

MINUTES
FINANCE COMMITTEE
JUNE 6, 2011

The Penn Township Finance Committee convened on Monday, June 6, 2011, at 7:09 PM following the Public Safety Committee meeting. Present were Chairman Heilman and Commissioners Prieber, Goldsmith, 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 May 2, 2011 Finance Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

LEGACY ATHLETIC: Mr. Paige Wingert, representing Legacy Athletic, addressed the Committee with regards to a LERTA request for his property. Mr. Wingert owns Legacy Athletic on Barnhart Drive and is relocating the business to Fame Avenue. He would like LERTA consideration for the 20,000 sq. ft. addition he is adding to the existing building. The expansion would help provide additional jobs in Penn Township. The current assessment on the property would be exempt from LERTA consideration. Legacy Athletic employs many local residents and will continue to do so. Mr. Wingert will also be making renovations to the building interior. The building will be doubled in size and he is spending about \$2M in improvements along with purchasing the property for about \$950,000. Mr. Wingert stated that there may be other businesses in the area that are looking to expand but would need an incentive such as tax abatement to be able to do it. Mr. Wingert has already contacted the South Western School District staff to preliminarily discuss the LERTA request. The Committee will request a recommendation from the Township Solicitor on what parameters can be set for the LERTA designation, including the specific zoning area and the cost of the project. Attorney Jeremy Frey, representing Legacy Athletic, stated that an estimated amount of the abatement is in the letter and could be offset if other businesses are attracted to Penn Township due to a potential approval. The Committee recommended revisiting the request if the South Western School Board feels that they could support it. Mr. Wingert will arrange a presentation to the School Board.

2011 BUDGET & OPERATING EXPENSE REPORT: Administrative Assistant Rodgers reported on the 2011 Budget and Operating Expense Report. Revenues are about what was projected but the realty transfer is slightly higher at this point in time due to the sale of the L & H Trucking property. She also stated that the Earned Income was slightly higher in June due to the processing of the 2010 local tax returns. The expenses are on target and she provided the figures from 2009 and 2010 for expenses through May 31 of each year.

PENN TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB: The Committee received a request dated May 16, 2011 from the Penn Township Lions Club for a waiver of the sign permit fee to advertise their chicken barbeque on June 11, 2011 at Young's Woods. The Committee recommended approving the request.

LOCAL SERVICES TAX AUDIT: Administrative Assistant Rodgers reported that she has begun the audit of the local services tax and there are several dozen businesses that are not complying with the requirement. Those businesses will be notified and put on notice that they will be audited if they do not come into compliance.

YORK COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE: Administrative Assistant Rodgers noted that the area municipalities that will be joining the York County Tax Collection Committee (YCTCC) will be holding a meeting next Wednesday to discuss how the local businesses will be notified of the change effective January 1. Jeffrey Mummert and Linda Toal have been working with the York Adams Tax Bureau to make the transition as smooth as possible. Adams County Tax Collection Committee (ACTCC) has voted to have the YCTCC and ACTCC replace York Adams Taxing Bureau's current Board of Directors as of January 1, 2012. Both would maintain their status as independent committees representing Adams and York County respectively. They would be working together cooperatively to oversee the Tax Bureau's operations by replacing the current Board of Directors.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager