

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP
1580 PAOLI PIKE
December 8, 2009 – 7:00pm
Final Approved Minutes**

Present: Vice-Chairman Carmen Battavio, Don McConathy and Thom Clapper. Chairman Marty Shane and Supervisor Joe McDonough were absent. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Assistant Township Manager Joe Gill, Kathryn Yahraes (Historical Commission) and Fran Beck (Municipal Authority).

WORKSHOP

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Carmen Battavio called the meeting to order at 7:03pm and 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.

Recording of Meeting

No resident indicated they planned to record the meeting.

Introduction of Aaron Elcock

Carmen introduced resident Aaron Elcock, a student from Delaware County Christian School. Aaron was present to observe a meeting as part of a class project.

Bills

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

Treasurer's Report & Expenditure Register Report

The Treasurer's Report for December 3, 2009:

| | RECEIPTS | EXPENDITURES |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---|
| GENERAL FUND | | |
| Real Estate Tax | \$ 2,237.78 | Accounts Payable \$ 15,642.40 |
| Earned Income Tax | \$ 242,535.96 | Transfer to Cap Resv \$ 404,065.00 |
| LST | \$ 9,000.00 | Electronic Payments \$ 0.00 |
| Transfer Tax | \$ 0.00 | Debt Service \$ 0.00 |
| Total Other Revenue | <u>\$ 28,377.24</u> | Payroll <u>\$ 43,000.00</u> |
| Total Receipts | \$ 282,150.98 | Total Expenditures \$ 462,707.40 |
| State Fund | \$ 225.70 | \$ 0.00 |
| Capital Reserve | \$ 404,694.43 | \$ 0.00 |
| Transportation Fund | \$ 1,531.53 | \$ 0.00 |
| Sewer Operating | \$ 15,043.44 | Accounts Payable \$ 16,728.68 |
| | | Debt Service <u>\$ 0.00</u> |
| | | Total \$ 16,728.68 |
| Refuse | \$ 6,599.09 | \$ 28,729.03 |
| Capital Projects | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |

Don moved to accept the Treasurer's Report of December 3 and the Expenditure Register Report as recommended by the Treasurer, to accept the receipts and to authorize payment of the invoices just reviewed. Thom seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Review of Minutes

The minutes of December 1 were reviewed and corrected. Don moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Thom seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

Public Comment: Kathryn Yahraes requested that an addition be made to page 1 where the retirement of Dolores Higgins was mentioned. The Board accepted her addition.

There was no further public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Hershey's Mill Dam Proposals

Rick reported that the Township received three bids for core borings and one bid for hydrologic services as follows:

Core Borings

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|---|---------------------|--------------------------|
| CMX (Exton, PA) | \$13,800 | Track Machine |
| ARM Group, Inc. (Hershey, PA) | \$7,450 to \$16,050 | Time & Material (no lab) |
| Advanced GeoServices (West Chester, PA) | \$20,118 | Track Machine |
| Advanced GeoServices (West Chester, PA) | \$30,508* | Skid Steer Machine |

*Cost includes \$7,000 from failed track machine attempt

Hydrologic Services

Advanced GeoServices (West Chester, PA) \$12,750

Rick noted that the Board was impressed with the presentations made by Advanced GeoServices and CMX and less so with the presentation by ARM Group.

Don recommended having the hydrologic work done first before spending money on core borings.

Rick was asked if the Township would need to solicit additional bids for the hydrologic services since only one bid was received, and he said no. The Board will vote on awarding the hydrological bid to Advanced GeoServices at the December 15 meeting. Rick will contact Advanced GeoServices to find out their proposed timeline.

Public Comment: Reed Bailey, 1515 Tanglewood Drive - Said he approves of the decision to do the hydrologic work before taking core borings.

Public Comment: Fran Beck, 125 Foxglove Lane – Asked Rick if anything has been resolved on the issue of how to get the equipment to the east side of the dam to take core borings. Rick said not yet, and it will be a challenge to get the equipment in place. Fran then asked what the timeline for the work would be. Don said it will probably be mid to late February before the borings are taken.

Public Comment: Neil DeRiemer, 1034 Hershey Mill Road – Asked if anyone had considered putting a dam below the existing dam. Carmen said he had wondered the same thing. Rick said it would be possible, except some of the work would have to be done on PennDOT land, which makes it unlikely to happen.

Any Other Matter

Rick suggested the Board meet with Ross Unruh to discuss the Traditions project in West Goshen. The Board members agreed to have an Executive Session on this issue at 6:00pm December 15 with Ross Unruh.

Rick reported that the Zoning Hearing Board approved T-Mobile's application to put a 49-ft cellular pole (including antenna) with three cabinets near the New Kent Apartments. The Supervisors agreed it would not be worth trying to appeal the decision.

Don reported that the Willistown Conservation Trust received a grant for their Deer Management program, and he is trying to get more details.

Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary