

PENN TOWNSHIP
FINANCE COMMITTEE
APRIL 6, 2009

The Penn Township Finance Committee convened on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:53 PM following the Public Safety Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Heilman and Commissioners Goldsmith, Rewa and Felix. Commissioner Preiber was absent with notice. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following matters were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the March 2, 2009 Finance Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

CAR SHOW: The Committee received a request dated April 1, 2009 from the Hanover Lodge #227 Loyal Order of the Moose Inc. for a waiver of the sign permit fees to advertise their car show on July 26, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Committee recommended approving the request.

JEFFERSON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY: The Committee received a request dated February 11, 2009 from the Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company for a waiver of the sign permit fee to advertise the Jefferson Fire Company Carnival being held July 13, 2009 through July 18, 2009. The Committee recommended approving the request.

YORK/ADAMS 2-CYLINDER CLUB: The Committee received a request dated March 12, 2009 from the York/Adams 2-Cylinder Club for a waiver of the sign permit fees to advertise their upcoming show on May 16, 2009 and May 17, 2009. The Committee requested that the Manager get more information about the non-profit status of the Club prior to considering this request.

MASON-DIXON CREDO: The Committee received a request dated March 5, 2009 from the Mason-Dixon Credo for a waiver of the sign permit fees to advertise their semi-annual retreats at the Penn Grove Retreat Center. The funds raised will go to relief programs for abused women. The Committee recommended approving the request.

HANOVER EXCHANGE CLUB: The Committee received a request dated March 3, 2009 from the Hanover Exchange Club for a waiver of the sign permit fees for additional directional signs to advertise the Home Builders Show. The Committee recommended approving the request.

2009 FEE RESOLUTION: The Committee recommended amendments to the 2009 Fee Resolution to include a Commercial Structure Review Fee and a Copying Fee.

LERTA CONSIDERATION: The Committee received a request dated March 10, 2009 from Conewago Contractors to utilize the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Act (LERTA) for properties at 17 and 23 Industrial Drive. If approved, the real estate taxes for both properties would be phased in over a ten-year period. The problem with the program is that York County (4.15 Mills) will not consider participating. The Township is the lowest of the property tax assessors at 2.3 Mills. If the School District (15.02 Mills) would agree to participate there would be more of a benefit. Commissioner Heilman stated that it is not to the Township's benefit to participate unless the school district participates as well. If the school district reconsiders their current stance the Committee will reconsider utilizing the LERTA program for these lots.

HANOVER EARNED INCOME TAX REPORT: Commissioner Heilman reviewed the minutes from the Hanover Earned Income tax report that will operate for another three years. At the end of that period it will be consolidated into the York County Tax Bureau because of legislation approved by the State. The current earned income tax office in Hanover was started in 1984 and has performed exceptionally well. There will be 78 representative members on the Board to direct the operations of the new collection agency. There will be a meeting on the last Thursday of May at the South Western School District for the local municipalities to discuss the consolidation with the York-Adams Tax Bureau.

2009 BUDGET AND OPERATING EXPENSE REPORT: The Committee reviewed the current budget and expense report for the year. It was suggested that the Committee would have to start reviewing the increase in sewer rates because of the impending project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager