

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
MAY 12, 2015 – 7:00 pm
FINAL MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Marty Shane, Vice-Chairman Senya D. Isayeff, and Supervisors Carmen Battavio, Janet Emanuel, Chuck Proctor, Township Manager Rick Smith, Township CFO Jon Altshul, WEGO Police Chief Brenda Bernot and Erich Meyer (Conservancy Board).

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance:

Marty called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and asked Pat McKenna to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence:

Carmen called for a moment of silence to honor the troops who keep us safe and for those first responders who lost their lives in Nepal this week.

Recording of Meeting:

No one indicated that they would be recording the meeting.

Chairman's Report:

Community Day – Community Day will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2015, commencing at 5:00 pm in East Goshen Park. Marty shared concerns by residents on the lack of adequate food and refreshments at the event. This year, there will be eight different food vendors present, as well as a variety of farmers market vendors.

Comprehensive Planning Meeting – Marty asked Janet to share that there will be a public meeting on June 11, 2015 at 7:00 pm to receive comments on the Township's new Comprehensive Plan. All residents are invited to attend and comment. The new Comprehensive Plan will be posted on the Township web page on May 27, 2015.

Paoli Pike Trail -- Janet also shared that there will be an Open House on the Paoli Pike Trail on June 16, 2015 at 6:00 pm with a presentation to follow at the 7:00 pm Board of Supervisors meeting. The McMahon consulting firm will be available at this meeting to answer any questions.

Police/EMS Report:

Chief Bernot highlighted the following issues:

- Since April 15, 2015 the IRS Scam has ended, but since last reported, there were 6 more reported incidences of residents being scammed. It was noted that residents are encouraged to file police reports if they have experienced identity fraud.
- There have been reported instances of malware hacks on residents personal computers. People have responded to being pressured by these scams to pay money. Chief Bernot indicated that no one should respond to this type of pressure. The perpetrators are not local but have been traced to scammers from international locations.

Goshen Fire Company April 2015 Report of activity:

Rick reported on the Goshen Fire Company's activities for April.

Financial Report – April 2015:

Jon reported that through the end of April, there was a surplus of \$729,537 and a positive budget variance of \$131,287. He also updated the Board that the Pension Committee approved a new consolidated Investment Policy Statement at its May 6, 2015 meeting.

Consider Recommendation on Beverage Café Ordinance:

Pat McKenna, Gawthrop Greenwood, PC, discussed the results of the East Goshen Township Planning Commission meeting regarding the Zoning Ordinance amendment permitting a Beverage Café use within a shopping center in the C-2 District. The Planning Commission approved the amendment with minor edits, and removal of section six regarding parking standards. Marty motioned to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation. Janet seconded. The Board voted 5-0 to approve the motion.

Consider Recommendation on East Boot Road Bridge:

Rick presented the recommendations of the bridge repair by Carroll Engineering Corporation. 5 options were presented, and Rick's recommendation is to proceed with the Prestressed Adjacent Box Beam with Composite Deck, with a segregated walkway option, at a cost of \$400,000. Carmen motioned to proceed with this recommendation. Chuck seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Any Other Matter:

- **Consider Commercial Vehicle Inspections:** Rick asked if the Board would like to revisit the commercial vehicle inspection issue. He noted that previously, the Board had supported doing these inspections as long as WEGO officers were not conducting inspections outside of the WEGO service territory. Senya raised concerns about the risk of a WEGO officer being hurt while conducting an inspection outside of Westtown or East Goshen and the Township residents being responsible for that officer's disability pension and replacement at an expense of potentially millions of dollars. The Chief noted that she has been unable to find insurance that covers the risk of this happening. *Joe Buonanno, 1606 Herron Lane*, stated that he is certain that this type of insurance exists. Rick suggested that the Police Finance Committee explore this insurance issue further. The Chief also noted that the inspections could be done without adding personnel or incurring additional expenses. Carmen made a motion to authorize WEGO to participate in commercial vehicle inspections with no restrictions on where the inspections occur. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1, with Senya opposed for the reason noted.
- **Consider Storm Water Management Agreements:** Senya made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign Storm Water Management Operation and Maintenance Agreements for 305 Dutton Mill Road, 210 Dutton Mill Road, and 227 Ellis Lane. Janet seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of this motion.

