

Finance Committee Minutes - 1/10/18

Present: Gary Hoyer, Hal Shute, Kiyle Osgood, Jim Hamtil, Dave Beaumont, George Fisher

Absent: None

Other: Stephen Bergenfeld (Mayor)

Dec 19 Minutes: Accepted as submitted.

Hal was reappointed as Chairman for 2018.

2017 Budget vs Actual Analysis: Discussion regarding how to analyze and present the WAT budget. Consensus was that presenting cost by Department was the most useful and should be pursued.

2018 Budget Development: No draft available, tabled until next meeting

Prepaid 2018 Taxes: Hal reported that a total of \$567K in 2018 property taxes were prepaid. Discussed the idea of the township allowing property taxes to qualify as charitable contributions for income tax deduction. Most or all thought it was bad policy.

Facilities Plan: Steve led a discussion of a proposal to improve township facilities, including Police, DPW and Fire Co.

Police would move to lower level of municipal building after extensive improvements to the interior, which he thought would cost \$400K max.

DPW would move into a new "pole building" to be constructed on the municipal property on Rocktown Rd. The existing DPW building and property would be sold "as is" for an estimated \$150K. The new building cost is estimated to be \$450K and so the net cost would be \$300K.

The Fire Co would move to a new building on the existing property. Cost of the new building is unknown at this point but the Fire Co appears willing to cost share in the project.

All agreed the new police facility was first priority. Steve will procure quotes from Architects for that project.

New Business: None

Recommendations to TC: Proceed with the Police project

Next meeting: Meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Next meeting scheduled for Feb. 14 (later changed to Feb 22)