

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
July 8, 2008 – 7:00pm**

**Present:** Chairman Marty Shane, Vice-Chairman Carmen Battavio, Joe McDonough, Don McConathy and Thom Clapper. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Linda Gordon (Historical Commission), Jim McRee (Planning Commission & DMC) and Phyllis Marron (Park & Rec).

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Marty called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**November/December Holidays & Meeting Schedule**

The Board discussed Rick Smith's June 30 memo about the holiday schedule for November and December. After some discussion the Board agreed to close the office as usual on Veterans' Day (November 11) and have Friday, December 26 be a regular working day. The Board meeting that would normally fall on Tuesday, November 11 will be rescheduled for Wednesday, November 12.

**Past-Due Utility Bill Collection Procedure**

The Board reviewed Deb Beury's July 3 memo on this topic. Joe said the process should not be allowed to drag on more than a year before the Township takes decisive action.

The Board agreed to the following procedure and timeline regardless of the amount that is past due:

At end of 7<sup>th</sup> month past due (2 quarters + 30 days) –  
*Send a letter from Township*

At end of 8<sup>th</sup> month past due –  
*Send letter from Township Solicitor warning of impending lien and the possible sale of personal property if the person did not bring the account current or enter into a payment agreement*

At end of 9<sup>th</sup> month past due –  
*The Township Solicitor files a lien on property*

At end of 12 months past due –  
*The Township Solicitor proceeds with the sale of personal property unless the person has brought the account current or entered into a payment agreement.*

Both Thom and Joe raised the question of reviewing delinquent accounts on a case-by-case basis to filter out situations of true need versus a simple refusal to pay. Carmen said the Board should not be put in the position of having to make those kinds of judgment calls, and furthermore it

would involve a great deal of time in reviewing a taxpayer's financial situation in detail. Don agreed. Marty also agreed and reminded Thom and Joe that the Board's responsibility is to decide upon and enforce a general policy, and not to craft a policy based on exceptions that may or may not arise.

**Bills**

Current invoices were reviewed.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report for July 8, 2008:

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
Real Estate Tax	\$ 0.00		
Earned Income Tax	\$ 50,166.76		
LST	\$ 1,932.74	Accounts Payable	\$ 27,774.64
Transfer Tax	\$ 0.00	Debt Service	\$ 0.00
Codes, Park & Rec, Etc.	\$ 41,659.13	Payroll	\$ 45,000.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 93,758.63</b>	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 72,774.64</b>
Zoning Hearing Fund	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
State Fund	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 0.00		\$ 2,628.51
Transportation Fund	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
Sewer Operating	\$ 1,957.83		\$ 2,737.21
Refuse	\$ 116.00		\$ 0.00
Capital Projects	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00

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

**Agenda for July 15 Meeting**

The Board discussed the agenda for the next formal meeting, and in particular the discussion on the deer management program.

Joe wondered why the Board would entertain more discussion on an issue that has already been voted on and on which the Township is moving forward.

Carmen suggested letting the residents who plan to attend know that the Board will not be able to recognize them until the formal meeting, and after the public hearing for Comcast. Per Marty this may not be until 9:30pm or 10:00pm. They should also be told of the meeting cutoff time of 10:30pm. The other Supervisors agreed with this. Marty directed Rick to put a sign on the front door to this effect, and have the agenda reflect it.

Carmen also suggested that if a large crowd of residents turns out at 7:00pm for the deer issue, the Board should move the workshop to the large room as a matter of courtesy. Marty and Thom were not in favor of this idea but were outnumbered by Carmen, Joe and Don.

The Supervisors then agreed on the following items:

- o Resident Anne Quinn will be allowed time to make her presentation without interruption.
- o Marty will summarize how the Township got to the point of approving the deer management program.
- o Marty will address the anti-hunting flyer that has been circulating among residents. He will discuss each line item on the flyer. No interruptions or questions from residents will be entertained until he is finished.
- o The deer discussion will cease promptly at 10:30pm. Any additional discussion will be moved to the following week.
- o No recording devices will be used to assist the recording secretary in capturing the deer discussion, nor will a court reporter be used for this purpose.

Marty announced that the DMC meeting has been moved from July 21 to July 14 and that a representative from the Game Commission will be in attendance.

#### **EPA's Proposed TMDL Changes**

The Board discussed a document they received from Evan Andrews summarizing EPA's proposed changes to TMDL standards. Marty asked that in future, Rick provide the Board with a one-page summary cover memo for such documents.

Joe asked if the TMDL criteria are being incorporated in the current Ridley expansion specifications going out to bid? Ricky replied, they were not. Joe said, are you saying that after we spend 10 to 13 million dollars, that we may need to spend more if the TMDL is enforced. Ricky said, yes.

Joe said, it makes no sense to him not to plan for, in the current bid specifications, a potential higher criteria from the TMDL.. If not, then we are not pro-actively preparing for long term needs. Joe then indicated that he changed his mind and was now in favor of selling the sewer plant system because otherwise the issue is going to cause way too much pain. However, if the rest of the Board decides against selling the system, Joe would like the plant expansion bid documents the Township is sending out to address "the coming storm." Carmen stated if this is how the board feels, quit playing around and sell the plant tomorrow. Marty said he is willing to reconsider selling the sewer plant system because he does not see what the Township would gain by keeping it. Don would like to have more data before making a decision.

Marty advised Rick to continue with the bid process as scheduled.

#### **Police Issues**

The Board discussed the police station HVAC issue and an issue regarding police phone service.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board met in Executive Session until 10:30pm to discuss a personnel matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Meddings". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Anne Meddings  
Recording Secretary