

MINUTES
FINANCE COMMITTEE
JANUARY 3, 2007

The Penn Township Finance Committee convened on Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at 7:08 PM following the Public Safety Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Heilman and Commissioners Stauffer, Klunk, Felix and Johnson. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Gilbert, Fire Chief Cromer, Engineer Bortner, Highway Foreman Mahan and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following matters were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

EMS TAX: Manager Garvick informed the committee that the state legislature would once again tackle Emergency Municipal Services Tax reform in 2007. Amendments were passed in late December 2006 but were vetoed by Gov. Rendell because of the negative impact on municipalities to implement the changes on such short notice. One of the amendments that will impact record keeping is the partial (monthly or weekly) withholding of tax in lieu of withholding the entire \$52 from one pay period.

CABLE FRANCHISING: The Manager informed the committee that there is still work being done on the cable franchising issue. The phone companies have not been successful yet in wresting franchise regulation away from local municipalities and having it assigned to the state. We expect more action in 2007. There was discussion about whether or not Penn should adopt some formal position such as a resolution. It was the consensus that we should simply continue to keep our legislators advised as to our position.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager