

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
February 11, 2014 – 7:00pm
Final Approved Minutes**

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

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Marty called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Erich Meyer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

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

Recording of Meeting

No one indicated they would be recording the meeting.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Chairman's Report

Marty announced the Board met in Executive Session on January 28 to discuss a personnel matter.

Comprehensive Plan Update

The Task Force has not met since the last BOS meeting, so there was no update.

Friends of East Goshen 501(c)3

The next meeting of the Friends is scheduled for February 25 at 7:00pm. The group is currently reaching out to the ABCs, and looks forward to starting fundraising in earnest.

Clymer's Woods Sign

The Board reviewed renderings of a sign for placement at the Clymer's Woods location. Senya would like the sign widened to include the phrase "Clymer's Woods Reforestation Project." Rick will ask the sign vendor to update the renderings and provide new pricing.

PECO Substation on Strasburg Road

Ed Davidson of Malvern, who owns the property at 1603 East Strasburg Road, spoke about his desire for something to be done to improve the aesthetics of the PECO substation at Route 352 and Strasburg Road. Since the shrubbery was taken out to satisfy Department of Homeland Security requirements, the site no longer blends in with its historic location. PECO has fallen

short of its commitment in this regard. Transcript from the PUC hearing on this matter reveals that PECO planned to make a real effort to make this location blend into the area.

Mr. Davidson said he is not convinced that removing shrubbery increases safety – there are other options that could have been used. He is also concerned with a new 100-ft silver tone tower that has been erected at the site to replace a shorter wooden pole. This new tower is located 150 feet from the front door of his property. He hopes the Township will look into this matter to review the original conditions of allowing PECO to locate the site in East Goshen versus what it looks like now. Mr. Davidson said he believes the Township and the residents are being wronged by PECO, who seems to have forgotten about this site.

Carmen suggested the Township reach out to Greg Carey at PECO to get his response on this matter. Carmen said that he disagreed with Mr. Davidson in that he believes removing the shrubbery is a way to increase visibility and therefore safety. This is true on a residential property and it's true for an industrial site as well.

The Board pointed out to Mr. Davidson that the testimony in the PUC hearing on this matter is a moot point; what really matters is the final PUC judgment which imposed only two conditions: that the site is landscaped in accordance with plans created by East Goshen and that the noise level complies with the Township Ordinance.

Senya then asked Mr. Davidson if the noise level of the property poses any concern and Mr. Davidson said no. Senya noted that when the Township contacts PECO they will be unable to call Mr. Davidson an East Goshen resident but will have to refer to him as a property owner.

Rick noted that the Township received complaints from other residents when the shrubbery was removed; however, the removal was done at the request of the Department of Homeland Security. Rick said the new pole is part of PECO's Smart Meter program, and he doesn't believe it's taller than the wooden pole it replaced.

Marty said he agrees that in the beginning they did a beautiful job landscaping and concealing the site. He assured Mr. Davidson that while nothing can be promised, the Township will speak with Greg Carey to see if there is anything that can be done. Marty cautioned that the Township cannot do anything about PECO's placement of the pole, however.

Mr. Davidson thanked the Supervisors for their time and said he had satisfied his goal which was to make the Township aware of this issue.

Bids for Rental Equipment With Operators

The following bids were received for Rental Equipment With Operators:

	<u>Total Price</u>
S.A. Macanga, Inc.	\$184,900.00
Reid Paving Contractors, Inc.	\$239,500.00
Innovative Construction Services, Inc.	\$302,625.00

Carmen moved to award the contract to S.A. Macanga, Inc. in the amount of \$184,900.00 per the January 27 recommendation of Public Works Director Mark Miller. Senya seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Resolution 2014-44 Collection Procedure for Sewer and Refuse Accounts

The Board reviewed this amendment to the Utilities Collection Resolution. Chuck recommended bypassing District Court for delinquent accounts and going straight to the Court of Common Pleas, and noted that item #8 would have to be rewritten. Senya wondered if increasing the interest rate for late payments would be beneficial to the Township. Marty directed Rick to get Kristin Camp's opinions on these two matters. The Board agreed to table this resolution until Kristin is consulted.

Agenda Changes

Marty noted that agenda items #11d (Cost of Services Report) and #11e (Senior Staff Accountant position) have been referred to the Finance Committee.

He also announced that he and Rick will work offline on #11f (Recommendations for 2014 ABC Goals), but would welcome the assistance of any other Board members.

Light Fixtures on Hibberd Way (Applebrook)

Senya moved to approve a request from The Preserve at Applebrook HOA to install and maintain (at their expense) two additional light fixtures on the section of Hibberd Way south of the Applebrook Golf Club maintenance facility. The new fixtures shall be identical to the existing fixtures. Janet seconded the motion.

