

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
November 16, 2010 – 7:00pm
Final Approved Minutes**

Present: Chairman Senya D. Isayeff, Vice-Chairman Thom Clapper, and Supervisors Carmen Battavio, Marty Shane and Don McConathy. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith and Ginnie Newlin (Conservancy Board). Township Solicitor Kristin Camp was present for the public hearing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session from 7:00pm until 8:40pm to conduct ABC interviews.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Senya called the meeting to order at 8:45pm. He asked Ginnie Newlin to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 one indicated that they planned to record the meeting.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Public Hearing: AT&T Mobility – Conditional Use Application

The Board conducted a public hearing to consider a Conditional Use application of AT&T Mobility to upgrade their wireless communication facility located at 1606 East Strasburg Road. The applicant was represented by attorney Mark D. Hipp.

The hearing was continued to January 18, 2011 at 7:00pm so that the applicant may prepare additional materials relevant to their application.

A court reporter was present and will provide a complete transcript of the proceedings.

After the record was closed, there were two public comments.

Public Comment: Leo Sinclair, Lochwood Lane – Had a question about the pole height which Kristin Camp answered.

Public Comment: Candace Ellis, Paoli Pike – Asked whether the Township has considered disguising wireless communication facilities as trees. Don and Kristin Camp told her yes.

Newsletter Bids

Rick reported that the newsletter bids will be opened on November 23.

Christmas Tree Sales by Wiggins Auto Tags, Inc.

The Board considered a request from Wiggins Auto Tags for permission to sell Christmas trees at their property at 1301 West Chester Pike from November 25, 2010 to December 25, 2010. Marty moved to approve the request with the same conditions imposed every year. Thom seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Proposed 2011 Park & Rec Fees

The Board reviewed the 2011 fees as proposed by the Park & Rec Board. Marty said he would like to know the basis used by Park & Rec for the new fees, and whether the fees are in line with other local townships. Thom said he was unable to attend the last Park & Rec meeting but he knows the fees were increased to help the Township raise more revenue.

Public Comment: Erich Meyer, Monte Vista Drive – Said he was at the Park & Rec meeting and he got the impression that to get the new rates they just doubled all existing rates.

Rick said he will check with some other townships to find out their rates. The Board tabled this matter pending Rick's report.

TAG Action Item Assignments

The Board reviewed and revised a spreadsheet of TAG action item assignments and due dates.

Fire Hydrant Resolution

The Board reviewed a draft resolution to establish an annual assessment for fire protection as authorized by Section 1802(a)(1) of the Second Class Township Code. Rick said this cost recovery effort would generate \$70K per year for the Township and the Township can add the assessment to future tax bills. The amount each property owner will be charged will be based on their assessed property value. Senya asked if Aqua could bill their customers directly for the hydrants and Rick said no. Don said he would like to know a ballpark figure of how much this will cost per homeowner.

Public Comment: Erich Meyer, Monte Vista Drive – Asked if homeowners located within a certain radius of fire hydrants would be the ones billed, and Rick said yes.

Public Comment: Leo Sinclair, Lochwood Lane – Said he wanted more details on how the cost will be apportioned among homeowners and specifically, how it will affect his family's budget.

Thom said in his opinion this is not a user fee, but an unfair tax.

Carmen said that fire hydrants are a critical service provided by the Township to the residents, and he would call the new assessment a nuisance tax.

There was no further discussion or public comment.

Review of Minutes

The Board reviewed and corrected the draft minutes of November 11. Don moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Carmen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Treasurer's Report & Expenditure Register Report

See attached Treasurer's Report for November 11, 2010.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report and the current invoices. Thom moved to accept the Treasurer's Report of November 11 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 and no public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Action List

Capital Reserve Fund Analysis – Deb Beury will have this information for the Board by November 18.

Friends of East Goshen 501(c)(3) – The Supervisors conducted two interviews for this Board earlier this evening.

Correspondence & Reports of Interest

Senya acknowledged receipt of the following:

- Remedial Action Progress Report dated October 11, 2010 prepared by Environmental Alliance on behalf of Sunoco, Inc. for the Sunoco station at 1425 Paoli Pike.
- Letter from Comcast dated October 14, 2010 advising the Township of changes in the way it charges for HD equipment.

Marty asked that in future, Township staff prepare a one-page summary of documents such as the Sunoco report for the Board. These summary sheets should accompany the documents when they are distributed to the Supervisors.

Public Comment: Leo Sinclair, Lochwood Lane – Said the Township should have a password-protected area of the website to store documents such as the Sunoco report.

Meetings & Dates of Importance

Senya noted the upcoming meetings as listed in the agenda.

Chairman's Report

Senya announced that the Board met in Executive Session on November 9 to discuss personnel and legal matters. They also met earlier this evening in Executive Session to conduct ABC interviews.

Any Other Matter

Staff Restructuring Plan - Rick provided a memo to the Board regarding a staff restructuring plan. Don moved to approve the staff restructuring plan as outlined in Rick's memo dated November 12, 2010. Marty seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

County Assessment Office – Rick reported that per the County Assessment Office, the assessment for East Goshen Township has gone down by approximately \$1M this year.

Public Comment Period

Erich Meyer, Monte Vista Drive – Asked when the new fire truck would be brought to the Township for the public to view. Rick said it would be at the Township building before the Board of Supervisors meeting on November 23.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session until 10:25pm to discuss a personnel matter.

Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary
Attachment - Treasurer's Report