

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
April 19, 2011 – 7:00pm
Final Approved Minutes**

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

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Senya called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. He asked Chief John Dumond 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.

Chairman's Report

Senya announced that the Board met in Executive Session on April 12 to discuss a personnel matter.

Police Report

Chief John Dumond reported there were 642 calls for service from East Goshen in March. The police are investigating a motorcycle fatality that occurred on Route 202 on April 10.

Boot Road Issues

The Supervisors asked the Chief for his opinion about a resident's request to ban left turns from Boot Road onto the cutoff behind the Sunoco station. The Chief noted that the two accidents which occurred at the intersection in the past three years were non-reportable. He said it may not be the best place to attempt a left turn, but he does not believe that signage is warranted to specifically ban left turns there. Carmen asked Chief Dumond to review the existing signage at the location when he gets a chance.

Marty said that unless a traffic engineer disagrees, he believes it's the responsibility of the Township to post a No Left Turn sign because the cutoff road was not designed for left turns from Boot Road.

Marty moved to have a traffic engineer review the intersection and recommend whether signage is needed. Senya seconded the motion.

Thom said that in light of the Chief's comments, he is not in favor of spending money on a traffic engineer. Don said he agreed with Thom, especially as there have been only two minor accidents there in recent years. Carmen also agreed and suggested the Township just monitor the intersection.

Public Comment: Erich Meyer, Monte Vista Drive -- Said the Township should not spend money on a traffic engineer for this intersection.

Public Comment: Leo Sinclair, Lochwood Lane -- Asked how much a sign would cost. Rick told him the signs would be about \$100 each, but the cost for the traffic engineer would also be involved.

Public Comment: Michael Stein, Richard Drive -- Said it's obvious to him that the cutoff road was not designed to handle left turns from Boot Road.

There was no further discussion or public comment. The Board voted 4:1 against the motion. (Only Marty was in favor.)

The Board asked the Chief to comment about the same resident's complaint about cars being parked on Boot Road near the St. Peter & Paul Church. The Chief said he has not seen cars parked on Boot Road near the church in East Goshen, not even on Sundays or major religious holidays. He added that there have been no accidents in that location on Boot Road for the past three years. The Chief said it was his opinion that no action was needed at this time.

Marty moved to accept Chief Dumond's recommendation to take no action on any parking issues along Boot Road near the St. Peter & Paul Church. Don seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Rick will get back to resident Bill Blackburn regarding the mud issue near CVS.

Stein Variance Request for 1519 Richard Drive

Michael Stein was present. He explained his plan to build a two-car garage on his property.

Per Rick, the Steins would not be required to complete a Historic Resource Impact Study for the nearby historic structure. Don expressed concern with the two-story design of the proposed garage, that it would look like a second house from the street. Mr. Stein said he is working with an architect to have the design modified so it won't appear so tall with the second story.

Marty asked about stormwater runoff. Mr. Stein said the runoff from the house will be brought to a seepage bed on the left side of the property.

Marty moved to support the request of Michael and Leisa Stein of 1519 Richard Drive for a variance request to build a two-car garage with a side yard setback of no less than 10 feet, which represents 10 feet of relief with the following condition:

1. The applicants shall follow all applicable federal, state and local laws and secure all proper permits prior to construction of the improvements depicted on the plans.

Carmen seconded the motion and noted that five of the Stein's neighbors signed a petition in support of the variance request. He said he is glad to see the Planning Commission working with residents to help them get permission to modify and improve their properties when needed to help them stay in East Goshen.

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

Tru-Team Request for Waiver from HRIS Requirement, 1422 Paoli Pike

Alexander Zelensky and Dr. Zelensky were present. Mr. Zelensky said they recently changed attorneys and are now being represented by Brian Nagle, but Mr. Nagle was unable to be present this evening.

Mr. Zelensky summarized their plans to adaptively reuse the historic property at 1422 Paoli Pike for his wife's medical practice. They plan to put a second story on the new building so they will have room for growth in the future. They will be required to install an elevator in the future, but for now will just leave room for an elevator shaft. Don noted this is a non-conforming building on a non-conforming lot. Carmen advised them to try now and get the necessary approvals for everything they are going to want to do with the property so that they won't have to come back for more approvals in the future.

Don moved to approve a waiver from the Historic Resource Impact Study requirement of the ordinance to Tru-Team for their property at 1422 Paoli Pike. Thom seconded the motion. Don noted that the Historical Commission supports the applicant's request for a waiver.

Public Comment: Erich Meyer, Monte Vista Drive – Said he is in favor of granting the waiver, and noted that three members of his family are patients of Dr. Zelensky.

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

Ford Explorer

Rick reported that the highest bid for the Explorer on municibid.com was \$3,500 from Richard Barr of Delco Towing in Springfield. Marty moved to accept the high bid of \$3,500 and sell the vehicle to Richard Barr. Thom seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Meadows at Applebrook Park

Marty moved to partner with the Natural Lands Trust to apply for a grant to create two meadows in the Applebrook Park, per the April 14 memo from Public Works Director Mark Miller. Don seconded the motion.

Public Comment: Bob Neff, Grist Mill Lane – Asked if there might be a safety hazard by having the gas lines in the meadow areas covered by high vegetation. Rick said the pipeline companies are really only concerned about issues with trees in the right of way, not grass. He noted that the meadows would be mowed once per year. Mr. Neff then said he was concerned that the meadows would encourage wildlife such as deer and foxes to come closer to his property. He also expressed concern about allergens produced by the meadow vegetation. Mr. Neff was upset the neighbors weren't notified about this plan to install meadows and said he only found out about it by seeing the meeting agenda. He asked if the neighbors would have an opportunity to comment on this issue before anything is finalized. Don told him yes.

Marty told Mr. Neff the two meadows would serve as a trial to see how they do in the Township. If they are successful, the Board may decide to install more meadows and to do less mowing. He pointed out that meadows are good for the environment and wildlife. Senya gave Mr. Neff a copy of a NLT publication on meadows and invited him to share it with his neighbors. Marty suggested Mr. Neff sign up for Constant Contact to stay informed on the Township's activities regarding this issue.

Mr. Neff asked if the Township was giving up ownership of the property that would be involved in these two proposed meadows, and Marty told him no.

Public Comment: Leo Sinclair, Lochwood Lane – Asked if there will be more standing water on the property as a result of the meadows, because he is concerned about mosquitoes and West Nile Virus. Senya told him that native plants, the type that would be in the meadow, have root systems that help to absorb standing water.

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

Fire Company Update

Jerry Fokas, Sr. introduced himself as the new President of the Goshen Fire Company. Bill Keslick of the Fire Company was also present. Mr. Fokas gave a verbal report of recent Fire Company activities and EMS statistics. He said he is working on an article for the next Township newsletter. Marty encouraged him to do this and said that articles and blurbs in the newsletter would help with fundraising. He suggested letting residents know how dependent the Fire Company is on fundraising efforts and that very little of their funding actually comes from the Township. Marty said the residents would probably find it helpful to see a breakdown on where the majority of the Fire Company and ambulance calls are coming from. Mr. Fokas said one point he hopes to get across in the newsletter is that the Fire Company is staffed by volunteers. He is surprised by the number of people unaware of this fact.

Marty reminded Mr. Fokas that the Township is still waiting for the information promised to them months ago, and said the Board really needs the information for Township budgeting purposes. Mr. Fokas explained that getting the information together has been delayed due to the leadership transition at the Fire Company. Carmen told him the Township needs the information as soon as possible. The Board discussed this with Mr. Fokas and May 17 was selected as the

“drop dead date” for the information to be given to the Township. The material will be included with the Board’s packets for discussion at the May 24 meeting.

Thom suggested the Fire Company meet with Bellingham and Wellington to ask them for contributions based on the high percentage of calls coming from those two facilities.

Mr. Fokas said he is interested in establishing a live-in volunteer program at the Fire Company for local college and trade school students. Housing would be provided in return for volunteer hours.

Public Comment: Leo Sinclair, Lochwood Lane – Asked about volunteer opportunities for himself. He later discussed this offline with Mr. Fokas.

Mr. Fokas informed the Board that the Fire Company just received a trailer from FEMA filled with traffic cones and barriers for use in incidents.

The Board thanked Mr. Fokas for coming in and wished him well in his new position.

Special Financial Planning Meeting

The Board agreed to meet on May 26 from 10am to 2pm to discuss financial issues. At the regular Board meeting on May 24, they will plan to discuss the financials for the first third of the year.

Executive Assistant & Permit Coordinator Positions

The Board agreed to table discussion of these jobs until Mark Gordon can be present.

Public Comment: Leo Sinclair – Asked what the salary would be for the Permit Coordinator. Rick and the Board were unsure of the exact figure, so Rick will email the information to Mr. Sinclair after he checks the number. Mr. Sinclair then asked how many Township jobs were lost in 2010. He was told 3.5 jobs were lost, including one resignation.

Review of Minutes

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of April 5. Marty moved to accept the minutes of April 5. Don seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

The Board reviewed and edited the draft minutes of April 12. Don moved to accept the minutes of April 12 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 April 14, 2011.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer’s Report and the current invoices. Thom moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report of April 14 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.

Any Other Matter

Fireworks – The Board discussed whether it might be feasible to have fireworks this year. Senya said he would call Frank Vattilano tomorrow, and would have Mark Gordon contact Hank Belber.

Action List

TAG Recommendation Summary – Rick went over the latest version of this report with the Board.

Correspondence & Reports of Interest

Senya acknowledged receipt of a letter from Mullin Engineering regarding a water problem at Lot 51 of the Applebrook development.

Meetings & Dates of Importance

Senya noted the upcoming meetings as listed in the agenda.

Public Comment Period

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.

Anne Meddings

Recording Secretary

Attachment: Treasurer's Report

April 14, 2011

TREASURER'S REPORT
2010 RECEIPTS AND BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Real Estate Tax	\$15,756.84	Accounts Payable	\$33,489.48
Earned Income Tax	\$40,622.33	<u>Electronic Pmts:</u>	
Local Service Tax	\$0.00	Health Insurance	\$0.00
Transfer Tax	\$20,166.03	Credit Card	\$0.00
General Fund Interest Earned	\$0.00	Postage	\$0.00
Total Other Revenue	\$218,599.10	Debt Service	\$217,542.34
Total Receipts:	<u>\$295,144.30</u>	Payroll	\$43,000.00
		Total Expenditures:	<u>\$294,031.82</u>

STATE FUND

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

Interest Earned	<u>\$0.00</u>	Expenditures:	<u>\$0.00</u>
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TRANSPORTATION FUND

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

Receipts	\$22,701.58	Accounts Payable	\$177,182.81
Interest Earned	\$0.00	Debt Service	\$32,024.00
Total Sewer:	<u>\$22,701.58</u>	Total Expenditures:	<u>\$209,206.81</u>

REFUSE

Receipts	\$7,948.48	Expenditures	<u>\$56,362.63</u>
Interest Earned	\$0.00		
Total Refuse:	<u>\$7,948.48</u>		