Marty noted that Applebrook will pay the energy bill for these two additional fixtures, just like they do for their other fixtures.

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

Any Other Matter

Resident Safety – Carmen wants residents to be cautious when using generators, space heaters, and other alternate sources of heat during this long winter. These items should only be used as outlined in the instructions that came with the units. Residents should also be reminded about the importance of having carbon monoxide detector(s) when any fossil fuel is being used in a household. Carmen will work with staff to have something posted to the Township website and sent out via Constant Contact.

Bicentennial Committee - Marty suggested that Senya recruit Jason Lang and his equivalent in West Goshen and have them start to put together ideas for the Bicentennial.

Traffic Congestion at Boot Road and Route 202 – Rick reported that the Boot Road traffic congestion issue was discussed with West Goshen. West Goshen's main area of concern is the stretch from Wilson Drive to Greenhill Road. Two possibilities were discussed:

- 1) Use the existing road surface to create two westbound lanes toward Route 202, with one eastbound lane, one center turn lane, and no shoulders.
- 2) Acquire additional right-of-way to create 5 total lanes with shoulders (two westbound lanes, two eastbound lanes, and a center turn lane).

Rick noted that AQUA has a water main located under the roadway between the shoulder, curb and fence line (a private right-of-way). This water main involves several hundred feet of pipe that would have to be excavated and lowered.

Rick has obtained updated pricing to simply restripe the roadway as originally discussed years ago. The new pricing for this job would be approximately \$330,000. The center turn lane and shoulders would be eliminated.

Senya stated that due to the narrow bridge over Route 202, any of the proposed changes would simply extend the traffic bottleneck that occurs once traffic reaches the bridge.

Rick reported that because southbound traffic from Route 202 exiting onto Boot Road often backs up down the exit ramp, West Goshen is looking into the possibility of getting an electric road sign to place before the exit, warning motorists to slow down.

Marty has learned that some West Goshen businesses have already implemented staggered hours for their employees to help alleviate some of the congestion.

Review of Minutes

The Board reviewed and corrected the minutes of January 25 and January 28. Marty said the minutes would stand approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report & Expenditure Register Report

See attached Treasurer's Report for February 6, 2014. 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. Senya seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and no public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Action List

Hershey Mill Dam -- Still waiting on a response from DEP.

Open Space Plan -- An open house was held on January 30, with about 20 residents attending.

Correspondence & Reports of Interest

Marty acknowledged receipt of a Sunoco Remedial Action Progress Report for the Fourth Quarter 2013.

Meetings & Dates of Importance

Marty noted the upcoming meetings as listed in the agenda.

Public Comment Period

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.

Executive Session

The Board met in Executive Session after the regular meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Anne Meddings

Recording Secretary

Attachments: Treasurer's Report

February 6, 2014

**TREASURER'S REPORT
2014 RECEIPTS AND BILLS**

GENERAL FUND

Real Estate Tax	\$111,198.61
Earned Income Tax	\$154,200.00
Local Service Tax	\$3,100.00
Transfer Tax	\$0.00
<i>General Fund Interest Earned</i>	\$731.63
Total Other Revenue	\$85,713.88

Total Receipts: \$354,944.12

Accounts Payable	\$370,978.43
<u>Electronic Pmts:</u>	
Health Insurance	\$0.00
Credit Card	\$0.00
Postage	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$0.00
Payroll	\$106,678.46
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$477,656.89</u>

STATE LIQUID FUELS FUND

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

Expenditures: \$0.00

SINKING FUND

<i>Interest Earned</i>	<u>\$556.23</u>
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Expenditures: \$16,046.68

TRANSPORTATION FUND

<i>Interest Earned</i>	<u>\$254.35</u>
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Expenditures: \$0.00

SEWER OPERATING FUND

Receipts	\$249,618.23
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$45.67
Total Sewer:	<u>\$249,663.90</u>

Accounts Payable	\$176,220.59
<i>Debt Service</i>	\$0.00
<i>Credit Card</i>	\$0.00
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$176,220.59</u>

REFUSE FUND

Receipts	\$69,689.64
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$23.86
Total Refuse:	<u>\$69,713.50</u>

Expenditures \$105,428.18

SEWER SINKING FUND

<i>Interest Earned</i>	<u>\$220.25</u>
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Expenditures \$0.00

OPERATING RESERVE FUND

Receipts	<u>\$19.11</u>
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Expenditures \$0.00

Events Fund

Receipts	<u>\$0.57</u>
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Expenditures \$0.00