

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
August 5, 2008 – 7:00pm**

Present: Chairman Marty Shane, Vice-Chairman Carmen Battavio, Joe McDonough, Don McConathy and Thom Clapper. Also present were Public Works Director Mark Miller, Phyllis Marron (Park & Rec), Linda Gordon (Historical Commission), Jim McRee (Planning Commission & DMC), Jane Fava (Conservancy Board) and Township Solicitor Kristin Camp.

WORKSHOP

Minutes

The draft minutes of July 8, 15 and 22 were reviewed and corrected.

Bills

Current invoices were reviewed.

Marty requested that Phyllis Marron inform the rest of the Park & Rec Board that they should keep a closer eye on the expenditures made for programs run by Frank Vattalino to evaluate their effectiveness and to make sure the programs are indeed self-funding.

Carmen requested that operating expenses for the Deer Management Program (DMP) be shown as a line item in the budget on future financial reports. Mark Miller will convey this to Deb Beury.

Background Checks for Hunters

Don wants the Township to document that background checks have been performed for the hunters involved in the DMP. Marty asked Jim McRee to check with the deer hunting groups when he meets with them this week to find out the exact nature of the checks they are performing on their hunters. Don requested that Jim obtain a general statement from each group regarding the checks they are doing.

Public Comment: Tony Perretta, 1601 Bane Way – Asked that the Township take full ownership of the background checks for the hunters and not leave it up to the hunting groups. He said doing this might help the Board “build a bridge” to the residents who are upset about the hunt.

Marty said that [the hunting groups are](#) fully responsible for the background checks but still needs Jim McRee to get some information from the hunting groups to help the Township proceed on this matter.

Liability Issues Related to Deer Hunt

Don reminded Marty that the Board is still waiting for information from Jeff Sommer regarding liability issues related to the deer hunt, and that this topic was not discussed during the public hearing on August 4. Kristin Camp said the Township is immune from liability, which lies with the hunters themselves. Don told Marty it’s very important for the liability information to be communicated to the residents.

Agenda Review

The agenda for the formal meeting was reviewed. Marty noted that T-Mobile has withdrawn their conditional use application, so there would be no public hearing on that matter.

Solid Waste Ordinance Amendment

Carmen raised some questions about the monetary penalties for residents who violate the proposed ordinance amendment. After some discussion the Board agreed this item should be tabled pending further review.

FORMAL MEETING

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Marty called the meeting to order at 8:07pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Recording of Meeting

No resident indicated that they would be recording the meeting.

Moment of Silence

Carmen called for a moment of silence in honor of the men and women serving their country in the armed forces, and their families.

Approval of Minutes

Don moved to approve the minutes of July 8, 15 and 22 as corrected in Workshop. Thom seconded the motion. There was no public comment and no discussion. The Supervisors who were present voted unanimously to approve the motion. Carmen Battavio was out of the room at this time and therefore did not vote.

Cancellation of Public Hearings

Marty announced that T-Mobile has withdrawn their conditional use application because they did not get permission from PECO to use the pole they wanted for their equipment. Therefore, there would be no public hearing on this topic tonight. He also announced that the Solid Waste ordinance amendment hearing would be tabled pending further review and revision.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for August 5, 2008:

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND		
Real Estate Tax	\$ 0.00	
Earned Income Tax	\$ 55,043.08	
LST	\$ 1,000.00	Accounts Payable \$ 271,377.33
Transfer Tax	\$ 0.00	Debt Service \$ 27,808.29
Codes, Park & Rec, Etc.	\$ 26,405.68	Payroll \$ 88,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 82,448.76	Total Expenditures \$ 387,185.62
Zoning Hearing Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
State Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 0.00	\$ 58,294.82
Transportation Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sewer Operating	\$ 185,690.08	\$ 242,299.50
Refuse	\$ 119,029.91	\$ 13,886.14
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 Workshop. Don seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The Board voted and the motion passed unanimously.

Sorrell Hill – Escrow Release #6

Joe moved to approve Escrow Release #6 for Sorrell Hill in the amount of \$130,886.00 per the July 16, 2008 recommendation of Public Works Director Mark Miller. Don seconded the motion. Marty asked Mark Miller what items are not covered by the release. Mark said the items not covered include some silt fencing, some curbing, and some paving.

Jim McRee of the Planning Commission asked what items were covered. Joe gave him a copy of the list. The covered items include engineering, soil and erosion control, storm sewer, earthwork, sanitary sewer, culvert walls, road construction, traffic control, curbing, paving, and inspections.

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

YMCA Request for Tree Substitutions

Marty announced that this agenda item would be tabled pending the recommendation of the Conservancy Board, who had not yet received a copy of the YMCA's request.

Correspondence & Reports of Interest

Marty acknowledged receipt of an application from resident Judith Bowers to subdivide her property at 953 Cornwallis Drive, and a letter from resident Karen Paiste Dougherty stating her opposition to the Deer Management Program.

Public Comment – Hearing of Residents – Receipt of Petitions

John Schorn, 1401 Larch Lane – Asked for a status of the Wellington issue he brought up some time ago. Marty said it is still under review but will be on the Board’s agenda soon. Mr. Schorn reported there is lots of debris on Reservoir Road. Mark Miller said the debris is going to be cleaned up. Mr. Schorn asked the status on the property at 1419 Center Street that was recently demolished. He asked what the total cost to the Township was for everything related to this property. Mark Miller said he was awaiting some dumpster bills and would not have the final tally until next month. Mr. Schorn asked what the status was of the Sheriff’s Sale of the property. Kristin Camp said the sale will be handled by the Tax Claim Bureau. She noted that is a lengthy process that lasts 3 years and 9 months.

Tony Perretta, 1601 Bane Way – Said the trash company is not doing a professional job. His trashcans are usually left rolling around in the street. He has also noticed problems with spilled garbage being left on the street. Mark Miller noted Mr. Perretta’s address and said he would take care of it.

John Schorn, 1401 Larch Lane – Said he’s noticed the trash haulers are becoming more careful lately about loading garbage into the trucks to avoid spills.

Jim McRee, Oneida Lane – Said his metal trashcan has been dented so many times by the trash haulers that there is a tear in it. Mark Miller said he would get Mr. McRee a replacement can.

Margaret Dunn, 1331 E. Strasburg Road – Asked when residents are required to remove trash cans from the curb following trash pickup. Marty said that under the ordinance amendment which is currently tabled, residents must put their cans back by 8am the day following pickup.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

[Note: Supervisor Battavio had to leave the meeting at this point.]

WORKSHOP (Resumed)

DMC Openings

Marty said he would request Diane Degnan to advertise the 3 openings on the DMC.

Reservoir Road Bridge/Public Works Schedule

Mark Miller said the Public Works crew would be able to make the necessary repairs to the Reservoir Road bridge without impacting other projects on their schedule such as road resurfacing and marking of the open spaces for the deer hunt. He said there would be some minor delay in the road resurfacing projects, however. He asked for permission to defer repaving of the corporate park west until after CTDI is done with their building construction, since the construction truck traffic will tear up the road. The Supervisors agreed that this project could be deferred. Joe instructed Mark that there should be no overtime pay for the Public Works employees unless the Board is notified ahead of time.

The Board discussed the repairs needed to the bridge. Mark said Public Works would need to increase the stone wall height to need to build a 42" high stone wall or add or a metal railing, and he recommend the stone wall. The stone work can be done in-house by Labor Day. The Supervisors were all okay with having the stone wall put in, except for Thom, who would prefer the railing which is less expensive. Marty indicated that the out-of-pocket expense with Public Works doing the work is similar to the cost for the railing.

Malvern Fire Company Contribution Request

The Board reviewed the July 8, 2008 letter from the Malvern Fire Company requesting a 2008 contribution from East Goshen in the amount of \$11,021.00. The Supervisors were all okay with this amount.

Resident Complaint Regarding New Stop Sign on Walnut Hill Road

The Board reviewed a July 30, 2008 letter from resident A. Lal concerning a stop sign at Walnut Hill Road and Cider Knoll Drive. Mark Miller said he was not aware of a new stop sign being installed, but would investigate.

Sewer Plant Bids

Mark Miller advised that the deadline for the sewer plant bids has been extended to August 26.

Noise Ordinance

Marty advised that the noise ordinance will be on the next workshop agenda and that Diane Degan has gathered some information from neighboring Townships on their noise ordinances.

Action List

Marty requested the other Supervisors bring their Action List to each meeting in future.

Air Conditioning in Township Building

Linda Gordon of the Historical Commission said when she comes into the Township building on weekends it is always freezing cold. She stated there is no need to cool an empty building and requested the air conditioning be turned down over the weekend to conserve energy. Marty asked Mark Miller to put the topic of "energy conservation" on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary