

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
January 15, 2008 – 7:00pm**

Present: Chairman Marty Shane, Vice-Chairman Carmen Battavio, Don McConathy, Joe McDonough and Thom Clapper. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Public Works Director Mark Miller, Jim McRee (Planning Commission & DMC), Kathryn Yahraes (Historical Commission), Phyllis Marron (Park & Rec); and Conservancy Board members Ginnie Newlin, Jane Fava and Bryan Delmonte.

WORKSHOP

Bills

Current invoices were reviewed.

Minutes

The draft minutes of January 7 were reviewed and corrected.

Agenda Review

The agenda for the formal meeting was reviewed.

PLGIT (Procurement) Cards

The Board discussed the use of PLGIT cards for use by staff. Joe would like to see a list of the cardholders (by title), and a written policy addressing the distribution of the cards. Marty would like Rick to also prepare a written policy regarding their use. He noted that the Board will have to approve the financial limits for the cards. Rick will plan to have the requested items for the February 5 meeting.

Grant Update from the Conservancy Board

Jane Fava informed the Board that the Conservancy Board has applied for a second Growing Greener grant from DEP to complete the project along Reservoir Road. The grant is worth \$81K with an expected local match of \$21K. Marty explained that going forward, the Board wants to be informed ahead of time before an ABC applies for a grant. This will allow for the budgeting of any financial obligation of the Township that might be tied to the grant. Jane said she doesn't expect to hear back from DEP until 2009. Marty asked her in that case to make sure the \$21K is reflected in the Conservancy Board's 2009 budget request, if they get the grant.

Marty noted that the Board needs to draft a written policy on grants.

YMCA Site

Marty asked the Conservancy Board members to work with the YMCA's landscape architect and Mark Miller or Rick this spring to make sure the tree gap on Airport Road in front of the new YMCA gets filled in with some of the replacement trees, as well as boulders that have been unearthed on the site which can serve as a protective barrier from cars that may veer off the road.

Jane Fava informed the Board that the ash trees on the property will be endangered by the Emerald Ash Borer, which is currently moving east from the Pittsburgh area.

Marty reminded the Conservancy Board members that they will need to work with Park & Rec on finding suitable sites within the Township to place the remainder of the 300 YMCA trees.

Line Road Path

Marty wanted to get a sense of where the Board stood in regard to this issue before meeting with Saunders Dixon.

Joe is not in favor of installing the path if it will be a woodchip horse trail. He is not opposed to putting in a walking path for people, but wants it to be paved to discourage use by horses. Carmen is only in favor of putting in the trail if it is paved, to make it open to everyone. He is not in favor of a woodchip path. Thom said he is okay with installing a path, but wants to discourage horses from using it to enter the park. He wants the path to be paved. Don is in favor of installing a paved trail. Rick noted that the original plan calls for a woodchip path, and the Township doesn't have the power to prohibit horses from using a public right-of-way. Joe said he wants to meet with affected residents to hear their input before making a final decision.

Rick will send out a 1,000-ft notification letter on this issue.

If the path is to be installed, Mark Miller said it can be done in the spring.

Ginnie Newlin said she rode horses for 30 years and it is not in their nature to stay on macadam. If a macadam path is installed and horses use it, they will most likely walk along the side.

FORMAL MEETING

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Marty called the meeting to order at 8:08pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Recording of Meeting

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

Chairman's Report

Marty announced that the Board met in several Executive Sessions since the last meeting. They met on January 7 to discuss a personnel issue; on January 12 to discuss a legal matter; on January 14 to discuss police labor negotiations with the Westtown Board of Supervisors; and earlier today to discuss two legal matters. The Board agreed to hold another Executive Session, if necessary, on Thursday January 17 at 7:30pm, to discuss a pending legal matter.

Approval of Minutes

Carmen moved to approve the minutes of January 7 as corrected in workshop. Don seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted 4:1 to approve the

minutes. Joe was opposed, due to the fact that the minutes were not in the Supervisor's packet for review before the meeting.

Bid Awards for Sewer Treatment Plant Operation & Maintenance

Marty announced that the Township received two bids for the operation & maintenance of the Ridley Creek Plant and the Lochwood Chase Plant for three years:

Cawley Environmental Services\$320,300
 Artesian Utility Development\$270,035

Joe moved to award the bid to Artesian Utility Development as the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$270,035 for three years, per the January 9, 2008 recommendation of Public Works Director Mark Miller. Don seconded the motion. Carmen asked if the bid amount is per year, or for all three years. Rick said the bid amount covers all three years. Thom asked if the person who currently runs the plant works for Artesian. Rick said he does. There was no further discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for January 15, 2008:

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND		
Real Estate Tax	\$ 0.00	
Earned Income Tax	\$ 19,105.67	
EMS TAX	\$ 8,000.00	Accounts Payable \$ 31,943.01
Transfer Tax	\$ 0.00	Debt Service \$ 0.00
Codes, Park & Rec, Etc.	\$ 22,873.14	Payroll \$ 40,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 49,978.81	Total Expenditures \$ 71,943.01
Zoning Hearing Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
State Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Transportation Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sewer Operating	\$ 132,292.39	\$ 16,279.29
Refuse	\$ 115,743.56	\$ 8,902.90
Capital Projects	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Joe moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted, and the receipts, and to approve the expenditures reviewed in the workshop. Thom seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Police Report

Chief John Dumond reported there were 746 calls for service from East Goshen in December, which represented 51% of the total calls taken for the month. There was a burglary at J&A Gourmet on West Chester Pike which is still under investigation. Chief Dumond also said that the fourth suspect in the 2007 robbery at Commerce Bank is now in custody.

