

Finance Committee Minutes – 11/19/15

Present: Dave Beaumont, Steve Bergenfeld, George Fisher, Jim Hamtil, Gary Hoyer, Porter Little, Hal Shute
Absent: Dan Malek
Other:

WAT User Friendly Budget:

Dave volunteered to develop a spreadsheet if the data is available.

2016 Budget- No report

Road Resurfacing: Rocktown-Lambertville Rd project to be completed this month.

SHREC: George reported that a contract extension is needed by spring. Lease needs revision regarding insurance language. He agreed that now is the time to request the array be moved to a location with less impact on the use of the remainder of the property.

Shared Services: No report

PennEast: Application with FERC filed. Mike Spille issued white paper on need for the project discussed. Consensus that project will eventually be approved, and that WAT should eventually have discussion with PennEast regarding compensation but this discussion should be coordinated with Pipeline Committee.

Recycling/Garbage: Recycling is now in the red due to disposal costs. Porter to run cost numbers including 'new' truck to see if trash permit needs to be increased to cover all costs.

Hal reported a resident is paying about \$1,000/year to Republic for curbside pick-up. Porter will ask for quote for service from Republic with an eye toward a possible township-wide curbside contract, while retaining drop off option for interested residents.

Farmland Assessment Rollback Taxes: George reported that the Tax Assessor agrees that if a property owner allows their farmland assessment application to lapse, but continues to maintain the farmland, then no rollback will apply.

Use of JCP&L Woodlands Mitigation Funds: Tabled

School Equalization Ratio: Dave reported that the Ratio also affects the County tax rate and individual tax appeals. The Township appeal was filed on 11/2 and a decision is expected in January.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 17 (later cancelled and rescheduled to Jan.7, 2016)

Submitted by Hal Shute 1.7.16