

## Finance Committee Meeting Notes, 8/5/10

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

Absent: Bergenfeld, Van Saase

Review of 6/22 meeting notes:

No changes. Notes approved as submitted.

Budget Issues:

Firehouse electricity bill about \$2,000 last month.

Decision made by Township Committee that there will not be a referendum to reduce the open space tax this year, primarily because the current tax is more than used up by open space debt service.

Municipal Operating Tax Index:

Shute supplied the index sorted only by cost per capita. At \$1,102, West Amwell ranked #269 out of 566 municipalities, so we have much room for improvement. It was noted that we also trailed all but one of our peer group previously identified, and that not coincidentally most of those towns did not have a police department.

Solar Array on Municipal Property:

Since we have not heard back from Sun Power, Rich volunteered to check line voltage on Rocktown-Lambertville Rd. in order to aid feasibility study in lieu of formal application to grid system manager PJM. Consensus was that if line voltage was not adequate then net metering at individual facilities should be pursued.

Police Study:

Fisher reported that a resolution had been passed ending the study of a proposed merger between Lambertville and West Amwell police departments, but that outreach to Delaware Township had been made.

SHREC:

Fisher reported that a walk-through of the various facilities with the interested contractors had been conducted and that a suggestion had been made to break up the project into individual net metering by facility.

Financial Element of Master Plan:

Shute reported that the Planning Board had agreed to develop a Financial Plan and was seeking the help of the Finance Committee. The consensus was that the Finance Committee should assist in the development of the Plan.

Submitted by Hal Shute 9/20/10