

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
July 3, 2007 – 6:30pm**

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 (Planning Commission), and Phyllis Marron (Park & Rec).

WORKSHOP

Review of Minutes

The minutes of May 22, June 12 and June 19 were reviewed and corrected.

Bills

Current invoices were reviewed. Carmen suggested the Township consider purchasing a refurbished printer the next time a new printer is required. Carmen said he has used these in his own business with good results.

Fireworks

Joe would like the topic of the annual July 4 fireworks show to be put on a future agenda. He would like to discuss this issue because the cost to the Township is rising, while participation is waning. Carmen said one approach to the cost issue might be to charge \$5 per car for parking at the event. Marty agreed the matter should be discussed, but recommended the Board obtain recommendations from Park & Rec first on creative ways to deal with the expense of the event.

Applebrook Golf Outings

The Board briefly discussed the decline in participation at the golf outings. Rick said Frank Vattilano will be sending the Board the results of the survey of past participants.

Landscaping on the Comcast Berm

This matter was tabled until the July 17 meeting, while the Board awaits guidance from Jeff Sommer.

Consideration of “No Parking” Signs near CVS at Boot Road & Paoli Pike

In response to several complaints about the unsightly condition of the grass area adjacent to Boot Road at CVS, the Board discussed the possibility of posting “No Parking” signs in the vicinity. Joe is opposed to any signs at this location, and said it’s not the Township’s responsibility to make sure trucks don’t park there. Thom disagreed, and would like signs posted. After discussion, the Board agreed to suggest that CVS property owner Bruce Goodman install plantings and/or fencing in the area to discourage parking. If that does not solve the problem, the Board can revisit the issue.

Agenda Review

The agenda for the formal meeting was reviewed.

FORMAL MEETING

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:12pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Recording of Meeting

This meeting was not recorded by any residents.

Approval of Minutes

Joe moved to approve the minutes of May 22, June 12 and June 19 as corrected in the Workshop. Carmen seconded the motion. There was no public comment and no discussion. The Board voted and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

- **Bid Results for 1994 Crown Victoria Fire Marshal Car**
Don announced that the bid has been awarded to Bala Auto Sales (Albert Russo) for \$359.00.
- **Keystone Foods, 905 Airport Road – Decision on Conditional Use Application**
Don announced that the Board has postponed making this decision until July 17, pending additional information from the Township Solicitor.
- **Executive Session**
Don announced that the Board met in Executive Session on June 19 to discuss legal and personnel matters.
- **Congressman Joe Sestak**
Don announced that Joe Sestak will be present at the July 4 festivities.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for July 3, 2007:

| | RECEIPTS | EXPENDITURES |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---|
| GENERAL FUND | | |
| Real Estate Tax | \$ 2,653.60 | |
| Earned Income Tax | \$ 83,856.38 | |
| EMS TAX | \$ 1,000.00 | Accounts Payable \$ 250,069.92 |
| Transfer Tax | \$ 56,341.18 | Debt Service \$ 29,644.01 |
| Codes, Park & Rec, Etc. | \$ 188,477.74 | Payroll \$ 80,000.00 |
| Total Receipts | \$ 332,328.90 | Total Expenditures \$ 359,713.93 |
| Zoning Hearing Fund | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| State Fund | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Capital Reserve | \$ 0.00 | \$ 20,260.69 |
| Transportation Fund | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Sewer Operating | \$ 11,799.37 | \$ 39,853.13 |
| Refuse | \$ 9,979.72 | \$ 16,393.86 |
| 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, with the exception of two small finance charges that were noted in the Workshop which are not to be paid. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Escrow Release #1 for Lexington, Lot 12 at Goshen Parkway

Carmen moved to approve Escrow Release #1 for Lexington at Lot 12 in the Goshen Parkway for the amount of \$205,873.69 to cover layout, clearing, curb removal, some earthwork, sediment and erosion control, and storm sewers per the June 22 recommendation of Public Works Director Mark Miller. Marty seconded the motion. Bill Egan asked if this was the condo building, and Carmen said yes. There was no discussion and no further public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Deed of Dedication Between East Goshen and William & Jeannie Zimmerman, 1600 Margo Lane

This matter was tabled pending further information from the Township Solicitor.

Adoption of Resolution 07-35, MS-4 Program

Marty moved to adopt Resolution 07-35 requiring DEP to provide information and hold meetings to inform municipalities affected by proposed changes to the MS-4 Program. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Escrow Documents for the Subdivision at 1384 Boot Road

Don moved to authorize execution of the escrow documents for the subdivision at 1384 Boot Road. He noted that all fees have been paid by the applicant. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Replacement Financial Security Agreement for the YMCA

Don moved to authorize execution of the replacement Financial Security Agreement for the YMCA. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence & Reports of Interest

Don acknowledged receipt a thank you note from the Bishop Shanahan Parent's Association for the Township's donation toward their After Prom Party.

Don also acknowledged receipt of a letter from resident Linda Ferroni requesting the Township consider opening a dog park. Marty said Ms. Ferroni wrote a compelling letter, and he would like recommendations from the Park & Rec Board regarding where a dog park could be located. Don will ask the Park & Rec to put this matter on their agenda. Rick will send Ms. Ferroni a letter knowing the date of the Park & Rec meeting and asking her to be present if possible.

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: Bill Egan, 1422 Mill Creek Drive – Clarified that the Comcast briefs are due on July 11, but there is no guarantee that a decision will be made that evening. Don said that is correct. Mr. Egan asked that the Township website be updated to show the Supervisors are now meeting at 6:30pm. He also reported he is still having difficulty downloading the agendas from the site. Mr. Egan asked if Planning Commission minutes will be posted to the website in the near future. Don said the Township is working on posting the agendas and minutes for all ABCs. Mr. Egan then asked a question about the CTDI expansion. Rick said Jeff Sommer has determined CTDI will require a variance. The Supervisors told Mr. Egan that the ball is now in CTDI's court.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the formal meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

WORKSHOP (Resumed)

Oxford Gateway Addition to the Fedor House

This matter was tabled.

Tuition Reimbursement/Education Policy

The Supervisors agreed that job-related training should be reimbursed by the Township, but there was disagreement on whether the Township should cover degree programs. Thom and Joe are opposed to paying for full degree programs. Thom said that taxpayers should not have to fund college degrees for Township employees. Both agreed that if an employee is enrolled in a degree program, the Township should only offer to pay for the courses directly related to the major, and not cover electives and prerequisites. Carmen and Don agreed on that point.

Don believes the current policy is not “broken” and doesn't see the need to revise it.

Marty doesn't think the Township should be discouraging higher education by refusing to pay for it. He said the Township already requires a 5-year employment commitment for employees who take advantage of tuition reimbursement, and this commitment helps the Township get value back for the money spent.

Carmen recommends basing payout for tuition on West Chester University rates. Marty and Don prefer to use Penn State rates as a benchmark. Thom would like a cap on 9 credits per year for which an employee could receive reimbursement. Thom would like the grade requirement to be more stringent – a “B” or better. Carmen, Don, and Joe prefer to keep the requirement at “C” or better.

Rick will prepare a new draft policy incorporating the changes discussed, for review at a future meeting.

Line Road & Paoli Pike

Rick's memo of June 28 was discussed. The Board decided to abandon the project due to the additional work required and the costs involved. They agreed to have a traffic signal installed,

but only if Willistown will have it installed. Willistown can bill East Goshen for half the cost, minus the money Willistown already owes East Goshen for work done thus far on this project.

Request to Link Images of Greater West Chester on East Goshen's Website

The Supervisors unanimously agreed to turn down this request, as the website involved contains advertisements.

Status of District Court

Rick said the project is on schedule and will go out for bid in September or October. Craig Hough is planning to provide the Township with a list of the "green" features he can incorporate into the building.

Proposed Super Wawa

Carmen does not want any parking on Manley Road. Marty wants to suggest Westtown add curbing and berms on Manley Road to prevent parking, and he wants no sign on Manley Road other than one at the corner near Route 3. Rick will draft a letter to Westtown with the recommendations from East Goshen covering the issues of parking, signs, drainage, and adding a third lane to Manley Road.

COG Report

Thom distributed a written report of the June 25 COG meeting. The Board would like to hear about the Connect-CTY presentation, but due to time constraints this matter was tabled until the July 10 meeting.

Status of Generator for Township Building

Rick said the bids will be coming in shortly.

Drainage Pipe on Route 352

Rick said Al Giannantonio of Yerkes has still not provided an estimated cost to perform the study.

Letter to West Chester Borough Regarding Sewer Plant Upgrade

Rick has not had a chance to draft this letter yet, but in the meantime the message was conveyed to Borough representatives verbally at the COG meeting.

Traffic Light at Paoli Pike & Ellis Lane

Rick said the traffic lights at this intersection will be changed to a camera-based system, which should improve movement through this intersection.

Refuse Pickup Bids

Rick said the Township received two bids, one from BFI and one from J.P. Mascaro. He is going to rebid all three options, but with one zone instead of four zones. He estimated the bids should be back by early August.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 10:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary