

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP
1580 PAOLI PIKE
February 23, 2010 – 7:00pm
Final Approved Minutes**

Present: Chairman Don McConathy, Vice-Chairman Thom Clapper, Marty Shane, Carmen Battavio and Senya D. Isayeff. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Assistant Manager Joe Gill, Kathryn Yahraes (Historical Commission), Jim McRee (Deer Committee) and Bryan Delmonte (Conservancy Board).

WORKSHOP

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Don McConathy called the meeting to order at 7:00pm 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.

Presentation by Advanced GeoServices

Daniel Daily and Todd Trotman from Advanced GeoServices were present to discuss their findings from a hydrologic study of Hershey Mill Dam.

Mr. Trotman showed a topographic drawing of the dam and the surrounding watershed area, divided into 20 segments based on features such as ponds, stormwater basins, topographic features, etc. Their study yielded water flow numbers of approximately 1,000 cfs versus the DEP number of 2,000 cfs. Marty asked how that difference will affect the dam breach analysis, if at all. Mr. Trotman said it will mean less water flowing over Greenhill Road in the event of a breach. Advanced GeoServices calculates that Greenhill Road would overtop by 11 inches, versus the 15+ inches that DEP estimates.

The culverts on Greenhill Road were then discussed. Mr. Daily said the culverts on Greenhill Road are sized for a 10-year storm capacity and suggested one approach might be to get larger culverts and then spend less money on the dam itself. However, he and Mr. Trotman later noted that adding the upstream culverts into the equation only altered the flow by 68 cfs.

Marty mentioned that the Board was considering the possibility of installing a basin upstream, perhaps near Immaculata College. Doing so would be much less expensive than restoring the dam.

Mr. Daily said he advised working toward getting DEP to reclassify the dam and to get to a 50-year design storm.

Mr. Trotman showed hydrographs for various segments of the watershed area. He then presented a hypothetical scenario wherein the Township adds four basins to the watershed area, dramatically reducing the flow. Everyone agreed that this would not be a practical solution, however.

Public Comment: Bryan Delmonte, Clocktower Drive – Expressed concern about the cost of restoring the dam and asked if funds were in the budget. Marty said a group of residents agreed to raise the money to restore the dam. Don noted that the Township has not yet decided on a fix for the dam, so the cost is still unknown at this point.

Mr. Daily said that any land development plans for the dam's watershed area should ideally be shared with Mr. Trotman so he can review them and address the water flow issues that would result. The Board noted that approximately 50% of the watershed area falls within East Whiteland. They agreed it would be prudent to work with East Whiteland on this issue, and to also approach Immaculata College and Villa Maria.

The Board agreed that the next step will be to ask DEP to accept the Advanced GeoServices study. Mr. Daily said he believes East Goshen has an argument to get DEP to reclassify the dam. The lower the flow rates, the less money it will cost to fix the dam. Mr. Daily recommended that East Goshen revise the Emergency Action Plan for the dam using the new numbers from the Advanced GeoServices study. Carmen said if DEP accepts the Advanced GeoServices study results, he wants to get prices before going any further on the dam project.

Mr. Trotman said he would be meeting with Richard Reisinger of DEP tomorrow in Harrisburg on another matter, but would be happy to bring up the Hershey's Mill Dam issue. He will take a copy of the model to show them. Rick provided Mr. Trotman with a transmittal letter from East Goshen to take with him.

Public Comment: Howard Jones, Kennett Way – Asked if, based on the new numbers obtained by Advanced GeoServices, there is a probability of a total dam failure like the kind DEP is envisioning. Mr. Trotman said DEP is picturing the dam as entirely filled with water, which is not the case.

The Board requested that Mr. Daily and Mr. Trotman prepare a pricing proposal for East Goshen for the next step in the process.

Minutes

The minutes of February 16 were reviewed and corrected. Marty moved to approve the minutes of February 16 as corrected. Carmen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Bills

Current invoices were reviewed. Carmen recommended staff check with Mark Miller about taking the pond aerators out of service over the winter months to save money.

Treasurer's Report & Expenditure Register Report

See attached Treasurer's Report for February 18, 2010.

Thom moved to accept the Treasurer's Report of February 18 and the Expenditure Register Report as recommended by the Treasurer, to accept the receipts and to authorize payment of the invoices just reviewed. Marty seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Deer Management Ordinance

The Board reviewed and edited the draft Deer Management ordinance prepared by Jeff Sommer.

Marty and Carmen said they disagreed with the definition of Passive Park in Section II, but a majority of the Board (Don, Thom and Senya) approved of the definition, so it was left unchanged.

Public Comment: Jim McRee, Oneida Lane – Suggested changing the term “tree stands” to “stands” to account for freestanding stands. The Board made the change.

Public Comment: Howard Jones, Kennett Way – Commented on the reference to an increase in Lyme Disease as noted in Section VIII and also on the depletion in woodland understory as indicated in this same section.

Public Comment: Kathryn Yahraes, Vista Drive – Asked if the definition of a Passive Park would preclude the Historical Commission from having an encampment on the Applebrook side of the park, and the Board said yes. Rick will have Jeff Sommer add something to allow a possible encampment sponsored by the Historical Commission as well as other ABC-sponsored activities.

Rick will have Jeff make the changes, and the Board will plan to approve this ordinance on March 16.

Joint Trash Bid with Westtown

The Board discussed the possibility of doing a joint trash bid with Westtown. Rick will email them a list of East Goshen's desired options and see if Westtown is still interested.

Liberty Towers

The Board agreed to solicit bids for the right to construct a tower on Township property. Rick will prepare a bid spec for Jeff Sommer's review.

Pension Plan

The Board reviewed a February 3, 2010 quote from Thomas Anderson related to the proposed defined contribution pension plan. Marty moved to have Thomas J. Anderson & Associates, Inc. prepare an actuarial report as of January 1, 2010 (individual comparative statement) at a cost of \$3,500, and a defined contribution pension ordinance at a cost of \$600. Senya seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Sewer Rate Ordinance & Letter to Residents

The Board reviewed and edited the draft ordinance. They agreed that rates will be set by resolution. The Board also reviewed and edited the draft letter to residents. Rick and Joe will revise these two documents for review by the Board at the next meeting.

Residents Advisory Group

Rick will check with Mimi Gleason to see what documents the Tredyffrin group was given.

Electric Purchases

Marty recommended the Township execute the Memorandum of Understanding from Co-eXprise that would allow East Goshen to participate in the County of Chester Contract for the purchase of electricity. He also recommended the Township have William Blair shop for an individual price for East Goshen. Don said he would like the Township Solicitor to review the contract first. Rick will send it to Skip Brion for review.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Workshop was adjourned at 10:53pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session until 11:15pm to discuss a personnel matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings

Recording Secretary

Attachments: Treasurer's Report

February 18, 2010

TREASURER'S REPORT
2010 RECEIPTS AND BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Real Estate Tax	\$192,385.06
Earned Income Tax	\$68,441.24
Local Service Tax	\$2,000.00
Transfer Tax	\$0.00
General Fund Interest Earned	\$0.00
Total Other Revenue	\$58,393.81
Total Receipts:	\$321,220.11

Accounts Payable	\$127,754.57
Electronic Pmts	\$66,872.53
Debt Service	\$24,607.40
Payroll	\$110,000.00
Total Expenditures:	\$329,234.50

Interest Earned \$0.00

Expenditures: \$0.00

Interest Earned \$256.38

Expenditures: \$1,600.00

TRANSPORTATION FUND

Interest Earned \$153.02

Expenditures: \$0.00

Receipts	\$279,806.37
Interest Earned	0.00
Total Sewer:	\$279,806.37

Accounts Payable	\$20,794.91
Debt Service	\$33,077.97
Total Expenditures:	\$53,872.88

REFUSE

Receipts	\$134,671.90
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Total Refuse:	\$134,671.90

Expenditures \$76,036.45