

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
September 16, 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, Kathryn Yahraes (Historical Commission), Jim McRee (Planning Commission & DMC) and Jane Fava (Conservancy Board).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session with Township Solicitor Jeff Sommer from 6:00pm to 7:12pm to discuss pending litigation.

WORKSHOP

Bills

Current invoices were reviewed.

Agenda Review

The agenda for the formal meeting was reviewed.

Minutes

The draft minutes of September 2 were reviewed and corrected.

DMC Appointments

The Board briefly discussed the new appointments to the DMC, Chuck Matasic and John Babiec, and which current members they would replace.

Line Road & Paoli Pike Traffic Signal & Turn Lane

Marty advised that he, Carmen, Rick, Senya Isayeff and Al Zuccarello met with representatives from Applewood Meadow Associates Acquisition Corporation (“Applewood”) on September 12. The Applewood representatives said they have estimated the cost for the intersection improvements to be \$500-\$600K. Marty told them that East Goshen could not do anything without Willistown’s participation. Marty said he pointed out to them that Applewood is required to put in the traffic light as part of their approval for the development, and furthermore they must make the intersection improvements to make their project marketable, since the homes in the first two phases will be exiting onto Line Road.

Carmen said he suggested the Applewood representatives meet with the Malvern Fire Company to discuss the impacts of the new development, and they seemed receptive to the idea.

Marty said East Goshen must now wait for Applewood to come back with a proposal for consideration.

WCASD Bus Transfers

Rick is working on a letter to the County regarding the use of the District Court lot for school bus transfers.

YMCA Trees for Conservancy Board

Jane Fava said the Conservancy Board (CB) plans to discuss this issue at their September 24 workshop meeting. The CB would like the YMCA to provide smaller caliper trees so they can get more of them. Carmen questioned if it wouldn't be better to get larger trees since they come with an 18-month guarantee. Jane said she would prefer smaller trees since they could get more of them, they have a better survival rate, and in five years they would be at the same size as the larger trees (the larger trees do not grow as fast when first planted). The CB would like to plant some of them in the area of E. Boot Road near Clocktower. Carmen suggested planting some near the upper part of the Applebrooke trail.

As a side note - Jane said she has requested that Mark Miller consider designating a Public Works employee to be trained in trees and wetland issues.

YMCA Pavilions

Representatives from the Supervisors, Planning Commission and Conservancy Board will be meeting on Thursday September 18 to discuss placement of the pavilions on the YMCA property.

FORMAL MEETING

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Marty called the meeting to order at 8:05pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Recording of Meeting

No resident indicated they planned to record the meeting.

Moment of Silence

Carmen called for a moment of silence 1) to honor of the men and women serving their country in the armed forces, and their families and 2) to ask that law enforcement officials would have the wisdom to find and apprehend the person responsible for planting the bomb in West Chester.

Announcements

Marty announced that public comments would be taken at the end of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Don moved to approve the minutes of September 2 as corrected in Workshop. Carmen seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected. Marty and Joe abstained from voting due to their absence from that meeting.

Chairman's Report

Marty announced the following:

- The Board met in Executive Session on September 2, September 9, and earlier this evening to discuss pending litigation.
- The Swierczek and Bramley conditional use applications have been continued to October 7, 2008.
- Jackie DiAntonio has resigned from the Conservancy Board.

Presentation of PMAA Awards to Fran Beck and Jack Yahraes

Marty announced that both Fran Beck and Jack Yahraes have served on the Municipal Authority for 30 years. For this service they have each been honored with the distinguished PMAA Extended Service Award. Marty thanked Fran and Jack for doing such a great job for the Township, and he thanked their wives Shirley Beck and Kathryn Yahraes for their support through the years. Since Fran and Jack were both unable to attend the PMAA dinner in Hershey when the awards were given out, Marty presented Fran and Jack with their plaques commemorating their service.

Appointments to Deer Management Committee

Marty announced that two new members would be appointed to the DMC to replace members who were resigning. Thom moved to appoint Chuck Matasic (Wentworth) and John Babiec (Hershey's Mill) to the DMC. Don seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for September 16, 2008:

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND		
Real Estate Tax	\$ 0.00	
Earned Income Tax	\$ 31,846.47	
LST	\$ 0.00	Accounts Payable \$ 133,026.30
Transfer Tax	\$ 0.00	Debt Service \$ 0.00
Codes, Park & Rec, Etc.	\$ 18,192.25	Payroll \$ 45,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 50,038.72	Total Expenditures \$ 178,026.30
Zoning Hearing Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
State Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,133.12
Transportation Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sewer Operating	\$ 3,236.77	\$ 10,455.60
Refuse	\$ 3,400.55	\$ 78,669.40
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. Thom seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The Board voted and the motion passed unanimously.

Police Report

Police Chief John Dumond apologized for not having the monthly report of police activity as usual. He reported that there have been several thefts of motorcycles on the Route 3 corridor. He commended Detective Jason Large for his role in the arrest of a suspect who vandalized the athletic fields at Fugett Middle School. Chief Dumond announced that the Citizens Police Academy held its second session last evening.

Carmen advised residents to keep alert and look after their neighbors' properties as well as their own due to a general increase in crime.

Reverse 9-1-1

Carmen introduced John Haynes, Deputy Director for 9-1-1 Operations in Chester County, who spoke about the pros and cons of the Reverse 9-1-1 system. He noted it is best used for small areas of the Township, and would not be efficient for a Township-wide message.

He also spoke about the "Ready Notify PA" system, which is funded by the Department of Homeland Security's Terrorism Task Force. Like Reverse 9-1-1, it is a free service, but it can be used for non-emergency notifications. It blasts a text message or email to all participating residents simultaneously. Residents must register (opt in) by going online or by telephoning the County. Joe asked if the Township could get a report of how many residents have signed up and Mr. Haynes said yes. Carmen asked if there are any future plans to charge Townships for either Reverse 9-1-1 or Ready Notify PA. Mr. Haynes said that is not on the table and has never been discussed.

Joe suggested that Don put this issue on the Supervisors' Action List. The Board will need to develop a procedure for using the Ready Notify PA service. Don agreed and said he will want to discuss how this system will fit in with the Township's email distribution list that is under consideration.

Public Comment: Sue Bernhard, 220 N. Lochwood Lane – Asked Mr. Haynes how long it takes to send out a message using Reverse 9-1-1. Mr. Haynes said without going overnight, it takes about 4 days to notify everyone in East Goshen. Ms. Bernhard suggested the system be used to notify residents of the upcoming deer hunt since there are people who do not read the newsletter, website, or the *Daily Local*. Marty advised Ms. Bernhard that with the pending litigation, the Board could not get into any discussion about the deer tonight.

Carmen asked Mr. Haynes if the County has any boilerplate messages for the Ready Notify PA service. Mr. Haynes says there is no boilerplate.

Public Comment: Bill Egan, Mill Creek Drive – Said he has had positive experiences with both systems in Avalon, NJ and in Washington DC where he signed up for the Alert DC service because his daughter attends college there.

Kathryn Yahraes of the Historical Commission asked if the Reverse 9-1-1 service will leave a message on voicemail if the phone is not answered. Mr. Haynes said yes. She asked if residents can sign up for both Reverse 9-1-1 and Ready Notify PA and Mr. Haynes said yes. Kathryn

recommended creating categories of information for residents to opt into. She then asked Mr. Haynes if either service is set up to issue Grey Alerts. Mr. Haynes said not at this time.

Mr. Haynes said the best way for citizens to sign up for either service is by going to the County website at www.dsf.chesco.org.

Correspondence and Reports of Interest

Marty acknowledged receipt of the following:

- Monthly report from Public Works Director Mark Miller.
- Memo from Public Works Director Mark Miller regarding odor complaints.

Meetings & Dates of Importance

Marty noted the upcoming meetings were listed in the agenda and posted on the meeting room door.

Public Comment Period

Kathryn Yahraes of the Historical Commission reminded everyone that Living History Day would be held on Saturday.

Public Comment: Anne Quinn, 215 N. Lochwood Lane – Asked how residents will be able to distinguish a burglar from a bow hunter. Chief Dumond advised Ms. Quinn to call 9-1-1 if anyone looks suspicious or appears out of place. The Board members agreed. Jim McRee noted that hunters will be carrying bows and will have rectangular tags on their backs.

Public Comment: Sue Bernhard, 220 N. Lochwood Lane – Said the hunters should be required to wear orange.

Public Comment: Anne Quinn, 215 N. Lochwood Lane – Said she was in the open space checking out the treestands already in place and noticed that they had ladders that were accessible to anyone. She said she thought the ladders were supposed to be removed when hunters were not using them. Marty said the Township will be inspecting the treestands before September 20 to make sure they comply with safety standards and that they do not present an “attractive nuisance.” Joe suggested Ms. Quinn email the information on the treestand locations to the Township Manager.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

WORKSHOP (Resumed)

TMACC Luncheon

Joe said he is unable to attend the TMACC luncheon on October 20. Joe will email the information to the rest of the Board members so they can check their schedules. Thom said he might be able to attend.

Township Website

Marty said that a Township staff member needs to be put in charge of the entire website, rather than bits and pieces being parceled out to various individuals. He directed Rick to appoint a staff member for this function.

Assistant Township Manager

Marty, Joe and Rick will go through the resumes and select the top 10 candidates for interviews.

Metered Water Billing

Marty told resident Bill Egan that it looks very unlikely that the Township can switch over to metered billing by January 2009, because it has been very difficult to get the necessary information from Aqua America.

Sexual Harassment Policy

The Board reviewed the revised draft and made two changes. Rick will pass them along to Jeff Sommer.

Deer Management Program Update

Jim McRee and Rick Smith updated the Board on outstanding issues related to the hunt. Marty said that everything must be in place by September 20th. If not, any open spaces not in compliance will not be hunted until everything is complete.

Snowplowing

The Board reviewed Mark Miller's September 9th memo on operational costs for mowing and snowplowing, but only discussed the costs for snowplowing. Carmen said he is in favor of using the Public Works Department for snowplowing because they deliver such a high level of service that no one else would be able to duplicate. Marty said the Board needs to weigh how much they value the level of service provided by the Public Works crew versus any cost savings that would come from outsourcing the work. Due to the late hour, the Board decided to revisit this issue in the future.

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 10:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary