

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
October 9, 2012 – 7:00pm
Final Minutes**

This special workshop meeting was held at Fugett Middle School.

Present: Chairman Senya D. Isayeff, Vice-Chairman Thom Clapper, and Supervisors Carmen Battavio, and Chuck Proctor. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith and Jon Altshul, CFO.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Senya called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and asked Peter Mylonas to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Carmen called for a moment of silence to honor the troops.

Recording of Meeting

The following individuals indicated they would be recording the meeting:

Gerard Ruffenach, Reservoir Road
Leo Sinclair, Lockwood Lane

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Chairman's Report

Senya asked Carmen to read a prepared joint statement (attached) of the Westtown Township and East Goshen Township Board of Supervisors regarding the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department (WEGO).

Senya mentioned that last night Westtown Township adopted a motion to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Westtown-East Goshen Police Association.

Senya moved to ratify the Police Commission's vote in favor of entering into the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Westtown-East Goshen Police Association and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of East Goshen Township to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Westtown-East Goshen Police Association and the Memorandums of Understanding for Officers Cam and Poehner, contingent upon Thornbury Township's approval of the Police Services Agreement. He further moved to ratify the Police Commission's vote in favor of entering into the Police Services Agreement with Thornbury, contingent upon Thornbury Township's approval of the same. Chuck Proctor seconded the motion.

Public Comments on Chairman's Report

Dr. Howard Jones, Kennett Way, asked if the agreement with Thornbury is open ended or on a time limit. Senya commented that Thornbury will meet tomorrow, Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 8:00 am.

Anthony Ruggieri, President, WEGO Police Association, stated that he is happy to be here until 2018 to serve the residents. He thanked the many residents who supported the police. It is encouraging to know that what they do every day is appreciated by the residents. He listed some of the things that make a valuable officer. He urged everyone to support this agreement and promised that the officers will be there 24/7.

Gerard Ruffenach, Reservoir Road, stated that he wants the agreement to be reconsidered. We don't have the details of the pension and health care plans. He accused the police of abusing the plan in the past.

Les Neri, President Pennsylvania Fraternal Order of Police, stated that he has been to many parts of Pennsylvania for this type of negotiation. He feels the agreement meets everyone's needs. He sees it as a move forward to continue one of the best regionals in Pennsylvania.

There being no further comments, Senya asked for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

The Chairman noted that the minutes of the October 2, 2012 meeting were approved.

Workshops

Senya announced that the workshops scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month will be suspended.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chuck moved to adjourn the meeting and Senya seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary