

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP
1580 PAOLI PIKE
September 22, 2009 – 7:00pm
Final Approved Minutes**

Present: Chairman Marty Shane, Vice-Chairman Carmen Battavio, Joe McDonough, Don McConathy and Thom Clapper. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith and Kathryn Yahraes (Historical Commission).

EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Board met in Executive Session from 7:00pm to 8:10pm to discuss a legal matter.

WORKSHOP

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Marty Shane called the meeting to order at 8:15pm.

Recording of Meeting

No resident indicated they planned to record the meeting.

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.

Bills

The Treasurer's Report and Expenditure Register Report were reviewed.

Treasurer's Report & Expenditure Register Report

The Treasurer's Report for September 17, 2009:

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND		
Real Estate Tax	\$ 0.00	
Earned Income Tax	\$ 34,892.75	Accounts Payable \$ 58,021.79
LST	\$ 15,000.00	Electronic Payments \$ 0.00
Transfer Tax	\$ 63,710.75	Debt Service \$ 0.00
Codes, Park & Rec	\$ 34,762.07	Payroll \$ 43,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 148,365.57	Total Expenditures \$ 101,021.79
State Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Transportation Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sewer Operating	\$ 8,118.67	\$ 2,984.20
Refuse	\$ 3,133.50	\$ 67,147.53
Capital Projects	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Joe moved to accept the Treasurer's Report of September 17 and the Expenditure Register Report as recommended by the Treasurer, 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 Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Review of Minutes

The minutes of September 15 were reviewed and corrected. Don moved to approve the September 15 minutes as corrected. Carmen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Boot Road Plantings

The Board continued the discussion on this topic started during the September 15 meeting. Carmen believes the plants in this location are a safety hazard to individuals using the walking trail, and he would like to see them cut down. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was to do nothing with the plants along E. Boot Road. However, they would like to have some landscaping work done in front of the Township building. The cost for the plantings should be capped at \$1,000. Carmen or Marty will talk to Justin Harding about creating a landscaping plan.

Loader for Public Works Department

The Board reviewed a September 22 email from Mark Miller on this topic. Carmen said he is in favor of repairing the loader. Marty said he is in favor of buying a new loader. Thom said he is in favor of repairing the loader, but he would like to hear Mark Miller's rationale for wanting to buy a new one before making a final decision. Joe agreed with Marty that the Township should buy a new loader. Don said he would defer making a decision until the second meeting in October when Mark Miller will be at the Board meeting. The Board agreed to table this discussion until October 13.

T-Mobile Site Acquisition Proposal

The Supervisors were all in favor of investigating the possibility of having T-Mobile put in a cell tower disguised as a tree behind the Township building complex, and collecting a monthly rental fee from T-Mobile. Rick will find out the minimum height requirements for such a tower.

Resolution Regarding Sewer & Refuse Account Collections

Don made some editorial changes to the August 27, 2009 draft of this resolution. Rick will make the changes and redistribute the document to the Board. This item will be on the agenda for the next formal meeting.

List of Discretionary Budget Items

Joe said he would like to see this document annually and wants it to include all discretionary items.

Non-Utility Accounts Receivable

The Board reviewed a September 18 memo from Rick on this topic, which was sent to them as an FYI. There was no discussion or comment.

Letter from Resident Anne Quinn Regarding the Deer Program

Marty said he responded to Ms. Quinn directly.

Marty noted that at the September 21 Deer Committee meeting, Scott Frederick (Game Commission) was present, as well as a biologist. No residents attended the meeting, however.

Public Comment: Leo Sinclair, 217 Lochwood Lane – Said Anne Quinn did not receive Marty's response. Marty said he will send it again.

PSATS Conference in Hershey

Marty said the hotel will now require a 3-night stay to get the CCATO discount. Rick will let CCATO know that East Goshen tentatively plans to send two Supervisors for 3 nights each. Marty will be one of them – he is planning to attend due to his CCATO responsibilities.

Quote from Gannett Fleming for Hershey's Mill Dam Evaluation

Rick reported that Gannett Fleming said they would now estimate a cost of \$8,300 to evaluate the dam classification due to the additional material to review and determine if East Goshen has a basis to request a reclassification from DEP. The consensus of the Board was to go forward with this agreement and have Gannett Fleming start the work.

Hershey's Mill Dam

Marty and Rick briefly shared an alternative proposed by Al Giannantonio of Yerkes which would involve the installation of sheet pilings which would stick up five feet from the existing spillway level.

Rick reported that the RFP for alternative dam repair solutions was sent out September 18, and is due back by October 14.

Alarm Ordinance

Marty said the Alarm Ordinance needs to be modified. Rick will send out a revised copy to the Board for review.

Website Status

Don said he and Joe Gill met with the web designers. The Board can review the latest mockups at the next meeting.

Telephones

The Park & Rec Board have recommended the Township remove the telephone from the Township Park. Rick will have Mark Miller call the phone company to take it out. The Board then discussed removing the telephone from outside the front of the Township Building, which would yield a savings of \$1,000 per year. Joe and Carmen said they prefer to leave the phone in place. Marty said it should be left in for another year at least. The Board can revisit this issue in the future.

Boy Scout Project Policy

Rick will draft a resolution regarding the Township's policy for supporting Boy Scout projects.

Public Comment Period

John Schorn, Larch Lane – Said he talked to Lauren Mapleton at DEP who told him the Township should have requested that Sunoco test the wells at the time the last well was drilled. She also told him the Township will have to hire a consultant to interpret the Sunoco report that DEP requested. She told John there is a plume of contamination moving from the Sunoco site toward CVS and another plume is moving in a southern direction, and that DEP is probably going to ask Sunoco to drill additional monitoring wells. Mr. Schorn said he wants the Township to go to Sunoco and ask them to test his water. He wants the Township to be more aggressive on this issue. Marty recommended the Township get Andy Dinniman to intervene with DEP. Carmen recommended the Township Solicitor get involved in this situation immediately.

Thom wants the Township to contact Sunoco to find out what their remediation plans are and if they plan to test residential wells. Joe noted that no residents have come forward saying their well has been tested and found contaminated. He told Mr. Schorn that if it was his well in question, he would have already had it tested and paid for it himself if necessary.

Marty said Rick should draft a letter to Sunoco to be reviewed by the Township Solicitor. Rick will also contact Andy Dinniman's office.

Leo Sinclair, 217 Lochwood Lane – Made some recommendations to the Board on how they should approach Sunoco.

Kathryn Yahraes (Historical Commission) – Reported that Living History Day on September 19 was the most successful ever, with approximately 450-500 visitors.

Paul Comer, 429 Gateswood Drive – Stated that an East Goshen park regulation regarding the use of firearms appears to be in violation of state law. He provided a handout of the information to the Board. Joe told him the Board would review the information and consult with the Township Solicitor if necessary.

BOS Pending Actions Lists

The Board reviewed and edited the latest version of the Pending Actions List.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary