

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
May 8, 2007 – 7:00pm**

**Present:** Chairman Don McConathy, Carmen Battavio and Marty Shane. Vice-Chairman Thom Clapper and Supervisor Joe McDonough were absent. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Linda Gordon (Historical Commission), and Ruth Scadding (Park & Rec). Kevin Cummings (Municipal Authority) was present for a portion of the meeting.

**WORKSHOP**

**Sewer System**

Carmen, Marty, and Rick Smith will meet tomorrow with Bob White of West Goshen and Ernie McNeely of West Chester Borough to discuss the possibility of sending some East Goshen sewage to West Goshen, which would allow East Goshen to keep the Ridley plant at a capacity of 400K gallons/day. Otherwise, Ridley will have to be upgraded to handle 750K gallons/day. Carmen said he would only be willing to send East Goshen sewage to West Goshen if doing so saves East Goshen residents significantly on capital and operating costs. Marty agreed. For East Goshen to consider such an arrangement, it will have to cost East Goshen less than the cost of upgrading Ridley.

**Falcone Subdivision, 1334 Park Avenue**

The Planning Commission has recommended approval. The Township is waiting for a clean letter from Yerkes. The applicant has granted the Township an extension until May 22.

**Keystone Foods, 905 Airport Road**

This hearing will be opened on May 22 and continued until June 19. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation at their June 6 meeting.

**Proposed Super Wawa, 1501 West Chester Pike (Westtown)**

The Board reviewed the plans for the proposed Wawa. Marty suggested the East Goshen Historical Commission and Conservancy Board review the plans and provide comments. Carmen would like to request that gasoline tanker trucks be required to enter and exit the property from Route 3.

**Design Services for District Court**

Marty moved to approve the March 10, 2007 proposal from C.E. Hough Associates, supplemented by the May 5 letter from Mr. Hough, to provide architectural, structural, and MEP/FP design and documentation services for the District Court in the amount of \$35,000 with an additional \$3,500 for reimbursable expenses. Any matters associated with the design of the building are to be included in the \$35,000 cost. Carmen seconded the motion.

*Public Comment: Kevin Cummings, 1606 Williams Way – Asked if the proposal includes contract management. Don said it does not.*

*Public Comment: John Schorn, 1401 Larch Lane* – Asked the size of the area being renovated. Don said it is 4500 sq. ft. Mr. Schorn said the amount of the proposal sounds excessive. Carmen said the cost is high due to County requirements. Mr. Schorn asked if the Township solicited other bids besides the one from Mr. Hough. Don said no, and Marty explained that East Goshen already has a working relationship with Mr. Hough. Don said the Township is under time constraints to get the project started, and he doesn't think it would be worth delaying the project to get other bids only to save perhaps a few thousand dollars. If the project is delayed, the Township will get hit with expensive fines from the County.

*Public Comment: Abbas Rahbari, 1613 Manley Road* – Suggested the Township get at least one other bid just to see if Mr. Hough's proposal is reasonable. The Supervisors told him they would rather proceed with Mr. Hough's proposal to avoid getting fined by the County for delaying the project.

*Public Comment: Bill Egan, 1422 Mill Creek Drive* – Asked if the County will permit some of the green elements that were discussed at a previous meeting. Carmen said yes, the County would probably encourage adding green elements to the building, not discourage them.

There was no further discussion or public comment. The Board voted and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Liaison Reports**

*Planning Commission* – Don reported that concerns were raised about possible odors from the Keystone facility, which the applicant plans to address. Marty commented that the Township should develop a definitive standard to measure odors, and this standard should be in place by the time of Keystone's conditional use approval. Don said the Planning Commission also discussed another proposed subdivision development on Cornwallis.

*Park & Rec* – Ruth Scadding reported that 18 residents assisted 3 seniors during Neighbor to Neighbor day. Public golf days at Applebrook may be cancelled due to a lack of interest. Marty suggested Park & Rec survey past participants to find out why interest has waned, and whether the change in lunch menu might be a factor. Ruth reported that the new restrooms at the park are almost completed. The Marydel pond has been stocked for the upcoming fishing activity for children. A group has approached Park & Rec about using the park for dog training activities; Ruth said Park & Rec has referred this to the Township Solicitor. Jack Yahraes is looking into using a new algae control device at the substation.

### **Public Hour – Hearing of Residents – Receipt of Petitions**

*Public Comment: Linda Gordon, 240 Line Road* – Asked why the Township is planning to buy a Ford Explorer as a Township vehicle, instead of an efficient vehicle such as a Prius. Marty said this matter was discussed at great length in Hershey, and the Supervisors decided on an SUV because the Township vehicle is used to transport multiple employees at a time to various events. Ms. Gordon then objected to the Supervisors spending money to go the PSATS convention in Hershey when they did not attend the PSATS meetings. Marty said it was necessary for the Board to get away and spend concentrated time discussing important matters such as the sewer

system issues. He said the money was well spent because the Board was able to accomplish a great deal. Kevin Cummings agreed that the time in Hershey was very productive.

*Public Comment: Abbas Rahbari, 1613 Manley Road* – Objected to the manner in which the Chairman adjourned the May 1 meeting. Mr. Rahbari then asked why work at the YMCA site has stopped. Rick said there has been no stoppage. Mr. Rahbari asked if the mold report for the Township building has come back yet; Rick said not yet. Mr. Rahbari then said the public meeting held at Hershey during the PSATS convention was not advertised properly, and furthermore, the Supervisors could have conducted the business here in East Goshen, and not spent money going to Hershey.

*Public Comment: Steve DiAntonio, Reservoir Road* – Asked if the Board plans to take any action on residents using open space areas for paintball. Rick said the neighbors who are concerned need to contact the police. Carmen said that Public Works did remove some of the items left in the woods by the paintballers. Mr. DiAntonio then asked why the vegetation is allowed to get so overgrown near the reservoir. Rick said the Township is attempting to keep that area a natural habitat for wildlife.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the public meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings  
Recording Secretary