

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
February 1, 2011 – 6:45pm  
Final Approved Minutes**

**Present:** Chairman Senya D. Isayeff, Vice-Chairman Don McConathy, and Supervisors Carmen Battavio and Thom Clapper. Supervisor Marty Shane was absent. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Zoning Officer Mark Gordon, Jim McRee (Planning Commission and Deer Committee), and Township Solicitor Kristin Camp.

**Vacancy Board**

At 6:45pm Senya opened a meeting of the Vacancy Board to conduct an interview for a vacancy on the Township Board of Auditors. Since the applicant was not present, Don moved to close the meeting of the Vacancy Board. Carmen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion and agreed to reschedule the Vacancy Board meeting to February 8 at 6:45pm.

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Senya called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. He asked Mark Gordon 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.

**Snow Removal Budget**

Rick reported that as of January 30, the Township had \$33,661.73 remaining in the snow removal budget for the year. This amount does not include amounts already incurred for fuel purchases and equipment rental, as these expenses have not yet been paid.

**Police Commission Pension**

Carmen informed the Board that Police Commission staff pension issues were discussed at the last Police Commission meeting and some members were upset with recent changes. Rick will reach out to Kathy Brill.

**Resolution 09-54, Regarding Sewer & Refuse Account Collections**

The Board reviewed and discussed the revised resolution and made additional changes. Don noted the sewer ordinance must be updated to conform with this resolution.

### **Suggested Resolutions for CCATO**

CCATO is soliciting resolutions for consideration at the Spring County Association Convention to be held March 10.

Thom suggested a resolution stating that the prevailing wage rule no longer be required by municipalities and school districts. He would also like a resolution to address the resident Canadian Geese issue. Senya suggested a resolution that the Pennsylvania legislature not address the state deficit issue at the expense of townships.

Rick will draft the suggested resolutions for the Board's review.

### **Resident Canadian Geese**

The Board agreed to put funding for another USDA roundup in the budget for 2011. Rick will ask the USDA for a proposal, which the Board can then vote on.

### **Proposal from TowerOne Partners for Monopole at Township Municipal Complex**

The Board agreed to table this matter until the February 8 Board meeting.

### **Resolution 09-54, Regarding Sewer & Refuse Account Collections**

The Board continued their discussion of this resolution with Township Solicitor Kristin Camp when she arrived at 7:30pm.

### **Review of Minutes**

The Board reviewed and corrected the draft minutes of January 25. There was some question about when the new auditor's term would expire. Rick will check.

*Public Comment: Jim McRee, Oneida Lane* – Asked when Senya will have to run for the appointed position. Senya said in the next municipal election, which is this year. Mr. McRee then had a question about the decision made regarding distribution of meeting packets to the Planning Commission, as reflected in the January 18 minutes. Senya said this matter would be discussed again at the February 8 meeting when Marty Shane would be back, but told Mr. McRee the Planning Commission will continue to receive hard copies of their packets sent to their homes.

Don moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Carmen seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

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

*See attached Treasurer's Report for January 28, 2010.*

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report and the current invoices. Thom moved to accept the Treasurer's Report of January 28 and the Expenditure Register Report as recommended by the Treasurer, to accept the receipts and to authorize payment of the invoices just reviewed. Carmen seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

### **Action List**

**Pension Committee** – Rick recommended the Board appoint Mark Miller and Deb Beury to this committee. Don suggested that at least one resident also be appointed. Senya agreed with Don and said the Board could consider additional residents if well-qualified individuals apply. Rick will advertise for volunteers. Resumes will be due by the end of February, but the deadline can be extended if the response is not satisfactory. The Board agreed that volunteers will need to have past and present experience.

*Public Comment: Jim McRee, Oneida Lane* – Advised the Board to be careful not to appoint any residents who have a conflict of interest. Senya assured him that would not happen. Mr. McRee then recommended the Board give more power to employees in administering their pension plan, and not put the power in the hands of a disconnected resident with no “skin in the game.” He advised the Board to seek professional advice if necessary. Senya told Mr. McRee it will not be the duty of the Pension Committee to devise an investment strategy and make fund selections; that will be the role of the fund administrator.

**Annual Training Plan** – Staff will compare the cost of recommended training for this year to budgeted funds, and cut training for 2011.

**TAG Action List** – The staff will update the Action List and remove completed items from the list by February 22.

**Hershey Mill Dam** – Resident Neil DeRiemer distributed a handout (copy attached) giving an update on activities by the Friends of the East Goshen Historic Hershey Mill Dam (FoHMD). Senya noted that the \$15K the group received through Senator Dinniman could be used to either save the dam or breach it. Don asked Mr. DeRiemer when the final design for the bulkhead approach will be ready, and Mr. DeRiemer said probably next month. Don asked about the status of Jim Brandolini’s proposed approach, and Mr. DeRiemer indicated that he and Mr. Brandolini have a difference of opinion on how to save the dam.

### **Any Other Matter**

None.

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

None.

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

Senya noted the upcoming meetings as listed in the agenda.

### **Public Comment Period**

*Neil DeRiemer, Hershey Mill Road* – Asked for an update about the proposed cell tower at the Township Park. Don said the Board would be discussing this in the Executive Session.

*Jim McRee, Oneida Lane* – Asked why the cell tower issue would be discussed in an Executive Session, and not a public meeting. Rick clarified that in the Executive Session the Board would

be specifically discussing legal aspects of the Liberty Towers proposed tower for behind the Wawa.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board met in Executive Session until 10:30pm to discuss a pending legal matter. Supervisor Marty Shane participated via speakerphone.

Anne Meddings  
Recording Secretary

*Attachments –*

*Treasurer's Report*

*Status report from FoHMD*

January 28, 2011

TREASURER'S REPORT  
2010 RECEIPTS AND BILLS

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**GENERAL FUND**

Real Estate Tax	\$0.00
Earned Income Tax	\$5,201.88
Local Service Tax	\$0.00
Transfer Tax	\$0.00
General Fund Interest Earned	\$0.00
Total Other Revenue	<u>\$7,357.80</u>
Total Receipts:	<u>\$12,559.68</u>

Accounts Payable	\$60,847.96
<u>Electronic Pmts:</u>	
Health Insurance	\$50,604.67
Credit Card	\$0.00
Postage	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$0.00
Payroll	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$161,452.63</u>

**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>\$0.00</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	\$97,414.59
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Total Sewer:	<u>\$97,414.59</u>

Accounts Payable	\$8,239.30
Debt Service	\$0.00
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$8,239.30</u>

**REFUSE**

Receipts	\$45,648.14
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Total Refuse:	<u>\$45,648.14</u>

Expenditures	<u>\$3,920.74</u>
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**Friends of the East Goshen Historic Hershey's Mill Dam – FoHMD**

**1034 Hershey Mill Road**

**West Chester, Pa 19380**

**Status Report as of 2-1-11**

- 1. An article about the dam has been sent to HM-Channel 20 for inclusion in their TV guide type publication. A resident told me it is in the Publication now.**
- 2. The seawall bulkhead design builder and contractor has submitted a new design plan for the “dam above the dam“ with a cantilever design that will stand up without any downstream support should a washout occur.**
- 3. Nancy Diversa (SP?) of HM-Channel 20 is still committed to writing a mystery story around the Dam.**
- 4. The first fundraising effort is presently scheduled to be an “Antique Road Show” at which residents/guests can bring in their “Antiques” for a nominal fee per item and have them evaluated by experts. Skip Chalfont of HL Chalfont has agreed to help DeRiemer and Yahraes organize and run this event probably in March.**
- 5. Young Joe D’Antonio has agreed to create an outrageous “You Tube” experience for the world of Cyber Donors.**
- 6. A friend of Kathryn Yahraes has offered to run a golf fundraiser at Hershey’s Mill Golf Course potentially in May or June.**
- 7. A first draft of the “Before” and “After” pictures for a FLYER requesting donations is complete and being revised.**
- 8. The scheduled meeting with FoHMD officers and friends January 20<sup>th</sup> to plan the 2011 events and efforts in more detail was snowed out and is to be rescheduled.**
- 9. In addition to the \$15,000 received from Senator Dinneman we have received \$300.00 in donations.**

*From Neil DeRiemer*