

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP
1580 PAOLI PIKE
January 23, 2007 – 7:00pm**

Present: Chairman Don McConathy, Vice-Chairman Thom Clapper, Carmen Battavio and Joe McDonough. Marty Shane was absent. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Linda Gordon (Historical Commission), Jim McRee (Planning Commission), Phyllis Marron (Park & Rec), Jack Yahraes (Municipal Authority) and Jane Fava (Conservancy Board).

WORKSHOP

Comcast Variance Application

Don said if it appears the applicant will be significantly modifying their application, he recommends it go to the Planning Commission before the Board reviews it.

Rick will let resident Bill Egan know when he finds out if Comcast still plans to attend the next Conservancy Board meeting.

Geese Management Plan

The Board discussed Rick Smith's January 19 memo on this topic. The Public Works employees will be the ones doing the egg "addling." Rick will ask Mark Wahn if he has any safety tips to give the employees.

Joe suggested Rick send an informational letter to the residents right away. Rick will try to get the letter out next week. Don suggested that Rick include an article about the Plan in the next newsletter. Rick will also ask the Conservancy Board for comments on the Plan.

Master Gardener

The Board concurred it will be fine to allow the Chester County Master Gardener program to use the Township parking lot one Saturday in October for a tree-planting fundraiser. Rick will make sure there are no conflicts with Park & Rec programs.

Brookmont & Charter Chase

Thom asked Rick if the sewer plant can accommodate Brookmont and Charter Chase without a plant expansion. Rick said no.

Rick and Don will plan to attend the meetings with residents next Monday and Tuesday. Jack Yahraes said he and Kevin Cummings will represent the Municipal Authority, along with Evan Andrews of Pennoni. Thom and Carmen would like to attend but have schedule conflicts.

Bills

Current invoices were reviewed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for January 23, 2006:

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND		
Real Estate Tax	\$ -	
Earned Income Tax	\$ 18,824.51	
EMS TAX	\$ 1,000.00	Accounts Payable \$ 70,573.58
Transfer Tax	\$ 75,828.95	Debt Service \$ 0.00
Codes, Park & Rec, Etc.	\$ 3,928.30	Payroll \$ 40,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 99,581.76	Total Expenditures \$ 110,573.58
Zoning Hearing Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
State Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,760.32
Transportation Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sewer Operating	\$ 0.00	\$ 128,406.77
Refuse	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Capital Projects	\$ 0.00	\$ 856.00

Joe made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and the receipts and to approve the expenditures pending the Board's review. Carmen seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Flags

Mark Gordon's January 23 memo to the Board was discussed. Joe reminded the Board of their policy to not act upon anonymous letters or phone calls, and said Mark Gordon should not have been asked to spend time on this matter.

The consensus of the other Supervisors was that none of them have a problem with the flag in question, and thus no action is required.

Public Comment: Abbas Rahbari, 1613 Manley Road – Said the Township ordinance is not clear on the matter of signs. Joe suggested Abbas file a formal complaint in writing, and the Township will respond accordingly.

Ice Skating on Twp Ponds

Rick reported that the Township insurance agent says East Goshen is covered for ice skating. Joe requested that Rick get something in writing.

Generator Bids

Rick will get a status report from Mark Miller. Carmen said he has done some research and confirmed that larger generators all use diesel fuel or oil.

Water Pressure in Lockwood Chase

The Board discussed an email from a resident in Lockwood Chase concerned about low water pressure. Rick stated that pressure only has to be 25 lbs at the curb, per the PUC. Joe suggested

Rick send a letter to Aqua, with a copy to the resident. Rick will try to get a list of the other residents in the area with water pressure problems.

Code Compliance at the Township Building

Mark Gordon's December 7, 2006 memo was discussed. Don gave a copy to resident Abbas Rahbari. Joe suggested the Township Manager formally respond to Mr. Rahbari's letter of complaint and provide a copy of the response at that time.

Public Comment: Abbas Rahbari, 1613 Manley Road – Said the Township response should have been prepared by someone certified by the International Code Council. Joe suggested that Mr. Rahbari respond to the Township memo in writing after he formally receives a copy from Rick Smith.

Salary Ranges

Joe said this issue is on the Finance Committee agenda. He suggested the Supervisors wait for their recommendation.

1419 Center Street

Rick said that Jeff Sommer had not heard from the judge and was going to have to call him again.

Margo Lane / Rte 352 Intersection

The hearing is scheduled for February 6. Rick said letters have been sent to neighboring residents.

Minutes from 1/9

The draft minutes were reviewed and corrected.

Liaison Reports

Rick gave a COG report. Thom Clapper has been chosen as Secretary/Treasurer. COG is trying to get local politicians involved in addressing the Route 202/926 intersection.

Don reported on the January 17 Planning Commission workshop. New liaisons were assigned. Lexington was on the agenda but did not show up. Sullivan's Grove has been extended to May. The Planning Commission wants the Zoning Officer to have authority to approve new signs in Goshen Village, so that applicants need not appear before the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will take this request before the Zoning Hearing Board.

Deer Survey

In response to a question from Jim McRee, Rick said the Township has still not received a quote from the aerial survey firm.

Public Hour

Public Comment: Gordon Whiting, Bellingham - Asked for an update on his request for help from the Board regarding safety issues at Bellingham. Rick said that management is supposed to put in deadbolts, but peepholes are not required. Rick said Jeff Sommer is looking into the

matter, but there is nothing in the property code on these issues. Mr. Whiting asked if the Board could pass a resolution. Joe told him that even if the Board does that, Bellingham management would not be required to comply with the new requirements. Carmen told Mr. Whiting that Police Chief John Dumond is working with the Bellingham management to set up safety meetings.

Public Comment: Abbas Rahbari, 1613 Manley Road – Referring again to Mark Gordon’s memo of December 7, 2006, said that Mr. Gordon is not ICC certified and thus is not qualified to write such a memo. Mr. Rahbari said the ceiling tiles should be tested for fungi. He also said that Mr. Gordon should have cited the appropriate sections of the code in his memo. Don asked Mr. Rahbari to put his comments in writing to the Township.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary