

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
June 28, 2011 – 7:00pm
Final Approved Minutes**

Present: Chairman Senya D. Isayeff, Vice-Chairman Don McConathy, and Supervisors Marty Shane, Carmen Battavio and Thom Clapper. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Brian McCool (Finance Dept), Ruth Scadding and Erich Meyer (Park & Rec) and Kathryn Yahraes (Historical Commission).

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Senya called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. He asked Kathryn Yahraes to lead 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.

Recording of Meeting

No one indicated they would be recording the meeting.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Chairman's Report

- Senya acknowledged receipt of the ballot results from Supplee Valley regarding speed humps. The Township will take no action to install speed humps at this time because not enough homeowners indicated they were in favor of them.
- Senya announced that the Board met in Executive Session on June 21 to discuss a personnel matter.

Correspondence & Reports of Interest

Senya acknowledged receipt of the following:

- Report from Joanne Morgan indicating that as of June 23 the Township has received 53 requests from residents for the paper copy of the newsletter and 567 requests for the electronic version. The Board agreed that starting in 2012, the Township will switch to an electronic newsletter. Those residents who have requested a paper copy will have one mailed to their homes or they may pick one up at the Township building.
- PADEP Notice of Intent to Remediate the property at 922 N. Chester Road (formerly McGinty's Nursery) for arsenic. Rick will send a notification letter to residents within 1,000 ft of the property.
- Letter to the Local Traffic Advisory Board concerning a request to install speed humps in Pin Oaks and Marydell.

Appointment of Robert Miller (Thornbury Twp) to Police Commission

Carmen moved to approve Thornbury Township's appointment of Supervisor Robert Miller as the at-large member of the WEGO Police Commission, replacing Ed Travis. Thom seconded the motion and said Bob will do an excellent job. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Resolution 2011-4A, Appointment of Assistant Fire Marshal

Thom moved to approve Resolution 2011-4A, appointing Carmen Battavio as an Assistant Fire Marshal. Carmen has volunteered to assist Fire Marshal Mark Miller with no compensation for his services. Don seconded the motion. Senya thanked Carmen for graciously volunteering his time and services so that Mark Miller will not have to travel to East Goshen from Honey Brook during his off hours. There was no further discussion and no public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Replacement of Dump Truck

Marty moved to approve the purchase of a replacement dump truck through the Costars program at a net price of either \$120,163 or \$105,163 (Mark Miller's memo of June 24 was not clear as to the final cost), per the recommendation of Public Works Director Mark Miller. Carmen seconded the motion. Rick will find out the actual cost for the vehicle and report back to the Board. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

TAG Recommendation to Reduce Mowing of Township Open Spaces

The Board discussed Mark Miller's June 24 memo which states that "Mowing of large tracts has been reduced to once a month." Marty said he is not happy with the "scruffy" appearance of the open spaces, especially at Applebrook Park. He wants these spaces mowed more frequently so that the Township looks as attractive as it used to. Thom and Carmen agreed.

The Board discussed with Rick whether any money is being saved by having the Public Works Department mow less frequently, but no data is available and there was no consensus. Marty said he would like to know what other tasks the employees are spending their time on if they are mowing less frequently, and what are the benefits to the Township.

Carmen recommended Rick ask Mark Miller to incrementally increase the mowing frequency to see what schedule keeps the Township looking attractive, but without mowing more than is necessary.

After additional discussion, the Board directed Rick to have Mark Miller mow Applebrook Park and the other large open spaces frequently enough so that the Township looks manicured and attractive.

Financial Report

Brian McCool of the Finance Department reviewed the May report for the General Fund and the Sewer Fund.

The Board agreed to have the Finance Department change the frequency of the Sewer Report from monthly back to quarterly.

Regarding the revised 2011 budget, the Board would like Deb Beury to provide a list of all new budget lines with the appropriate budget.

Proposal from Liberty Towers for Cell Tower at Township Building

The Board reviewed the June 17 proposal from Liberty Towers and agreed it is necessary to get clarification on the following items:

- The use of the term "RAD" vs. "carrier."
- Whether the optional extra 30 ft of tower would be added all at once or incrementally (a question raised by resident Mike Steinberger). Marty said the Township should get the additional \$2,250/mo from Liberty Towers if they put up the extra 30 ft of tower, regardless of whether or not Liberty gets carriers to fill all the space. The rest of the Board concurred.
- What happens if Liberty wants to put another carrier (or more) on the tower below 90 ft.

At this point the Board prefers the proposal for the Ground Lease offer, which will provide the Township with a base rental payment as well as capital contributions from Liberty at various points in the agreement. Senya noted he would like to break down the rental payment into yearly installments of \$48,148.30 for ten years. Rick said the income could be put into a special fund and dispersed once per year.

Marty stated that the agreement with Liberty must state that the tower is to be located as far back on the Township property as is engineeringly feasible.

Public Comment: Kathryn Yahraes, Vista Drive – Asked if the Township could get renderings of the proposed tower. Rick said he would ask for them. Thom said he would also like to have Liberty float balloons behind the Township building at 150 ft and 180 ft to help visualize the tower.

Don asked which version of the Wireless Ordinance would Liberty have to comply with. Rick said he will send a draft copy of the revised ordinance to Mr. Lemanowicz and see if his client is okay with it.

Regarding Liberty's wish to establish a deadline for completing the amendment to the zoning ordinance that will permit a tower on Township property, Marty noted the agreed-to deadline should be exclusive of any appeals. The rest of the Board concurred.

The Township staff will schedule another meeting with Mr. Lemanowicz.

Payoff of Debt

The Board reviewed the data provided by Lucien Calhoun's office. They agreed not to pursue an early payoff of the debt for the Township building as the savings would be negligible. Thom moved to hold off discussion on paying off the Applebrook debt, and to review this matter again

in 2012. Don seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and no public comment. The Board voted 4:0 to approve the motion. (Marty abstained from voting.)

Any Other Matter

Summer Meeting Schedule - Thom moved to hold only two meetings in July – one on July 12 and one on July 26. Carmen seconded the motion. Marty and Don expressed concern that two meetings would not be enough to complete Township business. There was no further discussion and no public comment. The Board voted 3:2 and the motion passed. (Marty and Don were opposed).

Pond Algae – Thom said the algae situation in Township ponds is becoming a real problem, and it's worth spending money to take care of the problem and to be proactive about it. He said someone from the PA Fish & Boat Commission told him the Township did not use the barley straw properly, and that's why it didn't work out to control algae. Senya asked Rick to add this matter to the Action List. Rick said he would contact someone from the Penn State Cooperative Extension to get more information about barley straw.

Public Comment: Ruth Scadding, Park & Rec – Said the aerators are working to control algae in the ponds where they are located. Also, to her knowledge, the Township did follow the Cooperative Extension's instructions regarding the barley.

Historical Commission – Senya said the Historical Commission would like to add two members to its board, bringing the number to nine members. They would also like to start their own Facebook page. Marty said he would like a memo from the Historical Commission providing details on why two more members are necessary. Kathryn Yahraes said one of the main reasons is that the Historical Commission has been charged with planning the Township's bicentennial celebration, and the existing membership needs more members to share the workload. Senya suggested this matter be tabled for more discussion at the July 12 Board meeting. Regarding the Facebook page, Senya suggested the Historical Commission see Frank Vattilano, as he may have the names of potential volunteers to help set up the page.

Farmers' Market – Senya reported that the Farmers' Market will have its own blog on the Township website.

Certificate for Scout Wagner – Senya said the Township will present Scout Jack Wagner, who was present at the June 21 meeting, with a Certificate of Appreciation, which states:
In recognition and appreciation of your unwavering commitment to the Scout Oath and Law, dedication to the ideals of Scouting and leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Flag Day, June 14, 2011.

Review of Minutes

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of June 21 and had no changes. Don moved to accept the minutes as presented. Marty seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report & Expenditure Register Report

See attached Treasurer's Report for June 23, 2011. The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report and the current invoices. Don noted that Invoice #29000 from Charles Higgins & Sons should not be paid, as the invoice is for work done on a Westtown traffic signal. Rick will inform Charles Higgins & Sons.

Thom moved to accept the Treasurer's Report of June 23 and the Expenditure Register Report as recommended by the Treasurer, to accept the receipts and to authorize payment of the invoices just reviewed, with the exception of Invoice #29000 from Charles Higgins & Sons in the amount of \$238.20, as East Goshen was billed in error. Marty seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and no public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Action List

Municipal Authority Projects – Rick gave an update on the Municipal Authority projects.
IT Committee – The Board discussed whether the Township should form an IT Committee and agreed to start out with a small volunteer committee composed of 2-3 residents. Rick will contact resident Robert Murray, who has expressed interest in volunteering his IT expertise. Rick will also talk to Thom and get the names of some other possible volunteers.

Meetings & Dates of Importance

Senya noted the upcoming meetings as listed in the agenda. Ruth Scadding announced that Park & Rec has decided to hold a regular meeting on July 7. Rick will check to see if the meeting will require an additional advertisement, and will place the ad if necessary.

Public Comment Period

Ruth Scadding requested that staff put out an updated ABC list.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:26pm.

Executive Session

The Board met in Executive Session until 10:00pm to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Anne Meddings

Recording Secretary

Attachment: Treasurer's Report

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TREASURER'S REPORT
2011 RECEIPTS AND BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Real Estate Tax	\$5,956.09	Accounts Payable	\$31,970.53
Earned Income Tax	\$71,800.00	<u>Electronic Pmts:</u>	
Local Service Tax	\$800.00	Health Insurance	
Transfer Tax	\$0.00	Credit Card	
General Fund Interest Earned	\$0.00	Postage	
Total Other Revenue	\$25,534.76	Debt Service	
Total Receipts:	<u>\$104,090.85</u>	Payroll	\$46,000.00
		Total Expenditures:	<u>\$77,970.53</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>\$12,099.99</u>
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TRANSPORTATION FUND

Interest Earned	<u>\$0.00</u>	Expenditures:	<u>\$5,100.00</u>
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SEWER OPERATING

Receipts	\$19,918.65	Accounts Payable	\$30,549.49
Interest Earned	\$0.00	Debt Service	
Total Sewer:	<u>\$19,918.65</u>	Transfer To M.A.	\$21,000.00
		Total Expenditures:	<u>\$51,549.49</u>

REFUSE

Receipts	\$3,762.35	Expenditures	<u>\$6,502.96</u>
Interest Earned	\$0.00		
Total Refuse:	<u>\$3,762.35</u>		

SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE

Receipts	\$0.00	Expenditures	<u>\$0.00</u>
Interest Earned	\$0.00		
Total Sewer Capital Reserve	<u>\$0.00</u>		