

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
November 18, 2008 – 7:00pm**

Present: Chairman Marty Shane, Vice-Chairman Carmen Battavio, Don McConathy and Thom Clapper. Supervisor Joe McDonough arrived at 7:50pm. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Jim McRee (Planning Commission & DMC), Jane Fava (Conservancy Board), and Phyllis Marron (Park & Rec).

WORKSHOP

Bills

Current invoices were reviewed.

Minutes

The draft minutes of November 5 were reviewed and corrected.

Agenda Review

The agenda for the formal meeting was reviewed.

Resolution 08-54, Determination of Salary Ranges

In Paragraph 4, the word “preformed” was corrected to read “performed.”

Resolution 08-55, Reimbursement for Damaged Mailboxes

The Board agreed to add the phrase “on Township roads” after the words “snow removal operations” in line 2 of Paragraph 1, and to remove the phrase “for labor and materials for labor and materials” [sic] from line 2 of Paragraph 3.

Resolution 08-56, Random Testing

The Board reviewed this draft resolution. Carmen and Marty were fine with the resolution as written. Don, Joe, and Thom wanted the resolution to specify that employees will only be tested “during normal working hours.” The resolution was edited to change the wording according to the preference of the majority.

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 to honor of the men and women serving their country in the armed forces, and their families.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Approval of Minutes

Don moved to approve the minutes of November 5 as corrected in workshop. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected, with one abstention (Carmen).

New Right-To-Know Law

Marty said the new Right-To-Know law specifies that draft minutes should not be distributed to anyone but the Board members. The Supervisors agreed to discuss all aspects of the new Right-To-Know law during the December 9 workshop.

Chairman’s Report

Marty announced that the Board met in Executive Session regarding the police labor contract on November 12. He also announced that Connie Bain will be resigning from the Historical Commission at the end of the year.

PUBLIC HEARING – Metro PCS

Marty announced that the Conditional Use Hearing for Metro PCS of Pennsylvania LLC requesting approval to install a wireless communication facility on the Aqua PA water tank on Edgewood Road will be continued until December 16, 2008.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for November 18, 2008:

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND		
Real Estate Tax	\$ 0.00	
Earned Income Tax	\$ 47,900.32	
LST	\$ 0.00	Accounts Payable \$ 35,186.72
Transfer Tax	\$ 0.00	Debt Service \$ 0.00
Codes, Park & Rec, Etc.	\$ 5,733.16	Payroll \$ 40,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 53,633.48	Total Expenditures \$ 75,186.72
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	\$ 12,423.53	\$ 29,788.90
Refuse	\$ 11,287.61	\$ 73,043.81
Capital Projects	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Carmen 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.

Police Report

Chief John Dumond reported there were 552 calls for service in East Goshen in October. A resident of Goshen Valley Apartments left her unit unlocked and had a prescription medication stolen. An automobile stolen from East Goshen was recovered in West Chester, but the perpetrator eluded the officer during a foot chase. The participants of the 11th annual Citizens Policy Academy will graduate on Monday, November 24.

Resolution 08-54, Determination of Salary Ranges

Don moved to adopt Resolution 08-54 as modified in workshop. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 08-55, Reimbursement for Damaged Mailboxes

Thom moved to adopt Resolution 08-55 as modified in workshop. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed 4:1 with Carmen opposed.

Resolution 08-56, Random Testing

Don moved to adopt Resolution 08-56 as modified in workshop. Joe seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Fuel Dispensing System

Carmen moved to approve an expenditure of \$70K to replace the Township's fuel dispensing system. Once the new system is installed, the Township will allow the Goshen Fire Company to use the system in accordance with a mutually acceptable agreement, and the Fire Company will reimburse the Township in full for the fuel they dispense. Don seconded the motion. Joe noted that the \$70K should come out of the 2008 budget, or if that is not possible, the 2009 budget will have to be adjusted to reflect this expenditure.

Public Comment John Schorn, 1401 Larch Lane – Expressed concern that the Township's fuel tank might not be large enough to accommodate the needs of the Fire Company's vehicles in addition to the Township's vehicles. He suggested that a high-speed fuel dispenser be installed; otherwise it will take a very long time to fill the Fire Company's vehicles. Carmen told Mr. Schorn he is sure Mark Miller has taken the needs of the Fire Company into consideration.

Joe said he would like the job to go to bid, and the other Supervisors agreed. They also agreed that the Township will have to come up with clear specs for the fuel dispenser, and that it will not be possible for the project to be completed and paid for in 2008. Therefore, the 2009 budget will have to be adjusted accordingly. In addition, an agreement with the Fire Company will have to be drafted and voted on at a future meeting.

Thom said that if any extra expenses are incurred for the fuel dispensing system to accommodate the needs of the Fire Company, the Fire Company should pay for those expenses. There was no further discussion or public comment. The Board voted and the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence and Reports of Interest

Marty acknowledged receipt of the following:

- Fire Marshal's report for October 2008.
- Zoning Hearing Board application from the Malvern Institute for a special exception for their property at 940 King Road.
- Deer Management Program Progress Report dated November 18, 2008.

Meetings & Dates of Importance

Marty noted the list of upcoming meetings as listed in the agenda. The December 23 and December 30 meetings may be cancelled.

Malvern Institute

The Malvern Institute is scheduled to come before the Board on December 16. However, since there is already a heavy agenda for that evening, Rick will ask the Institute if they would be willing to move their presentation to January. If not, Rick will try to reschedule them for the December 9 workshop.

Any Other Matter

Carmen would like the Township building to serve as a collection point for a food drive to benefit local shelters and charities. He will provide a list of the organizations to Rick. He would like the food drive information posted to the website.

Carmen announced that the Fire Company will have an all-you-can-eat buffet breakfast on Sunday, November 23.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.

WORKSHOP (Resumed)

Commercial Sewer Accounts

The Board reviewed Rick's November 7 memo on this subject. The Supervisors agreed that going forward, the Township will only bill property owners, and not tenants for sewer services. The Supervisors also agreed that the Township should try to recoup the money due from the owner of the IBM building at 1585 Paoli Pike and the owner of the Loads of Fun Laundromat at 1334 West Chester Pike, and put a lien against the buildings if necessary.

Employee Benefits

The Board reviewed Diane Degnan's October 29 memo on this topic. Joe and Carmen said they were very impressed with Diane's work on this matter and she should be commended for taking initiative on this issue. However, Joe, Carmen and Marty would like to see more data on the increased costs to employees that would result from the proposed changes to the health insurance plan.

In regard to life insurance, Joe thinks it should be capped at 1x salary or \$100K, whichever is less. The other Supervisors were okay with that, except for Thom, who wants the life insurance amount to remain at \$50K.

Bishop Shanahan Post-Prom Party Donation

The Board agreed to discuss this item on November 25, when discretionary expenditures are reviewed.

Liaison Reports

Joe said there was nothing of note to report from the November 13 Historical Commission meeting.

Subdivisions/Land Development/Zoning Hearing Board Applications

Rick said the Chalfant hearing for a zoning variance has been continued until January.

Hershey's Mill Dam

The Township is still awaiting the results of the soil tests.

Marty said he has been informed that the Hershey's Mill Master Association has unanimously voted to recommend the Township breach the dam, and a letter will be forthcoming.

Rick said he has been told by a consultant from URS that the cost to breach the dam may actually be less than the cost shown in the Rettew presentation, and the costs for Options 1 and 2 may actually be more than those shown in the presentation.

Marty requested that Carmen move forward on his fundraising efforts for the dam.

November 25 Meeting

The Board agreed to meet at 6:00pm on November 25. The 2009 budget will be discussed from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, at which point the ABC interviews will take place. The budget discussion can continue after the interviews if necessary. The Board agreed that the Recording Secretary will not need to attend the meeting that evening.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 9:45pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session from 9:45pm to 11:00pm to discuss the police labor contract and a personnel matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary