

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
November 30, 2010 – 7:00pm
Final Approved Minutes**

Present: Chairman Senya D. Isayeff and Supervisors Carmen Battavio, Marty Shane and Don McConathy. Vice-Chairman Thom Clapper was absent. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Brian McCool (Finance Department) and Phyllis Marron (Park & Rec).

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Senya called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. He asked Leo Sinclair 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, as well as a moment of silence for Deb Beury's mother.

Recording of Meeting

No one indicated that they planned to record the meeting.

Chairman's Report

Senya announced that the Board met in Executive Session on November 23 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Leo Sinclair, Lochwood Lane – Said that per his attorneys, Hershey's Mill cannot be exempted from the new fire hydrant tax. Also the word "facilities" which is used in the Township's draft resolution is not in the Pennsylvania Township Code and therefore should not be used in the resolution. Mr. Sinclair said he will sue the Township over this matter if necessary.

Joe Buonnano, Herron Lane – Asked if it's true that Hershey's Mill is excluded from the fire hydrant tax. Rick, Carmen and Senya explained to Mr. Buonnano that Hershey's Mill has private fire hydrants which their residents pay for and maintain. After some additional discussion on this topic Senya said he had to stop the conversation as the Board does not plan to vote on the resolution until December 14 and it is not fair to spend a meeting dedicated to the 2011 budget bringing Mr. Buonnano up to speed on the fire hydrant issue because he missed the last meeting.

Leo Sinclair, Lochwood Lane – Said the Township needs to impose the fire hydrant tax on the Township parks that are within 780 feet of a fire hydrant, and also on the homes in Hershey's Mill that are within 780 feet of a Township fire hydrant. Rick noted that the fire hydrant resolution will impose a fee, not a tax. Mr. Sinclair said his attorneys will argue that too, and he said he would be happy to bring them to the next meeting if the Board so wishes. Mr. Sinclair then left the meeting.

2011 Budget

The Board reviewed the draft 2011 budget line-by-line and also discussed cost-cutting recommendations from the Board members.

Senya took a straw poll to find out how the Board feels about keeping membership in TMAAC. Marty was willing to discontinue membership. Don, Carmen, and Senya were in favor of maintaining membership.

The Board agreed to provide \$3,500 in seed money to the Friends of the East Goshen 501(c)(3) to provide them with funds for start-up costs. The money will need to be repaid to the Township.

Brian McCool will make all the changes discussed, and a copy of the revised budget will be in the Board's next packet.

Rick will prepare a letter for the residents letting them know the 2011 rates for trash removal and sewer service. He will have the letter for the Board's review at the next meeting.

Any Other Matter

After some discussion, the concensus of the Board was to table the Fire Hydrant resolution until 2011.

Public Comment Period

Joe Buonnano, Herron Lane – Asked if it's true the Township Solicitor advised the Board that it is okay to mandate drug testing for an employee involved in an automobile accident while on the job. Rick said he asked the solicitor if the Township can mandate drug testing in such cases and the solicitor said yes. Mr. Buonnano said he cannot believe an attorney would advise his client to voluntarily incriminate themselves. He also said he hopes the Township's insurance broker gets the Township more than three quotes for Workman's Comp coverage. Rick will send an insurance bid packet to Mr. Buonnano so that he can place a bid with the Township if he so chooses.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session until 10:55pm to discuss a pending legal matter.

Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary