

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
August 16, 2011 – 7:00 pm
Final Approved Minutes**

Present: Chairman Senya D. Isayeff, Supervisor Thom Clapper and Supervisor Carmen Battavio. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, Chief of Police John Dumond, Township Solicitor Kristin Kemp, Erich Meyer (Park & Recreation) and Jim McRee (Deer Committee).

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Senya called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked Ruth Kiefer 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 our country in the armed forces, and their families.

Recording of Meeting

Senya asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. There was no response.

Chairman's Report

Senya announced the following:

- The Board met in Executive Session on August 9, 2011 to discuss a personnel matter.
- The Township Auditor Leo Sinclair has resigned and the Board has accepted his resignation. Rick mentioned that the Board has 30 days to appoint a replacement. If they don't, the Vacancy Board will make the decision. Rick said he would place an ad in the Daily Local News and on the Township Web site.

Public Hearing

The Board conducted a public hearing for the Wireless Ordinance Amendment. A transcript will be provided by the court recorder.

Police/EMS Report

Chief Dumond reported that there were 653 calls for service from East Goshen for July. There were only a few minor incidents at the Goshen Fair. They had a DUI checkpoint and arrested 5. There was 1 underage drinking.

Jim McRee mentioned that a hunter, who is a member of a hunting club authorized under the Township Deer Program, saw an elderly man wandering in the snow in the open space last season. The man walked onto a pond that was frozen but the hunter was concerned that he seemed lost. Chief Dumond advised that they should call the police.

Old Business

Rick reviewed the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPBE) Trust Agreement with the Board members. The changes are shown on the red line draft copy. Page 1 defines OPEB and the definition is also mentioned on pages 3 and 6. The formatting of the document was revised. Language was added that once money goes into the trust it can't be taken out unless there was an administrative error.

Page 15 – 10.1 - Thom asked to add "Police" before "Department" on lines 3 and 5.

There was discussion about relatives. Senya asked that cousins be added.

On Page 17 – Termination, 12.3 - Rick pointed out that language was added that, if a Federal, State or Local law or regulation comes into effect after the date of the agreement that eliminates the need for the trust, the trust will be terminated and the funds returned to the Township General Fund.

Senya asked that a hyphen be put between Post and Employment.

Thom moved to advertise the ordinance to approve the OPEB Trust Agreement. Carmen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Deer Program – Jim McRee gave an update on the program. Last year there were no incidents and they harvested 29 deer. The original target was 36 per year. Some challenges to that were the expansion of the sewer treatment plant (noise and commotion); and the PA Game Commission took away 2 weeks of the season and banned baiting. Vehicle collisions with deer have decreased. Jim expects that they can reach the goal of 36 this year. The Deer Committee is recommending that the Board of Supervisors renew the program for 2011-2012 as it is. Thom moved to adopt the resolution to continue the Deer Management Program for the 2011-2012 year as outlined in the resolution. Carmen seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Carmen moved to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2011 meeting. Thom seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Rick commented that he will have the lunch expense back charged to the Municipal Authority. After review of the report, Thom moved to accept the Treasurer's Report of August 11, 2011 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 further discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Review Action List

Wireless Ordinance – Approved.

OPEB – Approved the draft.

Sign Ordinance – Planning Commission is still reviewing.

Jim McRee, who is also a member of the Planning Commission, explained the struggle they are having with electronic signs. If the Township does not allow electronic signs, a court may determine that the Township is exclusionary.

The Commission is considering not allowing signs in certain districts.

Senya mentioned a few comments about the signs:

- Greenhill Road at Boot Road – The Fire Company has a sign at the station. Senya feels that a lot of people pass by each day and this would be a good location for a multi-message sign that could alert people to important situations such as an Amber Alert.
- The shopping center at Paoli Pike and Boot Road would benefit from a central sign in front. Some of these businesses are passed by because you can't see their individual signs.
- The Township sign at Paoli Pike and Boot Road is a good example of a location for an electronic sign. Instead of changing it manually, it could be done electronically and there would be space for more information.

Thom is against electronic signs. He feels they distract drivers and he doesn't want East Goshen to look like Las Vegas. Carmen said the Township should consider adding them somewhere so as not to be exclusionary.

Jim commented that the Planning Commission will try to limit the size and brilliance of electronic signs.

Any Other Matter

Thom reported that the Park & Recreation Board reviewed the TAG recommendations and will try to get on the BOS agenda for the end of the month.

Senya commented that the BOS wants more detail in the report for the Summer Program. Rick will look into this.

Correspondence & Reports of Interest

Senya acknowledged receipt of the following:

- A letter regarding speed humps in Supplee Valley
- Mark Gordon's letter regarding Malvern Institute
- Email from Richard Reisinger regarding the proposed plan to use sheet piling to rehab the Hershey Mill Dam. Mr. Reisinger is not sure this approach is feasible. Rick is concerned that construction costs are increasing faster than inflation and may impact this project. Carmen and Thom want to set a deadline. Rick clarified that there are only two solutions – fix the dam or breach it.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Thom moved to adjourn the meeting. Carmen seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The Board went into Executive Session until 8:00 pm to discuss a personnel issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary