

MINUTES
FINANCE COMMITTEE
APRIL 4, 2005

The Penn Township Finance Committee convened on Monday, April 4, 2005 at 7:33 P.M. following the Public Safety Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Klunk and Commissioners Stauffer, Johnson, Rishel and Felix. Also present were Administrative Assistant Rodgers, Police Chief Gilbert and Fire Chief Cromer. The following matters were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There will be an executive session following the Finance meeting this evening.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Jeff Newman, 2250 Grandview Road, explained a situation that occurred at his property involving the Township's refuse hauler, Penn Waste. Mr. Newman reported that on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 Penn Waste picked up his son's walker as trash. Mr. Newman's son has cerebral palsy and he has a walker, which allows him to walk on his own with some assistance. Mr. Newman stated that the walker was about four feet from the curb on their sidewalk that runs perpendicular to Timber Lane not parallel to Timber Lane. The garbage was placed sixty feet from it. The trash hauler picked up the walker as trash. Mr. Newman explained that his son rides the rabbit transit bus to school and that he takes his walker and motorized chair to the bus stop with him along with the other items he needs for school. The pickup time is scheduled for 9:15, which means they can arrive between 9 and 9:30. The wife normally takes stuff out in trips and when she went out to meet the bus the walker was missing. She contacted the Township and was informed to contact Gene Hejmanowski. Mr. Newman also contacted the carrier and his wife talked to Gene. Mr. Newman stated that when Gene spoke to his wife he told her to get another walker and if the hauler did not replace it the Township would do something. Later in the day, Gene called the Newman's back and asked them to deal directly with Penn Waste and specifically Wayne Riley, the operations manager. According to Mr. Newman, Mr. Riley felt that Penn Waste had no responsibility for the incident. The following day they contacted Scott Wagner, owner of Penn Waste. They had first told them that somebody would be at their house to look at the situation but after a callback they were informed that there would be no visit from Penn Waste. On Thursday, Mr. Newman called the Township Manager and informed him about the situation. Manager Garvick stated that he would contact the Township's insurance carrier and see if such an incident is covered. Mr. Newman contacted his insurance coverage and they would cover everything over the five hundred deductible and the walker cost \$1060. Township policies do not cover incidents such as this so Manager Garvick suggested that Mr. Newman come to the meeting to discuss the situation with the Commissioners. He showed pictures recreating the situation that showed a chair where the walker was located and a recycling bin where the trash was located. In addition, when they spoke to Penn Waste they stated that normally if there is a question about a pickup the driver will call the hauler for direction on what to do with the object. No one called on the day in question. Also, the driver that picked up that day was a new driver. The regular driver stated that he has seen the walker placed sixty feet from their trash, he knows that it is not trash. According to Gene's Secretary, the driver claimed that the walker was sitting with the trash but on Wednesday, Mr. Wagner's Secretary said the driver

stated the walker was on the sidewalk but there was no other trash so he assumed it was there trash. Mr. Newman stated that he did put trash out on Monday night prior to the incident and the neighbor saw him put it out. He feels that the carrier has a responsibility for the incident and the Township should have taken the initiative because they have a contract with Penn Waste. After some discussion, the Committee suggested that Jeff contact the hauler (Scott Wagner) about the situation and informed him that the Mr. Newman is willing to submit it to his insurance carrier. Also, they would like Jeff to make sure that our residents are being treated respectfully. The pictures were returned because the driver admitted to picking up the walker and Mr. Newman might need them for his insurance company. Mr. Riley from Penn Waste stated that if the item is anywhere near the road they take it.

BSA TROOP 110: The Committee received a request dated March 14, 2005 from the Boy Scouts of America Troop 110, requesting a waiver of permit fees to place a sign at the Grandview Plaza on Saturday, April 30, 2005 advertising their mulch sale. The Committee recommended approving the request.

EMS DAY: The Committee received a request dated April 4, 2005 from the Penn Township Fire Department requesting a waiver of the fees for the pavilions and fields to hold an Emergency Services Day at the Community Park. The Committee recommended approving the request.

EMS TAX: The Committee received a letter from Tracy Orlando stating that as an independent contractor with Coldwell Banker she did not receive any income and will not be receiving a 1099 and does she have to pay the EMS tax. Administrative Rodgers reported that Manager Garvick sent a letter to the individual stating that since they did not earn any money they were not required to pay the tax. There was some concern about how the Township will know how businesses such as realtors are paying for their employees since the Township has not conducted an audit for several years. Administrative Assistant Rodgers stated that when businesses call with questions she tells them that when the Township audits your records.

HANOVER EARNED INCOME TAX BUREAU: Commissioner Klunk reported the Hanover Earned Income tax meeting was held last week. He reported that Michael Noel, who currently does the audit for the bureau would have to have a peer review next year to continue performing the audit. This would cost him about \$1500 in addition to his time. Mr. Noel could provide a review of the records. There was a letter supplied by Keith Nonemaker, the solicitor stating his opinion of the review. The group agreed to take it back to their respective boards for a decision. The next meeting will be in the fall to discuss the situation. The Committee will make a decision at a latter date on how to proceed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Rodgers, Administrative Assistant