

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
November 15, 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, Phyllis Marron and Erich Meyer (Park & Rec), and Ginnie Newlin (Conservancy Board).

**Executive Session**

The Board met in Executive Session from 7:00pm to 8:15pm to conduct ABC interviews.

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Senya called the public meeting to order at 8:20pm. He asked Phyllis Marron to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

Rick Smith called for a moment of silence to honor the troops.

**Recording of Meeting**

No one indicated they would be recording the meeting.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Ginnie Newlin wanted to make sure the Board was aware of a November 14 article in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* about Germantown Academy's project to restore wetlands and meadows on 6 acres of their campus.

Resident Dr. Howard Jones wanted to make sure the Board was aware of a recent article in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* concerning a downgrade of Westtown Township's credit rating by Moody's. He said the article cited the regional police force as being the main contributor to Westtown's financial woes. He asked if the downgrade would affect East Goshen's budget and would East Goshen be left "holding the bag" for WEGO if Westtown is in financial trouble. Senya said there are more issues contributing to Westtown's financial picture than just the police.

Carmen explained how the intermunicipality contracts work and said that if the WEGO parties cannot agree on a budget, a default budget automatically goes into effect. Carmen assured Dr. Jones that East Goshen is very proactive on police budget matters and strives to provide high-quality police protection to the residents in the most cost-effective manner. Dr. Jones asked again if East Goshen would be protected in the event Westtown defaults. Carmen said in the event of an issue with Westtown fulfilling their obligations, the Board of East Goshen will do whatever must be done to get out from under the financial burden.

Rick pointed out that another reason Westtown is having difficulty right now is that they are having to install very costly public sewer connections in several of their neighborhoods.

Resident Jamie Floyd-Jones said she would like to hear more about the proposed partnership between the Township and the YMCA. Senya told her there is nothing to report at this time. The Park & Rec just received the YMCA's talking points and they need time to review it and give their recommendations to the Supervisors. The Board needs to receive those recommendations before they will be able to discuss the matter at a meeting. Ms. Floyd-Jones said she hoped Senya would be recusing himself from discussions on this matter. Senya said although he contributes financially to the YMCA, he is no longer on their board of directors and will not be recusing himself from discussion. When he became a Supervisor he swore an oath to uphold the best interests of the Township and he will abide by that.

### **Chairman's Report**

Senya announced that the Board met in Executive Sessions as follows:

- On November 1 to discuss a personnel matter.
- On November 14 to meet with the Westtown supervisors to discuss police matters.
- Earlier this evening to interview ABC candidates.
- He also announced that the Board would meet again in Executive Session after the formal meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

### **Review of Township Dam Costs**

The Board discussed which fund should be used for paying costs associated with the Hershey Mill and Milltown Dam. Don suggested taking construction costs for the Hershey Mill Dam from the Capital Reserve because taking it from the General Fund would impact taxes. Marty said he understood Don's position but believes the money should come from the General Fund since there is no money set aside for the dam in the Capital Reserve. He said the Board needs to decide whether to set money aside for the dam going forward.

Don moved to allocate \$45,000 for the Milltown Dam and \$525,000 over two years for the Hershey Mill Dam from the Capital Reserve Fund. Thom seconded the motion.

*Public Comment: Bob Lytle* – Asked if money is taken from Capital Reserve for the dam, what other project(s) that this money was intended for will not get done. He was told the Capital Reserve is over-funded.

Marty noted that from a practical standpoint it doesn't matter which fund the money comes from as the Township has adequate reserves in both funds. However, the money spent on the dams should all come from one fund to be consistent.

Marty recommended the General Fund be reimbursed from the Capital Reserve Fund for past dam expenses. Don and Thom agreed to have this amendment made to their motion.

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

### **Update on Hershey Mill Dam from Neil DeRiemer**

Mr. DeRiemer handed out copies of updated proposals from Risbon Excavating and E.B. Walsh for work on the Hershey Mill Dam. Mr. DeRiemer said he is still working on getting a list of Risbon's past dam projects for the Supervisors.

Senya suggested that Mr. DeRiemer allow Rick Smith to accompany him when he goes to see Mr. Reisinger in Harrisburg.

Don asked Mr. DeRiemer how much time E.B. Walsh will need to prepare a plan for the dam. Mr. DeRiemer said he estimated about 30 days.

Senya thanked Mr. DeRiemer for providing a good report to the Board.

Don asked Senya when the Supervisors would be taking action on this matter. Senya said that the proposed plan must be approved by DEP before the Supervisors can vote on it.

### **Meeting on November 29**

The majority of the Board agreed it would not be necessary to hold a meeting on November 29 to make up for not being able to meeting on November 8 (Election Day). Therefore, the Board will not meet on November 29.

### **Email Accounts for ABC Chairmen**

Rick said the email accounts for the ABC Chairmen were tested and found to be active and functioning. However, he has learned that the majority of the accounts are not being used.

Don expressed concern that emails between members of ABCs are not being logged to the Township server. Marty said the Chairmen of the ABCs should be reminded of the responsibility to check email on the Township server, because otherwise the Township has no record of their outgoing emails unless they cc: someone at the Township.

Erich Meyer said he has noticed that all Park & Rec emails have a staff member or supervisor copied on them. To solve the problem for the other ABCs, he suggested the Township set up the ABC accounts so that copies of incoming emails are automatically forwarded to both the Chairman's personal email account and the Township's general administration address ([egtadmin@eastgoshen.org](mailto:egtadmin@eastgoshen.org)). Rick will follow up on Erich's suggestion.

### **Request from Wiggins to Sell Christmas Trees**

Thom moved to allow Wiggins to sell Christmas trees again this year from their location at 1301 West Chester Pike. Don seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Friends of East Goshen**

The Board briefly reviewed a list of discussion items concerning the Friends of East Goshen as prepared by Rick. The Board agreed the list should be sent to the Friends for their input and recommendation before discussing the matter further. Lisa O'Neill (who was in the audience) suggested the Board get an opinion from the Township Solicitor on some of the issues.

### **Post-Employment Medical Benefits**

The Board reviewed and discussed Rick's November 7 memo on this topic. Marty said it would not be appropriate for the Township to fund the Trust for 2011 since the year is almost over and it would mean the 2011 budget would have to be amended. Marty also said that right now he personally believes it's more prudent to keep money in cash than to designate money for this fund.

### **QVC Tax Appeal**

The Board reviewed Rick's November 8 memo on this topic and agreed that more data was needed before this matter could be discussed. Rick will work on getting additional information.

### **Any Other Matter**

Don moved to approve a resolution allowing the Conservancy Board to apply for a PECO Green Region Open Space Grant. Thom seconded the motion. Don noted that this all came about as a result of the Natural Lands Trust report that came out about a year ago.

*Public Comment: Arthur Jones* – Asked if the \$8,000 expenditure for invasive control will have to go out to bid and Rick said yes, probably. Mr. Jones said he did not think this an appropriate use of Township funds. Ginnie Newlin of the Conservancy Board told him controlling the invasives is not a small project and the \$8,000 will actually just be a drop in the bucket. Senya suggested that Mr. Jones go to the Township website to see the NLT report for more details.

### **Review of Minutes**

The Board reviewed and corrected the draft minutes of November 1. There was no public comment. Senya said the minutes would stand approved as corrected.

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

*See attached Treasurer's Report for November 10, 2011.* The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report and the current invoices. Thom moved to accept the Treasurer's Report of November 10 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.

### **Action List**

**Sign Ordinance** – Rick reported that the Planning Commission has met with some of the commercial people about the signs. Don said the Planning Commission probably won't have a recommendation for the Board until February.

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

Senya acknowledged receipt of an auditor's report.

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

Senya noted the upcoming meetings as listed in the agenda.

### **Public Comment Period**

Resident Neil DeRiemer asked what ABC positions the Board was interviewing for earlier this evening, and Senya told him they were candidates for the Community Development Commission.

Resident Arthur Jones asked if a regional police force has been considered as a way to save money. Senya said yes, and that it's an ongoing discussion and will become more a topic of conversation over the next two years.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:53pm.

**Executive Session**

The Board met in Executive Session until 11pm to discuss a personnel matter.

Anne Meddings

Recording Secretary

*Attachment: Treasurer's Report*

November 10, 2011

TREASURER'S REPORT  
2011 RECEIPTS AND BILLS

**GENERAL FUND**

Real Estate Tax	\$0.00
Earned Income Tax	\$122,027.82
Local Service Tax	\$7,034.39
Transfer Tax	\$0.00
General Fund Interest Earned	\$716.64
Total Other Revenue	\$48,042.85
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$177,821.70</b>

Accounts Payable	\$399,849.16
<u>Electronic Pmts:</u>	
Health Insurance	\$0.00
Credit Card	\$0.00
Postage	\$1,000.00
Debt Service	\$0.00
Payroll	\$95,000.00 (2 Weeks)
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$495,849.16</b>

**STATE FUND**

Interest Earned	\$81.91
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Expenditures:	\$0.00
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**CAPITAL RESERVE**

Interest Earned	\$214.80
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Expenditures:	\$0.00
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**TRANSPORTATION FUND**

Interest Earned	\$325.52
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Expenditures:	\$0.00
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**SEWER OPERATING**

Receipts	\$184,539.85
Interest Earned	\$53.32
<b>Total Sewer:</b>	<b>\$184,593.17</b>

Accounts Payable	\$154,098.74
Debt Service	\$0.00
Transfer To M.A.	\$14,350.00
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$168,448.74</b>

**REFUSE**

Receipts	\$47,394.40
Interest Earned	\$19.78
<b>Total Refuse:</b>	<b>\$47,414.18</b>

Expenditures	\$59,052.03
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**SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE**

Interest Earned	\$326.24
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Expenditures	\$0.00
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