

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
December 4, 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, Jim McRee (Planning Commission & DMC), Linda Gordon (Historical Commission), and Township Solicitor Jeff Sommer.

WORKSHOP

Agenda Review

The agenda for the formal meeting was reviewed.

Minutes

The draft minutes of November 13 and 20 were reviewed and corrected.

Bills

Current invoices were reviewed.

Sewer Rates

Marty suggested the Board table action on the rate resolution. The Board concurred and agreed to discuss it after the formal meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session with Jeff Sommer from 7:07pm to 7:30pm to discuss pending litigation.

WORKSHOP (Resumed)

Extra Leaf Pickup

Rick has received just one e-mail and one phone call asking for another leaf pick-up. It was the consensus of the Board not to schedule an additional pickup due to the cost involved.

Anne Drive Storm Sewers

Rick reported that the underground retention basin for Misak Drive was oversized by 50% and the easement agreement with the Gerestenmeirs specifically noted the existence of an existing storm water problem on their property. He also noted that he still needs to review the Pin Oak Farms file. It was suggested that Mark Miller TV the pipe under North Chester Road. In response to a question, Rick advised that the pipe under North Chester Road was probably installed in the 1920s.

Park & Rec Recognition Program

The Board reviewed Frank Vattalino's memo of November 26, 2007. Carmen opined that the smaller contributors should also receive some sort of recognition. Marty noted it is not unusual

to have different levels of recognition based on the amount of the donation. In response to a question from Marty, Rick advised the Board that the Park & Rec Board approved Frank's plan.

Deer Bait Station Agreement

It was suggested that a termination clause be added, that it should be noted that the feeder is the property of the Township, and that the Township and the bait station manufacturer should have the right to inspect the bait station. In response to a question, Jim McRee noted that a research program was currently under way that would allow an ingestible tickicide to be put on the corn. The discussion was suspended until after the formal meeting.

FORMAL MEETING

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:04pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Recording of Meeting

The Chairman asked if any resident planned to record the meeting. There was no response.

Approval of Minutes

Thom moved to approve the November 13 and November 20 minutes as corrected in workshop. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously. Carmen abstained from voting on the November 13 minutes and Don abstained from voting on the November 20 minutes, as they were absent from the respective meetings.

No action was taken on the draft November 27 minutes.

Bid Award for Sale of 1998 Ford Taurus Station Wagon

Joe moved to sell the Taurus to the high bidder, who was Thom Clapper, in the amount of \$2,888. Carman seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The Board voted 4-0 to sell the vehicle. Thom abstained from voting.

ABC Appointments

Don read the list of ABC appointments for 2008 (list appended to these minutes). Joe moved to appoint the list as read by Don. Thom seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Board conducted a public hearing to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 178 of the East Goshen Township Code, titled "Property Maintenance."

Joe moved to approve the ordinance. Thom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A court reporter was present for the hearing and will provide a complete transcript.

FORMAL MEETING (Resumed)

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for December 4, 2007:

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND		
Real Estate Tax	\$ 0.00	
Earned Income Tax	\$ 99,421.57	
EMS TAX	\$ 4,000.00	Accounts Payable \$ 63,064.76
Transfer Tax	\$ 0.00	Debt Service \$ 0.00
Codes, Park & Rec, Etc.	\$ 67,956.51	Payroll \$ 40,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 171,378.08	Total Expenditures \$ 103,064.76
Zoning Hearing Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
State Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 0.00	\$ 373.39
Transportation Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sewer Operating	\$ 5,788.88	\$ 35,975.01
Refuse	\$ 1,258.17	\$ 7,787.88
Capital Projects	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Marty moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and, "in the spirit of Christmas" to accept the receipts and approve payment of the bills. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Adoption of 2008 Westtown-East Goshen Police Dept Proposed Budget

Carmen made a motion to approve the police budget (version 8) in the amount of \$5,723,948.48. Joe seconded the motion.

In response to a question from resident John Schorn, Carmen noted the budget did not include monies for Class A uniforms and he stated "for the record" that he feels strongly that the department should be issued Class A uniforms. Joe noted that if the Police Commission could identify economies, and the budget would not be increased, that the issue could be re-visited. Carmen stated that the discretionary funds do not exist in the budget. John Schorn stated that he believed that the department should have Class A uniforms. Carmen noted that the Class A uniforms were in the budget that was approved by the Commission; however, the Charter Municipalities removed them from the budget.

There was no further discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the budget.

Consider Donation to Bishop Shanahan Post-Prom Party

Joe made a motion to approve a \$500 donation to this event with the condition that the funds not be dispersed until April. Carmen seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed 4-1. Thom was opposed.

Consider Adoption of Resolution 07-43 Increasing Sewer Rates for 2008

Don announced that this matter would be tabled, and the Board may take action on it at the meeting on December 11, 2007.

