

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP
1580 PAOLI PIKE
February 27, 2007 – 7:00pm**

Present: Chairman Don McConathy, Vice-Chairman Thom Clapper, Carmen Battavio, Joe McDonough and Marty Shane. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Kathryn Yahraes (Historical Commission), Susan Carty and Jim McRee (Planning Commission), Phyllis Marron (Park & Rec), and Elaine Blair (Hershey's Mill Rep).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Supervisors met in Executive Session from 7:00pm to 8:15pm to interview candidates for an ABC position.

WORKSHOP

Planning Commission Appointment

Don announced that the Board has appointed Albert Zuccarello to the Planning Commission to fill the spot left vacant by Art Polishuk.

Residential Trash Pickup Options for 2008

The Board reviewed Rick Smith's February 22 memo on the topic. Carmen wants residents to have the option to opt out of trash pickup, if that is manageable to the hauler and would not adversely impact the Township.

Carmen and Joe said a good reason for the Township to remain in the trash business is that they are not getting complaints about the current level of trash removal service or the pricing. Carmen said he gets more complaints about the switch in trash pickup days. Marty agreed the Township should stay in the business, but said opting out should not be permitted.

The four options in Rick's memo were discussed. Option #3, a per-bag system, was ruled out as Joe, Marty and Don were opposed.

The Supervisors agreed that bids should be obtained for Option #1 (current system), Option #2 (current system, but w/ Township split into four sectors), and Option # 4 (current system with a can limit and available "party" bags). The Board would like Option #4 bid for one can and also for two cans. Joe and Marty would also like to get bids on once-weekly pickups, for residents who request that information.

Rick will work on getting the bids now, so that any changes can be adequately communicated to residents before 2008.

Liaison Reports

Joe pointed out a mathematical error in the PPU report for January 2007. It was agreed to hold that matter for discussion on Thursday at the Police Commission(?) meeting.

Marty reported that at the COG meeting, a voluntary clean energy initiative was discussed. The Supervisors agreed that for now, East Goshen should proceed with a solar demonstration project at the District Court. Marty said COG plans to invite elected State officials to the next meeting to seek their support for the Route 202 & 926 intersection project.

Don reported that the Conservancy Board plans to review the Township tree ordinance in the Subdivision & Land Development section.

Brookmont & Charter Chase

Marty shared his suggestion to Joe and Carmen about fixing the \$16,500 figure to help remove some of the uncertainty residents are facing regarding how much they will have to pay out of their own pockets. Carmen said he doubts an excavation contractor would be willing to fix his price and lock himself in to an unknown like that. And if the actual cost is higher, the other ratepayer would have to bear the cost. Carmen said he is not comfortable locking in the cost unless there is a contractor willing to do so, at a competitive price. The Supervisors voted on the matter. Don, Thom, Carmen and Joe voted to not fix the cost. Marty abstained from voting. The matter will not be pursued with the Municipal Authority.

Subdivisions & Land Development

Rick shared two items that are in the pipeline. Keystone Foods is interested in putting a test kitchen into the Goshen Commons, behind Cephalon. A resident on Richard Drive is interested in converting his historic barn into two dwelling units. Applications have not yet been received for these projects.

Public Hour

Kathryn Yahraes reported that the Chester County Day committee is working with the Historical Commission to include East Goshen on the 2007 tour. The Historical Commission has applied to the County to be part of the 2007 Town Tours & Village Walks. They would like to include Rocky Hill, but it is not logistically possible.

Resident Harold Jones requested that more information on such matters as bills and correspondence be made available to the public before Board meetings. Don said the public is welcome to come to the Township building and review the materials. He said it would be possible to have copies of such things as ordinance changes available on the back table during public meetings. Marty suggested such items be posted on the website once it is completed and updated regularly.

Jim McRee asked if the upcoming website enhancements will include a capacity to broadcast emails to residents. Don said that capability was not in the pipeline yet.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary