

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
June 3, 2014 – 7:00pm**

Present: Chairman Marty Shane, Vice-Chairman Senya D. Isayeff, and Supervisors, Chuck Proctor and Janet Emanuel. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, CFO Jon Altshul, and ABC member Erich Meyer (Conservancy Board). Supervisor Carmen Battavio was not present.

Executive Session

The Board met in Executive Session from 6:30pm to 7:00pm regarding a personnel matter.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Marty called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and asked Erich to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Marty 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 Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Chairman's Report

Marty announced that the Board met in Executive Session earlier this evening regarding a personnel matter.

Comp Plan Task Force Update

Janet said the next meeting will be June 23rd.

Friends of East Goshen Update

Chuck reported that the IRS granted Friends of East Goshen 501(c)(3) status late last week.

Consider Applebrook Access Road

Holly Setzler, Landis & Setzler PC, West Chester represented the residents of the Preserve at Applebrook regarding the non-dedicated section of the referenced access road between Paoli Pike and the bridge on Hibberd Lane. Holly asked the Board to consider sharing the cost of maintaining of the access road. She pointed out that neither the Chamber of Commerce nor the Applebrook Golf Course contributes to the cost. The road is currently being maintained 50/50 by the homeowner's association and IMX. Holly presented a document showing the costs being approximately \$36,000 a year for road maintenance on this section with IMX paying \$18,000

and the homeowners being responsible for the other \$18,000. She also mentioned that the road is to be re-paved for a total cost of \$63,000.

Joe Corvino 826 Grist Mill Rd noted that these maintenance costs add up for individual homeowners. He also noted that because residents also pay township taxes, this is a form of double taxation.

David Dugery IMX - 1700 Paoli Pike said that when IMX purchased the property the cost sharing arrangement for Hibberd Lane was not clear. He was hoping for a more equitable arrangement. He also was concerned about the Applebrook maintenance vehicles using the road despite the fact that the golf course doesn't contribute to its upkeep.

Jim Dehaven of 812 Grist Mill Rd noted that his memo to the Board outlined 4 options for consideration and hoped they would be evaluated.

Chuck raised concerns about how difficult it may be to amend the 56 homeowners' deeds. He also suggested that by dedicating this road, it would limit the homeowners' association's ability to control speed through the Preserve. He did note that Pennsylvania real estate law was not always transparent in requiring detailed disclosure of these types of arrangements to buyers prior to sale.

Senya explained to the homeowners that they should have been aware of the cost sharing when they purchased their property and if the Township were to consider a change it would be unfair for all the other land owners and tax payers in the township that wouldn't benefit from this change.

Ms. Setzler noted that the easement documents did envision that the road could be dedicated to the Township. She was also concerned that the cost was more than may have been expected by the residents, even if the arrangements had been disclosed to them prior to the purchase of their home.

Marty said he had empathy for the residents and it was difficult to turn them down but the Board of Supervisors represent over 18,000 people and have to follow the interests of everyone. Marty referred to the history of the property and the deals made with the Chamber of Commerce. He also noted that there are other communities in East Goshen Township without dedicated roads.

Ms. Setzler suggested that the Township could plow the access road since it plows the Chamber of Commerce's parking lot. Marty said plowing the road was not part of the original agreement. He recommended that the residents go to either Pulte, Applebrook Golf Club or the Chamber of Commerce to revisit the appropriateness of the arrangement.

Marty reiterated that the Board's decisions are made always in the best interest of the 18,000 residents.

Jim Dehaven 812 Grist Mill Road, asked if there was any consideration for Option 4 (to allow the Preserve at Applebrook and IMX to gate or restrict thru access to limit the number of trips

thus extend the life of our private roads). Marty said that this was the option that the Board would most resist.

Karen Esty, 814 Grist Mill Road, was concerned about the speeding that goes in her neighborhood. Chuck will talk to Chief Bernot about these concerns.

Kay Gennerelli, 822 Grist Mill Road, was concerned about dogs running loose in her neighborhood and the park. Rick said he would look into putting up signs and notifying the police.

Receive Petition from Annette Case

Annette Case, 332 Applebrook Drive, presented a petition with the signatures of 425 area residents, asking for the Township to work with PennDOT in making crossing Paoli Pike at the park safer. She said the "Pedestrian Right of Way" sign on Paoli Pike is confusing. Some people think that the cars will stop for them and will proceed across the road, but this is not always the case.

Rick stated that we heard through Senator Pileggi's office that PennDOT will reduce the speed limit on Paoli Pike from 45 MPH to 35 MPH. Chuck said that the police have timed cars going 55 MPH past the park.

Rick pointed out that once the speed limit is reduced to 35 MPH we would be permitted to put markers in the middle of the road to inform drivers to yield for pedestrians as West Chester Borough has next to the courthouse. Marty said it should take a couple of months to implement this.

John Anthony, 1725 Hibberd Lane, said that there needs to be signage to make motorists aware of a pedestrian crosswalk. Rick mentioned the markers in the road would help that. Mr. Anthony also mentioned that there should be better signs to alert pedestrians to be more aware of the traffic.

Senya stated that there are 17,000 cars a day on that road and over the past 10 years there has been only one fatality, meaning that most people are very careful and that more signs may not make much of a difference.

Erich Meyer, 929 Monte Vista Drive, cited the state code that when a pedestrian is in the crosswalk, cars need to stop.

Marty believes that after a few months of the speed limit being 35 MPH, we will see a noticeable change.

Consider pedestrian crossing at Township Park

Rick met with the police regarding the details of the fatal accident at the east entrance to the park. According to the police, the car came over the hill and neither the car nor pedestrian had

time to react. Rick suggested a regular pedestrian crossing at the old entrance with post and rail fence on either side to encourage people to cross only at this new crossing. The Board discussed where the new speed limit should start and end. Rick and Chuck suggested it should start at Line Road and end at 352.

Consider Chairman's letter to delinquent sewer/refuse account holders

Marty asked if everyone was ok with the letter and directed Jon to send the letter out to delinquent account holders, with the edits provided by Senya.

Consider Updated What-If Scenarios

Marty acknowledged receipt of that the updated "What if Scenarios". He would like to see a cost-benefit analysis of the vacuum truck in the proposed budget. He also said he looked forward to seeing the ash tree census.

Consider Emergency Notification Platform Contract

Jon explained that he received three quotes for an emergency notification platform, which would allow the Township to send voicemails/robocalls and text messages to the majority of residents and businesses about emergencies or important developments in the Township. The lowest quote was for Emergency Communication Network's CODERED system, which unlike the other vendors had a maximum number of minutes per year for non-emergency calls. Janet raised concerns about the lack of a clear definition of non-emergency minutes and the possibility that we'd be charged extra for exceeding the limit. She also expressed worry about whether the vendor would sell any data that it collects to a third party. Marty and Senya noted that the Blackboard Connect platform is used with great success in both West Goshen and West Chester and indicated that they would be more comfortable with using a vendor that already had a large footprint in Chester County. Senya made a motion to contract with Blackboard Connect for an emergency notification platform, contingent on a guarantee that it will not resell any data it collects to a third party. Chuck seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider vegetation at PECO's substation in East Goshen

Rick explained that he had received a response from Greg Cary at PECO regarding the Township's concerns about the removal of vegetation at the PECO substation, and that he expected further back and forth from PECO.

Ed Davidson, 9 Oak Tree Lane, Willistown Twp., thanked the Board for following up with the matter.

Any Other Matter

None

Review of Minutes And Corrected

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of May 6. Marty stated that the minutes would stand approved as corrected.

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of May 13 and had no changes. Marty stated that the minutes would stand approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report & Expenditure Register Report

See attached Treasurer's Report for May 29, 2014. The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report and the current invoices. Senya 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. Janet seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and no public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Review Action List

Comprehensive Plan – The group's next meeting is scheduled for June 23.

Hershey Mill Dam – Rick announced that the revised plans should be sent to DEP by the end of the week

Open Space Plan – The goals and objectives have been approved by the Committee. Anne is working on the final draft of the plan.

Correspondence & Reports of Interest

Marty acknowledged receipt of the following items:

Sunoco Remediation Report

Letter from Dr. and Mrs. Talucci regarding Sunoco Pipeline and Rick Smith's response

Meetings & Dates of Importance

Marty noted the upcoming meetings as listed in the agenda.

Public Comment Period

Erich Meyer mentioned that the timing of the traffic light at Wilson & Boot Road during off-peak hours needed to be adjusted. Rick indicated that he would look into it.

Fire Marshal Report

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Executive Session

The Board met in Executive Session following the regular meeting to discuss a personnel matter and a legal matter.

Barbara Phillips

Recording Secretary

Attachments: Treasurer's Report

May 29, 2014

TREASURER'S REPORT
2014 RECEIPTS AND BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Real Estate Tax	\$71,396.79
Earned Income Tax	\$407,100.00
Local Service Tax	\$44,600.00
Transfer Tax	\$35,442.93
General Fund Interest Earned	\$0.00
Total Other Revenue	\$131,778.83
Total Receipts:	<u>\$690,318.55</u>

Accounts Payable	\$365,327.13
Electronic Pmts:	
Health Insurance	\$48,044.71
Credit Card	\$6,882.43
Postage	
Debt Service	\$16,494.05
Payroll	\$139,978.15
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$576,726.47</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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SINKING FUND

Interest Earned	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Expenditures:	<u>\$194,998.70</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 FUND

Receipts	\$358,337.45
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Total Sewer:	<u>\$358,337.45</u>

Accounts Payable	\$29,173.45
Debt Service	\$34,928.09
Credit Card	\$0.00
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$64,101.54</u>

REFUSE FUND

Receipts	\$98,535.10
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Total Refuse:	<u>\$98,535.10</u>

Expenditures	<u>\$7,706.35</u>
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SEWER SINKING FUND

Interest Earned	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Expenditures	<u>\$0.00</u>
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OPERATING RESERVE FUND

Receipts	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Expenditures	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Events Fund

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