

Finance Committee Minutes – 4/16/14

Present: Bergenfeld, Malek, Hamtil, Little, Beaumont, Shute, Rich

Absent: Hoyer

Other:

Minutes of 3/24/14: Approved

OLD BUSINESS

DPW/Firehouse/Police:

Discussed design parameters for finishing the municipal building basement to accommodate the Police Dept. Bergenfeld to work up cost estimate for next meeting.

Shared Services: Rich reported that contract with E. Amwell for 4 hrs/week, \$15K/yr of Police coverage now in effect. Possible expansions of this program discussed.

Township Budget: 2014 budget introduced but subject to change. If adopted as is, municipal tax rate remain at \$.257 but taxes collected for municipal purposes will actually rise by \$23K due to increased assessments. State aid is flat again.

School Regionalization: Draft budget up 7% over combined District budgets from 2013-2014. Aggregate tax rate to rise by 2%. More detail will be available shortly.

JCP&L WAT substation upgrade: No update

Trash/Recycling/Clean-up day(s): No update

Township Property: No update

NEW BUSINESS:

Permitted Uses in Highway Commercial Zone :

Planning Board is revisiting HC zones to modernize permitted uses. Unused commercial space on 179 is unhealthy and may be improved by allowing certain manufacturing operations. Also, commercial zone on Rt. 31 to allow drive-through businesses. Little to reach out to property owners on Rt. 179 for input.

Next meeting: Thursday May 22

Submitted by Hal Shute 5/22/14