

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
September 3, 2013  
Final Approved Minutes**

**Present:** Chairman Senya D. Isayeff, Vice-Chairman Carmen Battavio, Supervisors Marty Shane, Chuck Proctor and Janet Emanuel. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, CFO Jon Altshul, Erich Meyer (Park & Rec) and Ginnie Newlin (Conservancy Board).

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Senya called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and asked State Rep. Dan Truitt to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. (Rep. Truitt had stopped by to say hello but was unable to stay for the meeting.)

**Moment of Silence**

Carmen called for a moment of silence to remember the troops and all those in uniform who help keep us safe.

**Recording of Meeting**

No one recorded the meeting.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

None.

**Chairman's Report**

**Comprehensive Plan Update** - Janet reported that the last meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Task Force was very productive. They had a brainstorming session on priorities and "focal" areas. The biggest change to the Comprehensive Plan will be in format. The Task Force has scheduled a special meeting for September 11 where they will discuss the Town Center concept. **Shredding Event** – Senator Dominic Pileggi will hold a Community Shredding Event on September 21 at the State Farm building in Concordville.

**Public Hearing on Ordinance to Authorize Borrowing of \$2,500,000 for Sewer Projects**

The Board held a public hearing to consider an ordinance authorizing the borrowing of \$2,500,000 for sewer projects. Lucien Calhoun of the Delaware Regional Finance Authority was present. Marty moved to adopt the ordinance. Carmen seconded the motion. Public comments were made by residents Ginnie Newlin and Bill Egan. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion. A court reporter was present and will provide a complete transcript of the proceedings.

**Financial Policies**

Senya announced that this matter would be tabled until the September 17 meeting.

### **Openspace Plan**

Rick summarized an August 28 memo from Mark Gordon on this topic. Staff recommends awarding the Openspace and Recreation Plan update contract to Toole Recreation Planning for \$26,370 and adding Option 3 for the conceptual study of the Paoli Pike Multi-Use Path for \$3,500 for a total of \$29,870. The Plan should remain a standalone plan and not be included with the Comp Plan Update.

Carmen moved to award the Openspace Plan Update to Toole Recreation Planning for \$29,870 per the recommendation of staff. Janet seconded the motion.

Marty said this will save the Township money by because an entirely new Openspace Plan will not have to be created to replace the old one. Additionally, having a start on the trail issue may give the Township an advantage when applying for grant money.

*Public Comment: Mike Broennle, Hunters Circle* – Said he supported the motion, and this is a great opportunity for the Township to get in on early funding. A trail is greatly needed by residents for recreational purposes and as a means to get to and from their jobs.

*Public Comment: Bill Egan, Mill Creek* – Said he would like the Township to spend money on installing the approved Line Road trail before approving an expenditure to study the possibility of putting in a trail along Paoli Pike. Marty noted that the cost to install the Line Road trail is prohibitive due to ADA requirements.

*Public Comment: Ginnie Newlin* – Asked if the Township would consider putting in more “native” trail along Line Road. Rick said he would have to look into it.

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

### **Request for Additional Services Regarding Comprehensive Plan**

The Board discussed a request from John Theilacker of the Brandywine Conservancy to have the Township pay the Environmental Management Center an additional \$1,500 for himself and Steve Kehs of Triad Associates to attend The Commerce Commission’s Breakfast Forum on October 3 and Lunch Forum on November 7.

Janet said the Township needs to make sure the commercial zones are attractive to businesses and consumers. Carmen said he supports the request, as the Commerce Commission is highly regarded by Township businesses.

Senya said he was disappointed by the request from Mr. Theilacker and cannot justify the additional expense of \$1,500 for the Comprehensive Plan.

Carmen moved to send a letter to Mr. Theilacker and Mr. Kehs, again inviting them to the Commerce Commission events at no charge but tactfully declining to reimburse them for attending. Marty seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Police Committee to Explore Possibility of Expansion**

Carmen repeated his motion from the last meeting: He moved to approve the formation of a committee consisting of one or more supervisors each from East Goshen, Westtown and West Goshen along with the Township Managers and the Police Chiefs. The committee will be tasked with developing an RFP for the study of the feasibility of adding West Goshen to WEGO, as well as identifying the various legal and operational issues that will need to be addressed. Chuck seconded the motion.

Marty questioned whether there will be a financial benefit to WEGO and/or East Goshen. Before a committee is formed, he would like Rick and Jon to meet with Kathy Brill and Chief Bernot to do some rough "back of the envelope" calculations to see if this would be a worthwhile endeavor. He would also like the Township's labor attorney, Joe Rudolf, to come meet with the Board to discuss the issues of a potential merger. If both exercises indicate that it makes sense to move forward, then a committee can be created. Marty said he could not support a motion to form a committee without these two exercises taking place.

Janet wondered how a determination could be made as to the feasibility of the project until a committee is formed and East Goshen and Westtown talk to West Goshen.

Marty said because service levels would not go down, it's possible that expansion of WEGO could actually increase East Goshen's costs, in which case he sees no reason to proceed. In addition, the legal issues of absorbing the West Goshen force could be quite complex. Having the additional information he is seeking would give the committee (if formed) a jumpstart.

Carmen agreed it's important to meet with Joe Rudolf, but he doesn't see why a committee cannot be formed at the same time as the preliminary calculations are completed.

Carmen modified his motion to reflect that at the same time as the committee is formed, the staff will do the "back of the envelope" calculations Marty has requested and the Board will meet with Joe Rudolph. Chuck seconded the modified motion.

Chuck noted that WEGO has the benefit of a Police Chief who has experience overseeing 250+ officers as well as extensive experience in budgeting. He agreed it may be a good idea for the Board to meet with Joe Rudolph after the committee (not just East Goshen staff) does the preliminary calculations Marty has requested

Senya cited a recent article he read in the September issue of *Township News* magazine about the concept of regional policing and noted some of the "pros" to regional policing it contained. Even if no money is saved up front, there is improved coordination of police response. There is also an increased use of technology and consolidation of records leading to cost savings. He then read a list of other "pros" from the article.

Chuck said Chief Bernot has recently suggested WEGO purchase some equipment that West Goshen currently owns. If the police forces merge, that equipment could be shared and housed in a centralized location, saving WEGO the \$70-\$80K it would cost to purchase the equipment.

Senya said some of the “cons” in the article include loss of local control, loss of citizen contact, and multiple chiefs vying for few positions.

Marty said he is not opposed to regionalization. He has no doubt that Rick, Jon, Kathy Brill and Chief Bernot can do what he is asking. There is quite a lot to consider when thinking about absorbing an entire police force.

There was no further discussion and no public comment. The Board voted 4:1 and the motion passed. Marty was opposed to the motion.

Carmen moved to nominate Senya and Chuck to represent East Goshen on the Police Committee. Janet seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **Escrow Release for Ashleybrook Estates**

This matter was tabled.

#### **Any Other Matter**

Jon reported that Travis has refined the interactive agenda, and has also figured out how to compress the entire packet into a file size of under 4MB.

#### **Review of Minutes**

The Board reviewed and corrected the draft minutes of August 6 and August 20. Senya stated that the minutes would stand approved as corrected.

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

*See attached Treasurer’s Report for August 29, 2013.*

The Board reviewed the Treasurer’s Report and the current invoices. Carmen moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report and the Expenditure Register Report as recommended by the Treasurer, to accept the receipts and to authorize payment of the invoices just reviewed. Chuck seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **Action List**

Hershey Mill Dam – The Township is still waiting to hear back from DEP.

Act 167 Ordinance – Rick and Mark attended seminars on August 7 and 28. They are working on a draft ordinance for the Township.

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

Senya acknowledged receipt of a letter from resident Donald Ruddy regarding his variance application for 1410 Linden Lane.

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

Senya noted the upcoming meetings as listed in the agenda.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Ginnie Newlin requested that the Township issue “kinder, gentler” communications to its residents. She recently received a form letter she found to be much too harsh. After a lengthy discussion, Senya suggested Ms. Newlin rewrite the letter for the Township’s review and consideration.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.

Submitted by:

Anne Meddings

Recording Secretary

*Attachment: Treasurer’s Report*

August 29, 2013

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**2013 RECEIPTS AND BILLS**

**GENERAL FUND**

Real Estate Tax	\$2,471.55
Earned Income Tax	\$39,400.00
Local Service Tax	\$24,400.00
Transfer Tax	\$0.00
General Fund Interest Earned	\$0.00
Total Other Revenue	\$129,905.31
Total Receipts:	<u>\$196,176.86</u>

Accounts Payable	\$64,830.44
<u>Electronic Pmts:</u>	
Health Insurance	\$0.00
Credit Card	\$1,821.49
Postage	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$0.00
Payroll	\$73,000.00
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$139,651.93</u>

**STATE LIQUID FUELS FUND**

Receipts	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Total State Liquid Fuels:	<u>\$0.00</u>

Expenditures:	<u>\$0.00</u>
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**CAPITAL RESERVE**

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

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

Receipts	\$239,563.60
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Total Sewer:	<u>\$239,563.60</u>

Accounts Payable	\$12,167.74
Debt Service	\$0.00
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$12,167.74</u>

**REFUSE**

Receipts	\$77,944.91
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Total Refuse:	<u>\$77,944.91</u>

Expenditures	<u>\$66,493.31</u>
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**SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE**

Interest Earned	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Expenditures	<u>\$0.00</u>
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