

MINUTES
FINANCE COMMITTEE
MARCH 3, 2008

The Penn Township Finance Committee convened on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 7:13 PM following the Public Safety Committee meeting. Present were Vice Chairman Prieber and Commissioners Johnson, Goldsmith, and Rewa. Commissioner Heilman was absent with notice. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Gilbert, Fire Chief Cromer, and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following matters were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the February 4, 2008 Finance Committee meeting were approved as corrected.

NATHANIEL SMITH: The Committee received a request from Boy Scout Nathaniel Smith for a waiver of the building permit fee to construct a circular paver pad with a fire pit at Saint Joseph's Church as part of his Eagle Scout project. The Committee recommended approving the request.

PTVES GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTE: The Township received notice from the attorney handling the financing arrangements for the new PTVES fire station that DCED would not approve the Township co-signing the loan unless the debt was to be considered non-electoral general obligation as opposed to lease rental debt, which is the way the initial Ordinance was adopted. As a result, the Township must readopt the Ordinance with new language. As this is only a three-year obligation and the Township has plenty of room in its debt ceiling, adoption has been scheduled for a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. prior to the Public Works Committee meeting.

2008 FEE RESOLUTION: The Committee reviewed the proposed recommended changes to the 2008 fee resolution. The deliberation mainly focused on the proposed alarm permit renewal fees. Chief Gilbert expressed concern about the number of false alarms and the cost the Township would incur should we allow free alarm permit renewals. After some discussion, the Committee recommended leaving the alarm renewal permit fee at \$10 and raising the false alarm fee to \$75. The resolution will be adopted at the next Board of Commissioners meeting.

HANOVER AREA EARNED INCOME: Commissioner Prieber announced that at last week's Wage Tax meeting the fee for the service was reduced from 2.65% to 2.5% for 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager