

Finance Committee Notes, 10/12/10

Present- Bergenfeld, Hamtil, Rich, Shute, Malek, Fisher (left early for SHREC), Hoyer (arrived late).

Absent- Van Saase

Approval of 9/20/10 meeting notes: Approved.

SHREC: No progress reported. Mr. Fisher will attend meeting later tonight to discuss approach with consultant. The need for SHREC organizing documents was agreed as a priority to protect the township's interests.

Municipal Property Solar Array: No progress reported

Ziegenfuss Solar Project: Project now in front of Board of Adjustment due to proposed dual use of property. Discussion of tax assessment on commercial solar "farms" Proposed legislation seems to allow retention of farmland assessment. Need to see investigate how municipalities benefit from hosting traditional power plants. Will solar provide same?

Garbage and Recycling : Discussion of appropriate fee level. Consensus was to leave fee at \$150/year until new cost baseline is established but possibly include a cleanup day.

Police: Bergenfeld related that a resident retired State Police Officer was willing to help with scheduling. Consensus to approve offer to perform Delaware-WAT Police merger for very reasonable cost.

Financial Plan Element of Master Plan: Discussion of how to present data from tax assessor to Planning Board. Request data in spreadsheet form.

Other Old Business: Consensus that municipal property and former Toll property should be leased for hunting.

New Business: Power consumption at firehouse in need of improvement. E. Amwell received grant for similar purpose, we should look into same.

Next meeting: Discussion on setting regular monthly meeting. Consensus to set first Tuesday as regular meeting, beginning on 11/2/10

Submitted by Hal Shute 11/2/10