

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP
1580 PAOLI PIKE
March 11, 2008 – 7:00pm**

Present: Vice-Chairman Carmen Battavio, Don McConathy, Joe McDonough and Thom Clapper. Chairman Marty Shane was absent. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Jim McRee (Planning Commission & DMC), Kathryn Yahraes (Historical Commission), and Township Solicitor Jeff Sommer.

WORKSHOP

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Carmen called the meeting to order at 7:04pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Bills

Current invoices were reviewed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for March 11, 2008:

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND		
Real Estate Tax	\$ 57,297.00	
Earned Income Tax	\$ 42,995.83	
EMS TAX	\$ 1,298.37	Accounts Payable \$ 86,824.64
Transfer Tax	\$ 0.00	Debt Service \$ 0.00
Codes, Park & Rec, Etc.	\$ 37,614.09	Payroll \$ 40,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 139,205.29	Total Expenditures \$ 126,824.64
Zoning Hearing Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
State Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 1,324.19	\$ 93,970.26
Transportation Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sewer Operating	\$ 14,089.99	\$ 22,922.74
Refuse	\$ 12,176.15	\$ 73,227.95
Capital Projects	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Joe moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and the receipts, and to approve the expenditures just reviewed. Don seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted and the motion passed unanimously.

COLD (Community On-Lot Disposal Systems) – Amendment to Ordinance

The Board reviewed a proposed amendment to Chapter 188 of the sewer ordinance with Jeff Sommer. The Board will vote on the change at the March 18 meeting.

Proposal from NextG Networks

Jeff Sommer briefed the Board on a proposal received from NextG Networks. Jeff and Rick Smith plan to meeting with NextG representative Christopher T. Sinclair before March 18. They will report back to the Board.

Delinquent Accounts

Jeff said Deb Beury had asked him for guidance on how to handle some of the Township's larger delinquent accounts that already have liens against them, and Jeff in turn wanted to get the Board's input. After some discussion it was decided that Jeff will continue to file the liens and keep them up to date as usual. Meanwhile the Board will consider how to handle this situation.

Freehand Lawsuit

Jeff gave the Board a brief update on this suit, and asked for guidance on how they wish to pursue the issue of the \$9500 in unpaid engineering costs still owed to the Township by Freehand. At the Board's direction, Jeff will see if a settlement is possible.

Yerkes Proposal re: TMDL

The Board reviewed Rick's two memos dated March 6, 2008 on this topic.

Carmen said the Municipal Authority just approved paying \$3,000 to Pennoni to review the TMDL from an engineering perspective. In addition, East Goshen will have to pay one-sixth the total cost for West Goshen to fight the TMDL from a legal perspective.

Rick recommended having Yerkes review the TMDL for the MS4 at a cost of \$600 to \$2,200. He would then integrate the reports from Pennoni and Yerkes into the comments East Goshen submits, which are due by April 6.

Joe said he is opposed to spending money on both Pennoni and Yerkes. Don said he is not sure about spending money on the MS4 issue because he believes the document (which is still a draft) will end up getting thrown out because it's so flawed.

Carmen said that Evan Andrews of Pennoni agreed to review both the MS4 and the Chester TMDL information together for a total of \$3,000. Carmen, Don, and Joe agreed that would make more sense than having Yerkes do the MS4 at an additional expense to the Township. Thom said he could go along with that decision if that's what the others wanted, although he feels having Yerkes' perspective would be of value.

Rick said he still recommended using Yerkes to gain another perspective, and said it might be wise to spend a little money now during the important public comment period, because the Township will probably spend a lot more on this issue down the road once new regulations are imposed.

The group agreed to ask Evan Andrews of Pennoni to review both the MS4 and the Chester Creek TMDL information at his proposed cost of \$3,000.

Don said he will also send some comments to Rick, to be included in the cover letter that gets sent to the EPA.

Pending Action List

The group reviewed the updated list prepared by Don. Four items were removed from the list:

- Signal at Ellis Lane & Paoli Pike
- New vacuum truck
- Modify swimming pool setbacks for SFOD
- Generator for Township building

Updates on other pending items:

- **Traffic study for Boot Road (with West Goshen)** – Rick will see if Marty and Dr. White of West Goshen can discuss this offline while Marty is recuperating at home.
- **Signal at Line Road & Paoli Pike** – Rick has sent a letter to Willistown.
- **CTDI LD Plan, 1305 Goshen Parkway** – Joe is opposed to holding up this applicant any longer while waiting for the Conservancy Board to come to a resolution about the landscaping. Don noted that the Conservancy Board was planning to discuss (and resolve) this issue at their March 12 meeting.
- **Report from Charter School on 2007 web site support** – Carmen will contact Jim Hanick directly to get this matter resolved.

Applebrook Walking Trail

The Supervisors reviewed Rick's March 5, 2008 memo on this topic. The majority of the Board agreed not to include the bridge in the grant application, as Pulte is paying for the entire bridge. They also agreed not to put the traffic light into the grant application. Thom disagreed on both counts – he would like to include the bridge and the traffic light in the grant application as he thinks it will increase the chances of approval.

Rick will have the path route surveyed next week. Joe expressed concern about trees that will need to be cut down, but Rick assured him that no important or valuable trees will be lost.

Because there are wetlands near Shirley Fox's property on both sides of E. Boot Road, Carmen suggested installing the path up to the E. Boot Road intersection for now, as per the original plan. Perhaps in the future the Board can consider a way to continue the path up near Ms. Fox's property. Don and Joe were in agreement with this plan.

The group unanimously agreed that the path should be paved.

Jim McRee of the Planning Commission asked why the Township must consider a stormwater plan for the new path when it wasn't a factor when the other path was installed. Rick said it's because of new regulations.

Carmen said he does not want the path constructed until the traffic light is installed at Line Road & Paoli Pike. Don suggested using the impact fees paid by Pulte when they developed the site to pay for the traffic light, rather than waiting for Willistown to come up with the money.

The Board will vote on the path issue at the April 1 meeting.

PECO Project at Rocky Hill (N. Chester & Strasburg Roads)

The Supervisors reviewed Rick's memo of March 6, 2008 on this topic. The consensus of the Board was to have PECO do the work during a weekend, working around the clock from Friday night thru early Monday morning. Rick is meeting with PECO tomorrow. He plans to ask PECO to pay for alternate accommodations for the handful of residents living at the intersection, to get them away from the 24-hour noise during that weekend. Don requested that Rick also ask PECO how they would handle a situation where they hit rock, or if some unexpected complication arises that would prevent the work being done over just one weekend.

Resolution 08-40, Email Policy

The Board agreed to have Jeff Sommer review the revised draft resolution before taking action.

Acknowledgement of Resident Emails

Thom asked for clarification on the policy of acknowledging emails from residents during the public meetings. The group agreed that a simple acknowledgement is enough; details of the emails do not need to be provided in the public meeting.

Tennis Court Repairs

The Board reviewed Mark Miller's February 29, 2008 memo on repair work needed at the tennis courts. The Supervisors agreed to have the courts patched for 2008, and to put money in the budget to have them resurfaced in 2009.

School Light Update

Per Rick, this issue has been resolved.

PLIGIT

The Board will vote on the PLIGIT cards at the March 18 meeting.

Police Negotiations

The Board agreed to hold an Executive Session on April 8 to discuss police negotiations. The entire evening will be reserved for this topic. An Executive Session with Westtown on this same topic will be held on April 10 at the East Goshen building.

2008 Liaisons

The Board reviewed Rick's draft list of ABC liaisons for 2008. Rick will update the list using the input he received.

Liaison Reports

Park & Rec – Thom distributed a written report of the March 6 Park & Rec meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary