

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

**Present:** Chairman Senya D. Isayeff, Vice-Chairman Thom Clapper, and Supervisors Marty Shane and Don McConathy. Supervisor Carmen Battavio was absent. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Phyllis Marron (Park & Rec), Kathryn Yahraes (Historical Commission), and Jim McRee (Deer Committee & Planning Commission).

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Senya called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. He asked Anne Meddings to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

Senya 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 one indicated that they planned to record the meeting.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

None.

**Review of Minutes**

The Board reviewed and corrected the draft minutes of August 31. Marty moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Don seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion, with one abstention. Thom abstained from voting as he was not present at the August 31 meeting.

**Chairman's Report**

Senya announced the following:

- The TAG will hold a meeting on September 8 at 7:00pm to solicit comments and suggestions from residents on how to improve the Township's financial position.
- The Board will adjourn the public meeting at 8:30pm this evening and meet in Executive Session with the Township Solicitor to discuss a real estate matter.
- The Board met in Executive Session with the TAG on September 1 to discuss personnel matters.

**Treasurer's Report & Expenditure Register Report**

*See attached Treasurer's Report for September 2, 2010.*

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report and the current invoices.

Marty would like Rick to check if the Board is required to approve invoices at meetings.

Thom moved to accept the Treasurer's Report of September 2 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 further discussion and no public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

### **Email Archiving**

Senya announced that this matter will be tabled until the September 14 meeting.

### **Trash Bid Options**

The Board discussed Don's suggested Option 3 as described in his August 24 email to the Board. Marty said he doesn't think yard waste warrants a weekly pickup. The Board then discussed Thom's suggested option as described in his August 24 email to the Board. Marty then suggested keeping the same trash service as the Township currently has.

The Board agreed to rebid Option 1 with unlimited yard waste pickup twice per month, and extra yard waste pickups the last week in October and every week in November. In addition, if the hauler misses a recycling collection due to a holiday, the pickup must be made up.

Don said in addition to rebidding Option 1 he would like to leave Option 3 on the table. The Board then agreed to rebid all three options although Marty said he did not think it necessary to rebid Option 2.

*Public Comment: Kathryn Yahraes, Vista Drive* – Said she would like to have an extra yard waste pickup in the spring. The Board discussed this and agreed to add one extra pickup in April and one in May.

Marty then stated he would like to have two trash collections per week with recycling to go with the first pickup and yard waste to go with the second pickup. Don noted those specifications are the same as Option 3.

The Board then discussed only bidding Options 1 and 3. It was noted that Option 3 is the same as Option 1 except it has trash pickup once per week instead of twice per week.

Marty moved to bid Option 1 as amended. Option 1 will now have the following elements:

- Trash pickup twice per week
- Yard waste pickup twice per month through the year, with 1 extra pickup in April, one extra pickup in May, one extra pickup in October, and 2 extra pickups in November

Thom seconded the motion.

*Public Comment: John Schorn, Larch Lane* – Asked when the current contract ends and Marty said at the end of the year. Mr. Schorn asked when the Board needs to make a decision about the new contract and Don said the Board should be able to make a decision by the first meeting in October.

*Public Comment: Erich Meyer, Monte Vista Drive* - Asked if Option 3 was still on the table at this point. The Board said yes; but the motion on the floor was only for Option 1.

*Public Comment: Shirley Fox, E. Boot Road* – Said she wants an option to have trash pickup once per week.

There was no further discussion or public comment on the motion. The Board voted and the motion passed unanimously.

Don then moved to bid Option 3 as described in his August 24 email to the Board. Option 3 is closest to the contract the Township currently has. Senya seconded the motion.

Thom said that having trash pickup just once per week is not satisfactory.

*Public Comment: Jim McRee, Oneida Lane* – Asked if the Board could bid an option that would include leaf vacuuming for the residents. Senya said he doesn't think the Township should get involved in coordinating leaf removal as having piles of leaves everywhere could lead to safety issues.

*Public Comment: Shirley Fox, E. Boot Road* – Said the Township should not be involved in trash removal either. They should let individual residents contract on their own for the service they require. She noted again that she puts out very little trash.

Marty asked if Don would consider amending his motion to have yard waste pickup twice per month to be consistent with the specs of Option 1. Don said he did not wish to change his motion.

*Public Comment: Shirley Fox, E. Boot Road* – Asked why residents cannot specify to the hauler how often they want their trash picked up. Senya said the Township does not do that because it would not be possible or practical to accommodate the individual schedules of all 18,000 residents in the Township.

There was no further discussion or public comment on the motion. The Board voted 3:1 to pass the motion. (Thom was opposed).

Marty moved to rebid Option 2. Senya seconded the motion.

*Public Comment: Erich Meyer, Monte Vista Drive* - Said it's good to have Option 2 bid as a point of reference.

There was no discussion and no further public comment on the motion. The Board voted 3:1 to pass the motion. (Thom was opposed).

### **Trash Bid Specs**

Marty would like the Township to start enforcing the provision which states that emptied trash cans must be returned by the hauler to the location the homeowner left them, or a spot reasonably close. Senya said the Township staff will begin to enforce this.

### **Four-Post Feeders**

Marty moved to approve the purchase of three new four-post feeders for the Deer Program at a total cost of \$1,335 per the August 18 recommendation of Mark Gordon. However, he would like the feeders to be purchased in 2011 using budgeted 2011 funds. Marty said that Chaz told him the current feeders can last out the rest of the year. Thom said that Chaz told him the Township only needs to purchase two new feeders because one of the three can last another year.

*Public Comment: Jim McRee, Oneida Lane* – Said the new feeders won't be needed until March 2011, so the Board has some time to make this decision.

*Public Comment: Shirley Fox, E. Boot Road* – Asked why the Township doesn't feed the deer from Rubbermaid tubs. Senya told her the four-post feeders are designed to keep rodents out of the corn.

There was no further discussion or public comment. The Board voted 2:2 and the motion did not pass. (Senya and Marty were in favor of the motion and Thom and Don were opposed.)

Don asked what the Board wished to do about the trail camera. Marty said that per Chaz it has been repaired and a replacement is no longer required.

Senya said the Board will revisit this matter again at a future meeting when Carmen Battavio is present to break the tie.

### **Action List**

#### **Website Upgrade**

Rick said the new website should be ready to go live in October. Don said he wants the Board to have input on the changes being made. Senya recommended that Don review the changes on the Board's behalf and he can provide a report to the Board on September 21. Marty and Thom said they were fine with that.

#### **Hershey Mill Dam**

Rick announced that the Board would meet at 8:30pm with the Township Solicitor in Executive Session to discuss conditions of the dam's sale.

*Public Comment: Jim McRee, Oneida Lane* – Asked why the Board needed to meet in Executive Session to discuss the dam. Senya said real estate matters are discussed in Executive Session. Jim then asked if the public will have access to the conditions of sale and Rick said yes.

#### **Invasive Species**

Rick announced that routine spraying of invasives was done at the Township Park and along the creek in Applebrook. Don said he would like to receive the Plan of Action from the Conservancy Board and the Park & Rec for the Natural Lands Trust recommendations by October.

*Public Comment: Jim McRee, Oneida Lane* – Said the deer management groups are willing to volunteer in the Township, and perhaps they could help with getting rid of invasives. Senya thanked Jim for the suggestion and requested that he work offline with Rick Smith on the matter.

#### Road Resurfacing

Senya announced that this matter will be discussed during the September 14 meeting.

#### Images of America Books

Rick reported that Kathryn Yahraes will have a report on book sales next week.

#### 501(c)(3)

Rick reported he has still not received any feedback from the group on their selection of officers. The Board agreed to put a deadline on this of October 4. If there is still no response the appointments to the 501(c)(3) will be nullified.

*Public Comment: Fran Beck, Foxglove Lane* – Said he would like information about the 501(c)(3) sent to everyone in the Save the Dam group.

#### Generator Installations

Rick reported that the Planning Commission has taken no action on this item. Don said the Board needs to discuss this issue at some point.

#### Wood Chipper

Don moved to authorize the purchase of a new wood chipper per the August 31 recommendation of Public Works Director Mark Miller. The cost of the new chipper is \$41,352 which includes a trade-in allowance of \$5,000 for the Township's current machine. Marty seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

#### Tax Collection Committee

Senya had Rick summarize the role of the Chester Tax Collection Committee (CTCC).

Thom moved to adopt a resolution requesting the CTCC to contract for the collection of tax other than EIT and to authorize Rick Smith to sign the contract with CTCC. Senya seconded the motion.

*Public Comment: Neil DeRiemer, Hershey Mill Road* – Asked what is LST. Rick said it stands for Local Services Tax and is the \$1 per week tax paid by each worker in East Goshen Township.

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

### **Correspondence & Reports of Interest**

Senya acknowledged receipt of the following items:

- Letter from Georgann Brophy dated August 19, 2010 concerning an objectionable sign.
- Letter from resident Steven Buerkel dated August 24, 2010 concerning balancing the budget without raising taxes.
- Appraisal of the Hershey Mill Dam from Carmody & Associates.
- Final Environmental Impact Statement and Final General Conformity Determination for the Philadelphia International Airport.
- Email from the Telthorster family dated September 3, 2010 thanking Mark Miller and the road crew for resolving a street water drainage issue.

### **Meetings & Dates of Importance**

Senya noted the upcoming meetings as listed in the agenda.

### **Public Comment Period**

*Paul Baker, 901 Tallmadge Drive* – Asked for an update on the cell tower issue. Senya told him it would be discussed at the September 14 meeting.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board met in Executive Session until 10:00pm with Township Solicitors Skip Brion and Kristin Camp to discuss a real estate matter.

Anne Meddings

Recording Secretary

*Attachment: Treasurer's Report*

September 2, 2010

TREASURER'S REPORT  
2010 RECEIPTS AND BILLS

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**GENERAL FUND**

Real Estate Tax	\$917.66
Earned Income Tax	\$267,219.87
Local Service Tax	\$18,000.00
Transfer Tax	\$0.00
General Fund Interest Earned	0.00
Total Other Revenue	\$29,164.18
Total Receipts:	<u>\$315,301.71</u>

Accounts Payable	\$80,268.92
Electronic Pmts:	
Health Insurance	\$0.00
Credit Card	\$0.00
Postage	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$0.00
Payroll	\$81,000.00
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$161,268.92</u>

(2 Weeks)

**STATE FUND**

Interest Earned	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Expenditures:	<u>\$0.00</u>
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**CAPITAL RESERVE**

Interest Earned	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Expenditures:	<u>\$8,012.00</u>
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**TRANSPORTATION FUND**

Interest Earned	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Expenditures:	<u>\$0.00</u>
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**SEWER OPERATING**

Receipts	\$259,220.74
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Total Sewer:	<u>\$259,220.74</u>

Accounts Payable	\$2,107.52
Debt Service	\$0.00
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$2,107.52</u>

**REFUSE**

Receipts	\$122,952.98
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Total Refuse:	<u>\$122,952.98</u>

Expenditures	<u>\$4,998.41</u>
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