Consider Adoption of Resolution 07-44 Regarding Matt Steinberger's Eagle Scout Project

Carmen moved to adopt this resolution. Thom seconded the motion. The Board members each thanked Matt for his project and congratulated him on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout. The motion passed unanimously. Don presented Matt with a copy of the resolution. Matt thanked Mark Miller for his assistance with his project.

Correspondence & Reports of Interest

The Chairman acknowledged receipt of the following:

- Letter from Residents Mr. and Mrs. J. Pizzo thanking the Township as well as special thanks to Mark Miller, Public Works Director and George Thompson.
- Letter from the residents of Mill Creek for the Boards' efforts regarding the Comcast Cable applications.
- Letter from Comcast announcing a rate increase effective January 1, 2008.
- Notice from Aqua PA that they have filed for a rate increase.

Meetings & Dates of Importance

Don noted the upcoming meetings as listed in the agenda.

Public Hour – Hearing of Residents – Receipt of Petitions

Public Comment: John Schorn, 1401 Larch Lane – Noted that the Recording Secretary was not in attendance and asked if minutes would be done for this meeting. Don advised that Rick Smith would prepare the minutes.

Adjournment

There being no further business or public comment, the formal meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

WORKSHOP (Resumed)

Deer Bait Station Agreement

Several of Board members expressed concern that the agreement would dissuade a homeowner from taking a bait station. Joe suggested that Rick send the agreement to Hershey's Mill Village to see if they would be amendable to executing it. Joe questioned where the Board was going with this program.

Marty made a motion to proceed with the deer bait station program as outlined by the Deer Management Committee. The motion was seconded by Joe.

The Board discussed the matter and came to the following conclusions:

- The draft agreement should be sent to Hershey's Mill for their review.
- The Deer Management Committee and /or staff should provide a concise summary of the program and costs for the Board's review.

- Rick should ask the insurance agent if we can get a rider to cover the Township if bait stations were placed on Township property and could we get a rider to cover a homeowner who allowed the Township to install a feeder on his property.
- The matter will be discussed again on 12/18.

Marty Shane withdrew his motions and Joe withdrew his second.

Sewer Rates

Marty thanked resident Bill Egan for his question the previous week which sparked this whole subject. He explained that he has had several conversations with Rick and has come to the following observations:

- As noted in Rick's memo it appears that rates for all three classes of sewer users are currently being under-billed.
- The current system of charging the homeowners whose sewage is treated at the Westtown Chester Creek Sewer Plant is unfair.
- It does not make financial sense to incur the expense to install water meters on those single family detached properties who are not served by public water.

Marty suggested a two-phase approach. Under Phase I, he and Rick, and any other Board member who wanted to, would develop a sewer rate structure that incorporates the Westtown Chester Creek Plant users into the Township system and more accurately allocates the cost between the various classes of users. This structure would utilize the current sewage sewer ratings.

In Phase II, to be undertaken next year, water meter readings for all of the properties served by public water would be obtained in order to confirm if the previous assumptions of 175 gpd for an apartment, 200 gpd for a townhouse, and 225 for a single family detached dwelling are still correct. This study would also allow the Township to quantify the amount of infiltration.

Resident John Schorn asked if the Township has infiltration. Carmen responded that all sewer systems have infiltration, and noted that East Goshen has an aggressive I&I program that has been very successful in finding substantial leaks.

Joe said this seemed like a lot of work and asked if the other Board members would make a commitment not to sell the sewer system. The majority of the Board members felt that while they did not believe they would sell the system, they did not want to make a firm decision until the bids for the Ridley Creek Sewer Plant upgrades are received in June 2008.

It was the consensus of the Board that Rick and Marty should proceed with Phase I for the Board to consider at the December 11 meeting.

Liaison Reports

Marty noted that the Planning Commission would meet on Wednesday night; Thom noted that the Park and Rec Board had canceled their December meeting.

Subdivisions/Land Developments/ZHB Applications

Rick advised that William Cass of 915 Vista Drive has applied for a variance and the matter will be on the Board's agenda for December 18.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 9:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Smith
Township Manager

BOARD	NAME	TERM	RE-APPOINTED	NEW
PLANNING Commission	Megann Hedgecock	2011	YES	
4 yr term	Senya Isayeff	2011	YES	
ZONING Hearing Board	Joseph N. Ewing	2010	YES	
3 yr term				
MUNICIPAL Authority	Kevin Cummings	2012	YES	
5 yr term				
PARK & Recreation	Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore	2012	YES	
5 yr term	Ruth Scadding	2012	YES	
CONSERVANCY Board	Jane Fava	2010	YES	
3 yr term	Jackie Di'Antonio	2008		YES
	Sandra Snyder	2008		YES
	Bryan Delmonte	2010		YES
HISTORICAL Commission	Benson Rohrbeck	2012	YES	
5 yr term	Dolores M. Higgins	2012		YES
VACANCY Board	John Chatley III	2008	YES	
1 yr term				
MALVERN LIBRARY Representative	Judy Schafer			YES

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