Joe told the Chief he is concerned about safety at the entrance of Genuardi's.

Joe noted that the "Marty sheet" was not attached to the monthly report.

Joe expressed concern that budget numbers for 2007 were 9.6% off budget. Carmen recommended that Thom, as new police commissioner, try to set up a monthly or bi-monthly meeting with Westtown to discuss this issue. Joe recommended that Thom get a handle on why Thornbury's PPU's are low, and be able to explain why Thornbury is not being charged too much for service or shortchanged.

Joe noted that year-end police budget receipts seem to closely match expenditures, which is unusual in his experience.

The Board briefly discussed benefits received by officers out on Workman's Comp.

Escrow Release #1, 1384 E. Boot Road

Don moved to approve Escrow Release #1 for 1384 E. Boot Road for \$2,950.00 of the \$5,240.00 that was requested for stormwater management, per the January 11, 2008 recommendation of Public Works Director Mark Miller. The release will cover inlets, pipe, and a spreader berm. The escrow balance after release will be \$14,942.00. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 08-41, Authorizing Issuance of Individual Procurement Cards

Carmen moved to adopt Resolution 08-41 authorizing issuance of individual procurement cards to Township staff, as discussed during workshop. Thom seconded the motion. Rick will prepare the documents requested by the Supervisors and have them ready for the February 5 meeting. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Meetings & Dates of Importance

Marty noted the upcoming meetings as listed in the agenda. The Board discussed having a workshop on January 29. The Supervisors discussed the possibility of scheduling and advertising workshops for the fifth Tuesday of every month (when it occurs), which can be cancelled by the Chairman if deemed not necessary, but no decision was reached.

Correspondence & Reports of Interest

Marty announced receipt of a letter from Pennoni Associates advising that the Municipal Authority will be submitting a Water Quality Management Permit (Part 2) for the expansion and upgrade of the Ridley Creek Sewer Plant.

Public Hour – Hearing of Residents – Receipt of Petitions

Paul Filione, owner of the Ridgewood Apartments, was present. He said he has taken a number of water conservation measures in the units as they turn over and has seen a significant impact on his Aqua bills. He would like to see a similar impact on his sewer bills. He told the Board he wants sewage bills to be based on metering, and if not, he would like the Board to reconsider the current rate structure. Marty told Mr. Filione he had come at a very good time, as the Board has recently become aware of some inequities in the current system. He explained that he, Don, and

Rick Smith are conducting a study of the average flows to see if billing is being done correctly. They will then look into the feasibility of going to a metered system, and will then look at the rates. Mr. Filione volunteered that if he could be of any help to the Board while they examine this issue, to please let him know. Carmen commended Mr. Filione for taking proactive steps to reduce water consumption at Ridgewood.

Adjournment

There being no further business or public comment, the formal meeting adjourned at 9:13pm.

WORKSHOP (Resumed)

Anne Drive Storm Sewer

Carmen thinks it prudent to have a depth study done of the current 18" pipe to see if it's possible to put in parallel 18" pipes to supplement it, instead of removing the current pipe and replacing it with a 36" pipe.

Marty said that if the Board decides to take on this project, he recommends working with PennDOT to find out exactly what they want the Township to do, instead of making assumptions.

The Pennoni report on the impacts of the additional water to residents of Bowtree is still outstanding.

Marty noted there is no safety issue with leaving the pipe as-is, and asked the Board if they wished to proceed with this project by obtaining more information. Carmen said the Township owes it to the residents to follow through, and potentially correct, this issue. Joe said he is opposed to proceeding because the Board has no idea how much money this project will end up costing. Joe believes the final amount would turn out to be significantly more than the estimate of \$210-\$235K. Thom said it would be nice to fix this issue, but he cannot justify spending a minimum of \$250K for the benefit of just a few residents. Don would like to proceed and obtain more information.

Marty reminded the Board that the 18" pipe belongs to PennDOT. He and Don brought up the issue of perhaps doing this as a joint project with PennDOT. For now, they would like to have the depth and location borings done for the existing utility lines and to get the information promised by Pennoni on the downstream impacts. The other Supervisors were in agreement with this plan. Carmen and Don volunteered to go to PennDOT with Rick when the time is right.

Refuse & Recycling Collection Days

The Board discussed Rick's memo of January 2 on this topic. The consensus was to leave the current schedule as-is, with no changes.

Critical Communications Tools

Don recommended leaving this matter on the back burner for another 6 months until additional data on the various options is in. Carmen recommended using Reverse 911 as necessary for now, until the Board has a concrete emergency communications plan in place. Marty asked the

Vice-Chairman to work with another Supervisor to study the options and present the Board with a recommendation. Carmen will see if Joe is interested in working on this project (Joe had to leave the meeting early) and will report back next week. Assuming Joe agrees, Carmen and he will plan to have a recommendation to the Board in September.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 10:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary