

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
December 9, 2008 – 6:45pm**

**Present:** Chairman Marty Shane, Vice-Chairman Carmen Battavio and Don McConathy. Supervisors Joe McDonough and Thom Clapper were absent. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Kathryn Yahraes (Historical Commission), Phyllis Marron (Park & Rec), and Jane Fava (Conservancy Board).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board met in Executive Session from 6:45pm to 7:05pm to conduct ABC interviews.

**WORKSHOP**

**E. Boot Road Plantings**

Marty asked Jane Fava about the status of this project. Jane said she has ideas for some shrubs that will work well under the existing walnut trees. Marty said the Township needs to cut costs this year wherever possible. Don said that no nurseries that have been approached are interested in donating plants for this project. Marty asked Jane what is the minimum amount of money she can work with. Jane said \$3K should suffice, and no additional funds will be required for maintenance work. Marty said the Conservancy Board will have to provide the Board with a plan for using the \$3K before any expenditures for this project will be approved, and Don was in agreement with this. Carmen was opposed to budgeting \$3K for this project without seeing a plan first, and said the request came too late in the budget process. He suggested the Conservancy Board consider planting ornamental grasses or simply mowing the area. Jane said that ornamental grasses are invasive. After some more discussion Carmen agreed to go along with budgeting \$3K for this project, but told Jane that approval of any expenditure would be contingent upon the Conservancy Board presenting the Board a plan that gets approved by the majority of Supervisors.

**Hershey's Mill Dam**

Marty informed Kathryn Yahraes that if the Historical Commission plans to do any fundraising to try to save the dam, they need to get started immediately. Without funds coming in from outside organizations, it looks like breaching may be inevitable due to financial considerations.

**Bills**

Current invoices were reviewed.

**RCSTP Upgrade**

The Board discussed how best to track expenditures for this project. Don would like Deb Beury and Evan Andrews to get together and discuss this so they are on the same page. Marty informed Rick that the Board must approve of any change orders received.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report for December 9, 2008:

	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Real Estate Tax	\$ 0.00	
Earned Income Tax	\$ 155,616.84	
LST	\$ 18,117.60	Accounts Payable \$ 19,829.35
Transfer Tax	\$ 0.00	Debt Service \$ 234,721.14
Codes, Park & Rec, Etc.	\$ 26,893.74	Payroll \$ 40,000.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 200,628.18</b>	<b>Total Expenditures \$ 294,550.49</b>
Zoning Hearing Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
State Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,249.00
Transportation Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sewer Operating	\$ 8,928.58	\$ 20,488.62
Refuse	\$ 9,671.36	\$ 33,064.47
Capital Projects	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Carmen 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 unanimously to pass the motion.

## **Sewer Ordinance**

The Board discussed the revised draft Sewer Ordinance No. 129-F-08, and the draft Sewer Resolution No. 08-57.

The Board agreed that in January, the ordinance will be amended to add language stating that property owners, as opposed to tenants, are responsible for paying the sewer bills.

The Board discussed the upcoming public hearing on December 16 and how to most effectively conduct the meeting.

## **Police Budget**

Marty asked Rick to have the 2009 WEGO budget posted to the Township website.

## **Applebrook Path**

The Board discussed Rick's December 5 memo regarding the expenses involved for this topic. Marty asked Rick to find out if the Township only paves part of the path, will that jeopardize the grant. Representatives from Applebrook are scheduled to attend the January 13 meeting to discuss the path.

## **Tennis Courts**

The Board discussed Mark Miller's December 5 memo regarding tennis court maintenance costs. Carmen would like Mark to get more estimates on the optional recoating (approximately \$22K). The Board agreed to put \$22K for recoating in the 2009 budget, but the money will only be spent

if necessary. The Board agreed not to defer doing this work if it will jeopardize the warranty on the court surface. The Board wants Mark Miller to advise a specific course of action to follow for maintenance of the courts based on what the contractor advises him. The Board agreed that starting in 2010, \$5K per year will be budgeted toward tennis court maintenance to spread out the expense.

Marty asked Rick to look into the possibility of taking down the nets in the winter months to save wear & tear on them. He also wants Rick to find out how often the major resurfacing/rebuilding work must be done, which cost \$70.5K in 2002.

### **I&I (Infiltration & Inflow) Abatement Program**

Carmen moved to accept the December 1, 2008 proposal letter from Pennoni Associates to prepare an I&I report for East Goshen in 2009 as required by DEP, at a cost of \$10,900. This amount has been allocated in the 2009 budget. Don seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

### **2009 Budget**

The Supervisors discussed the 2009 budget.

Phyllis Marron asked why the Board decided to do away with the 2% discount for prepayment of sewer fees. Carmen explained that offering the 2% discount no longer makes financial sense for the Township. Since interest rates are so low, the Township loses money by giving the discount.

### **Malvern Institute**

The Board discussed Rick's December 8 memo to Jeff Sommer on this topic.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further public comment, the formal meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings  
Recording Secretary