

MINUTES
FINANCE COMMITTEE
MAY 2, 2011

The Penn Township Finance Committee convened on Monday, May 2, 2011, at 7:17 PM following the Public Safety Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Heilman and Commissioners Rewa and Felix. 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 April 4, 2011 Finance Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

LEGACY ATHLETIC: Paige Wingert, representing Legacy Athletic, addressed the Committee with a request for consideration of a Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) for his business being relocated from 14 Barnhart Drive to 300 Fame Avenue. He provided a history of Legacy from the beginning as a start up business in his college dorm room to their current expansion plan. They produce caps and other products for colleges, universities and the tourism industry. Legacy has sixty employees with four full time positions added since the first of the year. Their rate of growth last year was about 20%. He provided a list of vacant properties within the Township that could be used for industrial and manufacturing purposes. Manager Garvick explained the provisions for a LERTA and its intended purpose. Jeremy Frey, attorney for Legacy Athletic, also presented information about the LERTA and stated the application would be made under the "improvement of deteriorated properties". Attorney Frey also wanted to make sure that the Committee understood they would only be requesting abatement of the taxes for the improvements, and not for the existing assessment. Commissioner Heilman stated they would like an official application or request from Legacy that they want LERTA consideration and the Township will proceed with the contacting the Solicitor and schedule the appropriate hearings. Commissioner Heilman stated that the Township can only control what the Township's response is and cannot predict the responses of the South Western School District or York County.

2011 BUDGET & OPERATING EXPENSE REPORT: Administrative Assistant Rodgers reported on the 2011 budget and operating expense report. Revenues to date are about what was expected and expenses are being kept in line with budget figures. About 90% of the real estate tax has been collected with face value payments being due on June 15.

ORDINANCE NO. 723: Manager Garvick reported that Ordinance No. 723 has been prepared to repeal the LERTA boundary for 17 Industrial Drive. The Committee recommended adopting it at the next Commissioners meeting.

LOCAL SERVICES TAX AUDIT: Administrative Assistant Rodgers reported that the last audit for the local services tax was conducted for tax years 2007, 2006, and 2005. She is preparing an audit of the 2010 payments and, depending on which employers may not have paid she will proceed with reviewing the 2009 and 2008 payments by the employers.

YORK COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE: Administrative Assistant Rodgers noted

that a meeting of the York County Tax Collection Committee (YCTCC) was held on Monday, April 25, 2011. They are reviewing the transition plan as well as making internal changes for 2012. With the move to the (YCTCC) Hanover Area residents will be able to file their local taxes on line. The Hanover Wage Tax office will close at the end of December with two employees remaining through the first quarter of 2012. A final audit will be done after the office is closed. The final meeting of the members of the Hanover Earned Income Tax Bureau will be after the audit is completed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager