

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
June 19, 2007 – 7:00pm**

**Present:** Chairman Don McConathy, Vice-Chairman Thom Clapper, Carmen Battavio, Marty Shane and Joe McDonough. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Linda Gordon (Historical Commission), Jim McRee and Al Zuccarello (Planning Commission), Elaine Blair (Hershey’s Mill Rep), and Township Solicitor Jeff Sommer.

**WORKSHOP**

**Review of Minutes**

The minutes of June 5 were reviewed and corrected.

**Agenda Review**

The agenda for the formal meeting was reviewed.

**Bills**

Current invoices were reviewed.

**Generator For Township Building**

Rick said that Yerkes is still finishing up their work on the specifications.

**Stormwater Pipe on Route 352**

Rick said Township staff has provided Mr. Giannantonio with copies of the plans he needs to prepare his estimate of a cost for Yerkes to do the study.

**Sewer Plant Update**

The Board discussed the information received about the feasibility of a partnership with West Goshen and West Chester Borough, and agreed such a project is not a viable solution to East Goshen’s sewer issues. Marty recommended the Board to send a letter to West Chester thanking them for their time and work on the matter, and informing them East Goshen is not going to pursue the issue. Rick will draft a letter for the Board’s review.

**FORMAL MEETING**

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:07pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Recording of Meeting**

Don asked if any residents would be recording the meeting. Mr. Abbas Rahbari said he was recording the meeting and reserves the right to “transmit” the proceedings.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Marty moved to approve the minutes of June 5 as corrected in the Workshop. Carmen seconded the motion. Don announced that the May 22 minutes have not been reviewed yet. There was no public comment and no discussion. The Board voted and the motion passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **Keystone Foods, 905 Airport Road - Conditional Use Application**

The Supervisors held a public hearing to consider the conditional use application of Keystone Foods. The Supervisors plan to render a decision on July 3 at 8pm.

A court reporter was present and will provide a complete transcript of the proceedings.

### **FORMAL MEETING (Resumed)**

#### **Bid Award for the Removal of Trees – Labor & Equipment**

Don moved to award the contract to remove trees on East Goshen Township right-of-way for the year 2007-2008 to Edens Tree Service in the amount of \$1,100. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Receipt of Interim Report from Deer Management Committee**

Jim McRee, Chairman of the DMC, distributed copies of the report to the Board. Don thanked Jim, Al Zuccarello, and all the members of the DMC for their hard work. Copies of the report will be made available to the public at the Township building and will be posted to the website. Don announced that the report will probably be discussed by the Board in upcoming workshops, and that a special meeting for public discussion of the report will be scheduled in the future.

Jim McRee said the DMC voted 7:0 to submit the report to the Supervisors. He requested the Board provide feedback prior to the next DMC meeting (July 16) if possible. Jim informed the Supervisors that Ellen Sinclair resigned from the Committee this week. Finally, he suggested the Supervisors create a postcard-sized handout on Lyme disease to distribute to residents at the July 4 event.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report for June 19, 2007:

	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Real Estate Tax	\$ 0.00	
Earned Income Tax	\$ 164,523.48	
EMS TAX	\$ 64,434.82	Accounts Payable \$ 158,238.84
Transfer Tax	\$ 0.00	Debt Service \$ 0.00
Codes, Park & Rec, Etc.	\$ 17,817.58	Payroll \$ 80,000.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 246,775.88</b>	<b>Total Expenditures \$ 238,238.84</b>
Zoning Hearing Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
State Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,350.17
Transportation Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sewer Operating	\$ 14,278.65	\$ 49,164.26
Refuse	\$ 9,112.60	\$ 117,918.36
Capital Projects	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Marty moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and the receipts and to approve the expenditures pending the Board's review. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

*Public Comment: Abbas Rahbari, 1613 Manley Road* – Asked a question regarding some pending litigation against the Township. The Supervisors informed Mr. Rahbari they could not comment on such a matter.

There was no further public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Police Report**

Chief John Dumond announced that the police responded to 907 incidents in East Goshen in May. The investigation into the incidents of residential robberies is widening, as nearby municipalities have also been hit. A Task Force has been created to deal with the situation. Don asked the Chief if there have been any more similar robberies in East Goshen. The Chief said no, but there were several incidents in Willistown last week.

*Public Comment: Bill Egan, 1422 Mill Creek Drive* – Asked the Chief if the police have received any calls from the Comcast facility in regard to trespassers or vandalism. The Chief said not to his knowledge, but he will check and send Mr. Egan an email followup. Mr. Egan asked if the Chief had any more information about the June 4 fuel spill. Chief Dumond said he would check and get back to Mr. Egan on that too.

*Public Comment: Jim McRee, Oneida Lane* - Asked if any of the traffic incidents for May were deer related. The Chief said none were deer related.

### **Island Maintenance at Great Oak Circle**

Thom moved to contribute \$150 to the residents of Great Oak Circle on a one-time basis, to assist them with the cost of maintaining the island in their neighborhood. Marty seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Proposals to Evaluate Capital Reserve Requirements for Sewer System**

Joe moved to accept the June 1, 2007 proposal from Keystone Alliance Consulting in the amount of \$4900 to evaluate the capital reserve requirements for the sewer system. Marty seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

### **YMCA Escrow**

Marty moved to authorize the Township Manager to transmit the original Letter of Credit issued by Willow Grove Bank in the amount of \$3,208,308.87 to Thomas O'Neill, Esquire as Bond Counsel and that Bond Counsel is authorized to release the original Letter of Credit to Willow Grove Bank upon his receipt of a Financial Security Agreement that has been executed by the YMCA and Fulton Financial Advisors in the amount of \$3,208,308.87. The Bond Counsel shall then return the Financial Security Agreement to the Township for execution by the Board of Supervisors. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Correspondence & Reports of Interest**

Don acknowledged receipt of the Fire Marshal's report and the Goshen Fire Company report, both for May 2007.

### **Meetings & Dates of Importance**

Don noted the list of upcoming meetings as published in the agenda.

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

*Public Comment: Abbas Rahbari, 1613 Manley Road* – Thanked Rick Smith for providing him with a copy of the Indoor Air Quality report for the Township building, and made numerous suggestions on how Mr. Smith should handle the situation. Mr. Rahbari advised the Supervisors to take this matter very seriously.

*Public Comment: Sam Long, Hershey's Mill* – Said he is very concerned about the deer situation at Hershey's Mill. Three members of his immediate family have contracted Lyme disease in the past year. Mr. Long stated he would like the Township to take a proactive approach to deer management because the Board has the responsibility for the health and safety of East Goshen residents. Joe informed Mr. Long that the Township has no jurisdiction over the deer situation at Hershey's Mill as it is private property. Joe said the Township would be happy to work with Hershey's Mill on this issue, but the Township cannot seem to get it coordinated with Ed McFalls. Carmen told Mr. Long that Ed McFalls has arranged a private deer hunt on Hershey's Mill property in the past, and suggested he contact Ed directly.

*Public Comment: Bill Egan, 1422 Mill Creek Drive* – Wanted it noted for the record that 6 other Mill Creek residents besides himself were present tonight for the Keystone Foods hearing.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the formal meeting adjourned at 10:40pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Supervisors met in Executive Session from 10:40pm to 11:00pm to discuss a personnel matter and a litigation issue.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Meddings  
Recording Secretary