

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP
1580 PAOLI PIKE
March 24, 2009 – 7:00pm**

Present: Chairman Marty Shane, Vice-Chairman Carmen Battavio, Don McConathy, Joe McDonough and Thom Clapper. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Assistant Township Manager Joe Gill, Phyllis Marron (Park & Rec) and Kathryn Yahraes (Historical Commission). In addition, the following ABC members were present for the presentation on the Hershey's Mill Dam: Dana Pizarro (Municipal Authority), Fran Beck (Municipal Authority), Ginnie Newlin and Jane Fava (Conservancy Board), Ben Rohrbeck, Dolores Higgins and Ellen Carmody (Historical Commission).

WORKSHOP

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Marty Shane called the meeting to order at 7:02pm and welcomed the audience. He led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence

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

Presentation on Hershey's Mill Dam by Dana Pizarro

Dana Pizarro of the Municipal Authority gave a presentation on the Hershey's Mill Dam to the Board. Some ABC members and neighbors of the dam were also present. A copy of the presentation is appended to these minutes.

Dana emphasized that based on his experience, breaching may not be the least expensive option for handling the dam situation, and there may be other options for restoring the existing dam besides those provided by the engineers. Marty asked Dana how much time he estimates the Township has to gather information and make a decision before DEP demands action. Dana recommended the Township show responsiveness to DEP by at a minimum, clearing the trees from the berm, developing an Emergency Action Plan, and look into getting the dam's valve operational. The Township might also drain the pond while deciding on a plan of action. Doing these things might help gain some time. Joe McDonough suggested it might be possible to add more drainage pipes as well.

Kathryn Yahraes asked what would be an option of mid-range cost that would allow the Township to preserve the current viewscape of the dam while address the requirements of DEP, and Dana said the grass-covered articulated concrete block option.

Marty then asked Kathryn Yahraes to share the activities of the Historical Commission (HC) in regard to fundraising to save the dam. Kathryn told the audience the HC wants to maintain the integrity of the existing historic viewscape if possible. She said the Township has some money in the budget for this project but the Board asked the HC to look into fundraising options. They

are exploring setting up a 501(c)(3) to accept donations. In the meantime the Chester County Community Foundation has offered to accept designated donations on behalf of East Goshen. Kathryn said once a direction of the dam project has been established by the Board, the HC will need help with publicity, etc. Joe McDonough said he does not want the HC to wait for the Board but to begin getting pledges immediately.

Marty said the Township has some money appropriated in the budget that could be used for the dam but it has not yet been authorized for this use. Furthermore, the economic situation has taken quite a turn since last year. The Board will have a better idea this fall as to how much the Township can afford to spend on this project.

Marty then explained that the Board had to leave the room to discuss other workshop issues on the agenda, but invited the public to remain in the large meeting room and ask Dana or Kathryn Yahraes any questions they might have.

Review & Approval of Minutes

The draft minutes of March 12 and March 17 were reviewed and corrected.

Don moved to approve the minutes of March 12 and 17 as corrected.

Public Comment: Bill Egan, Mill Creek Drive – Said he is disappointed in the approach the Board is taking in regard to sharing meeting packets. The Board should strive to meet if not exceed the Right-To-Know requirements. Marty said the Board is still trying to get a grasp of the details of the new law, and is not trying to hide anything.

There was no further public comment, and no discussion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the corrected minutes.

Treasurer’s Report & Expenditure Register Report

The current Treasurer’s Report and Expenditure Register Report were reviewed.

The Treasurer’s Report for March 17, 2009:

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND		
Real Estate Tax	\$ 139,860.65	
Earned Income Tax	\$ 42,693.47	Accounts Payable \$ 46,002.82
LST	\$ 0.00	Electronic Payments \$ 54,590.16
Transfer Tax	\$ 17,657.15	Debt Service \$ 0.00
Codes, Park & Rec (2009)	\$ 5,577.46	Payroll \$ 40,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 205,788.73	Total Expenditures \$ 140,592.98
State Fund	\$ 12.01	\$ 0.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 4,635.15	\$ 0.00
Transportation Fund	\$ 501.43	\$ 0.00
Sewer Operating	\$ 4,776.55	\$ 62,542.43
Refuse	\$ 7,723.10	\$ 8,761.44
Capital Projects	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

The staff will let the Board know the cost difference of having Wiggins do the Township payroll instead of ADP. Marty said he wants the staff to look into bidding out electrical work when possible.

Joe moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Expenditure Register Report dated March 17 as recommended by the Treasurer in her March 19, 2009 memo to the Board, to accept the receipts and to authorize payment of the invoices just reviewed. Don seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

New Bank Depositories

Don moved to authorize the creation of two new bank accounts at Beneficial Bank and Downingtown National Bank as recommended by Deb Beury in her March 19, 2009 memo to the Board. Joe seconded the motion and noted that Joe Gill also recommended this course of action. There was no discussion and no public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

WCACOG Emergency Management Resolution

Joe asked the Township Manager to prepare a one-page summary of this (undated) document listing the pros and cons of participation, and to provide a recommendation to the Board which includes information on the Township's maximum liability for participation.

Sunoco Monitoring Well

The Board reviewed Rick's March 19, 2009 memo on this topic. Marty and Don said they concurred with Rick's recommendation. Thom said he does not want to discourage Sunoco from doing any monitoring because the monitoring wells will protect East Goshen residents. Thom provided some suggested language to modify the access agreement amendment. Rick will forward Thom's suggestion to Skip Brion for review.

Right-To-Know Resolution

The Board reviewed the revised draft of this resolution. Don suggested adding some additional verbiage which Rick will incorporate.

Use of Township Building as Polling Place

Marty announced the County has over-ruled the Township's request not to be used as a polling place. The County plans to continue to use the Township Building as a polling place for Districts 1 and 3.

RCSTP Status – Project Manager

The RFP for a project manager has been sent out to seven firms. Proposals are due in by Friday, March 27. The goal is to have a manager start the week of April 13.

No Meeting Next Week

The Supervisors will not meet on March 31.

Traffic Light Situation at Genuardi's

Thom reported that John Dumond will alert his officers to the situation.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the public meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session until 10:30pm to discuss the police labor contract.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary

Attachment – Hershey’s Mill Presentation