

MINUTES
FINANCE COMMITTEE
MAY 7, 2007

The Penn Township Finance Committee convened on Monday, May 7, 2007 at 7:22 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 and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following matters were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

HANOVER CYCLERS: The Committee received a request dated April 30, 2007 from the Hanover Cyclers for a waiver of the sign permit fee to place a canopy and banner in the grassy area by the entrance of the Rutter's Store on Baltimore Street. The event will be conducted from June 17, 2007 to June 23, 2007. The Committee recommended approving the request.

JEFFERSON FIRE COMPANY: The Committee received a request dated April 28, 2007 from the Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company for a waiver of the sign permit fee to install a sign at the corner of Route 216 and Grandview Road to advertise their carnival July 16 thru July 21, 2007. The Committee recommended approving this request.

HANOVER LIONS CLUB: The Committee received a request dated May 3, 2007 from the Hanover Lions Club for a waiver of the sign permit fees to advertise a chicken barbeque at the Friendship Fire Hall on May 19, 2007. The Committee recommended approving the request.

ACT 101 TAX REFERENDUM: Commissioner Klunk stated that on the May 15, 2007 primary ballot there will be a referendum question which asks if you are in favor of South Western School District proposing an additional 1% earned income tax while reducing the property tax. Commissioner Klunk stated that he is voting against it and thinks it will send a message to Harrisburg that serious tax reform has to be considered. Commissioner Klunk stated that if a taxpayer in Penn Township pays \$3,000 in property taxes, \$297 is going to the Township, \$582 is going to the County and \$2,121 is going to the School District. The Township tax rate of 1.99 mills has been maintained for several years and the rate was actually reduced from 2.0. When all three government entities increase the taxes it adds up for the taxpayer. Commissioner Heilman provided a contradictory opinion on Act 101. For those residents who are retired they will receive a reduction in their property tax and will not have to pay an increase in earned income since they have no earned income. A household earning less than \$47,000 will benefit from the restructuring but a household earning more than that amount will pay more in increased earned income tax than what they will save in property tax reduction.

RESOLUTION NO. 662: Manager Garvick provided a Committee a resolution for disposing of Township records to be adopted at the next Board of Commissioners meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager