

MINUTES
FINANCE COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 6, 2022

The Penn Township Finance Committee convened on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Allison, Commissioners Berlingo, Elksnis and Heiland, Commissioner Brown was present via cellphone. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, WWTP Superintendent Lank and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Allison announced there was an executive session held following the December 5, 2022, Public Works Committee meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues. He also announced that an executive session will be held this evening following the Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the November 1st, and 14th, 2022, Finance Committee Meetings were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

2022 REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT: Manager Rodgers presented the revenue and expense report through November 30, 2022. The year-to-date revenue is at 117.22% of what is budgeted, and expenses are at 71.14%. The general fund includes \$875,459 in ARP funds.

SOUTH WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL WAIVER REQUEST: The Committee received a request dated November 23, 2022, from Hanover Land Services, Inc., on behalf of South Western High School for a waiver to the Zoning Hearing Board application fee. The Committee was not in favor of granting the request.

CONSIDER FEE AND WAGE RESOLUTIONS FOR 2023: The Committee reviewed the resolutions for the fees and wages for next year. The Committee discussed that they are still waiting on comments from the solicitor regarding the fee resolution and requested Manager Rodgers to follow up. Manager Rodgers asked Commissioner Allison to review the current listing of plumbers in the municipality. The Committee recommended approving the resolutions.

CONSIDER ORDINANCES FOR 2023 BUDGET, MEETING TIME AND TAX RATE: Manager Rodgers presented the ordinances for the budget, meeting times and tax rate for next year. The Committee recommended starting at 6:00 p.m. for the months of January, July, August, and September when all four Committee meetings are held on the same evening. Chairman Allison announced that there will be no increase in the tax rate this year. The Committee recommended approving the ordinances and Manager Rodgers will prepare for advertisement.

OTHER MATTERS: Manager Rodgers informed the Committee that she has started moving funds from the Sewer Revenue Reserve Account to the Sewer Revenue Account in increments as needed.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mr. Bill Bowman, 123 Oak Hill Drive, questioned the committee on the status of Glo Fiber coming to the Township. Commissioner Heiland stated that there was a meeting earlier in the day to discuss the franchise agreement. Once the agreement is executed, some residents may see service in about two years. Mr. Bowman stated that he recently moved to Glo Fiber for his business and is very pleased with the service and would like to see competition being offered within the Township.

Mr. Jack Corriere, 114 Oak Hill Drive had questions regarding the budget and the use of the American Rescue Act Funds. Commissioner Heiland stated that the draft budget is available at the Municipal Building and available online, and ARP Funds are in the General Funds, and very clear records will be kept of any monies spent. Manager Rodgers reported the ARP funds are not expensed in the budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary