

## Finance Committee Minutes – 7/6/11

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

Absent: None

Public: Cathy Urbanski

Minutes of 6/1/11: Approved as submitted

Township Budget:

Debt Service/Bonding- Discussion of max. debt service target as percentage of budget. Debt service currently about 20% of budget. Other small towns with lower government cost per capita have little or no long term debt. No recommendation on debt service, but consensus was that no large road project should be done without at least 50% funded by grant.

Hunting Township Properties: Ms. Urbanski and Rich led discussion on hunting of Township properties. Permits will be awarded via lottery. Approximate cost will be \$150 for either bow or firearm season. Committee reviewed maps of each parcel and discussed number of permits to be awarded for each property. Preliminary count was 45 total.

SHREC: Planning Bd. Process completed. Discussion about current proposed location of smaller array for Twp. Building yielded consensus that location should be behind building, not on the side where neighbors will be impacted.

Solar Project Expansion: No progress

Rt. 31 Golf Course: Shute suggested and committee agreed that a closer look at possible acquisition of property was prudent before idea is dismissed. Malek to set up meeting with property owner.

Efficient Gvt/Corporate Sponsorship: Malek reported that he had watched online presentation of corporate sponsorship of public property as a way of generating income. Idea probably not good for West Amwell due to rural nature.

Police Merger/County-wide Police: No progress

Waste Oil Heating: No progress

Doherty School Funding Bill: Shute reported that Senator Doherty will be coming to West Amwell on Sept. 13 to discuss his plan. Hamtil allowed that we need to do promotion.

Financial Plan: No change since June, will be discussed at July Planning Bd. meeting

Proposed DPW/Fire Dept Bldg: Idea was discussed previously to locate new building on municipal property. Suggestion made for Twp. Comm. to have discussion at next meeting and give direction to finance to proceed with proposal if desired.

New Business: Township website redesign in progress.

Next Meeting: August 3.

Submitted by Hal Shute 8/2/11

