair Display: Fair to be held May 14. All committees asked to produce display. Shute and Tomenchok to work with CFO to produce budget pie chart.

SHREC: Concern over wetlands delineation impacting viability of project. Determine need for wetlands delineation and eliminate if possible.

Solar Project Expansion: swan Creek Energy has expressed interest in option to expand the SHREC solar facility to a commercial power facility. Expansion would be up to an additional 20 acres (4MW) at \$6,000 per acre lease. 2 year option is requested. Committed recommended exploring right of first refusal instead of option and for WAT to prepare RFP for competing bids. Also, WAT should ensure that SHREC project would not impact power connection if contract is let to different vendor.

Rt. 31 Commercial District: Zoning map of Rt. 31 LHC zone reviewed. No changes recommended to zone boundaries. Discussion of possible tax abatement program for improvements of commercial properties. Connaught Hill could also benefit from residential tax abatement program. Need to investigate legal issues for these.

School Regionalization: \$50K study will be on school election ballot.

Police Merger: No change.

DPW/Firehouse Heating Oil: Tomenchok and Malek looked into burners and fuel for used motor oil system. Burners would be dual fuel so regular heating oil or used motor oil could be utilized. Also, clean used oil can be purchased for about \$.50/gal currently. Need to get heating bills for DPW & firehouse.

Financial Plan: No change

New Business: None

Next Meeting: Wed. May 4, 2011

Submitted by Hal Shute 5/10/11