Treasurer's Report:

See attached *Treasurer's Report for May 7, 2015*. The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report and the current invoices. Carmen moved to graciously 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. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Correspondence, Reports of Interest:

- **Acknowledge PennDOT's letter regarding their speed study on East Strasburg Road:** The East Strasburg Road traffic study has been finalized and a reduction in the speed limit is not justified.
- **Acknowledge Remedial Action Progress Report by Alliance**
- **Acknowledge receipt of John Babeic's resignation from the Deer Committee**
- **Acknowledge receipt of Jon Buonanno's correspondence regarding East Goshen Park grass maintenance and access**

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Joe Buonano, 1606 Herron Lane, expressed concern over 2 openings in the fencing that surrounds the Applebrook Park walking trails adjacent to the Bellingham Assisted Living facility. He has witnessed individuals removing the top rails of the fencing in order to access the walking trails, and has become informed of one resident tripping and falling in the process of crossing the fence line. Mr. Buonano asked the Board to look into a solution to this public safety issue—perhaps adding a paved walkway to the Bellingham property for easy and safe access to the park. Marty thought that Bellingham management should be made aware of this issue to determine how they would like to proceed on this issue. Rick stated that he would contact Bellingham.

Meetings & Dates of Importance:

Marty noted May 27, 2015, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm as the Long Range Planning Meeting date, as well as June 2, 2015 as the next regular Board of Supervisors meeting.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Marty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Janet seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Rossetti Hartnett
Recording Secretary

Attachments: Treasurer's Report
Joe Buonano Correspondence

May 7, 2015

**TREASURER'S REPORT
2015 RECEIPTS AND BILLS**

GENERAL FUND

Real Estate Tax	\$7,054.56
Earned Income Tax	\$631,965.05
Local Service Tax	\$2,088.99
Transfer Tax	\$0.00
General Fund Interest Earned	\$469.68
Total Other Revenue	<u>\$23,871.05</u>
Total Receipts:	<u>\$665,449.33</u>

Accounts Payable	\$302,765.28
Electronic Pmts:	
Health Insurance	\$0.00
Credit Card	\$0.00
Postage	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$0.00
Payroll	<u>\$43,632.18</u>
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$346,397.46</u>

STATE LIQUID FUELS FUND

Receipts	\$0.00
Interest Earned	<u>\$53.13</u>
Total State Liquid Fuels:	<u>\$53.13</u>

Expenditures:	<u>\$0.00</u>
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SINKING FUND

Receipts	3,726.30
Interest Earned	<u>424.25</u>
Total Sinking Fund:	<u>\$4,150.55</u>

Total Expenditures:	<u>\$18,233.00</u>
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TRANSPORTATION FUND

Receipts	0.00
Interest Earned	<u>199.10</u>
Total Sinking Fund:	<u>\$199.10</u>

Expenditures:	<u>\$0.00</u>
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SEWER OPERATING FUND

Receipts	\$113,262.81
Interest Earned	<u>\$57.75</u>
Total Sewer:	<u>\$113,320.56</u>

Accounts Payable	\$188,626.75
Debt Service	\$0.00
Credit Card	\$0.00
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$188,626.75</u>

REFUSE FUND

Receipts	\$47,320.90
Interest Earned	<u>\$17.35</u>
Total Refuse:	<u>\$47,338.25</u>

Expenditures:	<u>\$64,982.09</u>
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SEWER SINKING FUND

Receipts	\$0.00
Interest Earned	<u>\$223.69</u>
Total Sewer Sinking Fund:	<u>\$223.69</u>

Expenditures:	<u>\$0.00</u>
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OPERATING RESERVE FUND

Receipts	\$0.00
Interest Earned	<u>\$258.28</u>
Total Operating Reserve Fund:	<u>\$258.28</u>

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

Receipts	\$0.00
Interest Earned	<u>\$0.66</u>
Total Events Fund:	<u>\$0.66</u>

Expenditures:	<u>\$0.00</u>
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\$830,993.55

\$618,239.30

Rick Smith

From: mshane@eastgoshen.org
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2015 5:28 PM
To: jpbuonanno [REDACTED]
Cc: sisayeff@eastgoshen.org; cbattavio@eastgoshen.org; cproctor@eastgoshen.org; jemanuel@eastgoshen.org; Rick Smith
Subject: RE: East Goshen Park

Hi Joe,

As always, thank you for your e-mail with your thoughts and welcome back. I assume you were way since we have not heard from you recently.

By copy of this e-mail, I am asking Rick to attach a copy of both your e-mails as correspondence to the minutes from tomorrow night's meeting. If you would like to discuss the issues in both your e-mails with the Board, please join us tomorrow evening and we will do it during the public comment at the end of our meeting.

Marty

-----Original Message-----

From: jpbuonanno [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2015 12:19pm
To: mshane@eastgoshen.org, sisayeff@eastgoshen.org, cbattavio@eastgoshen.org, cproctor@eastgoshen.org, jemanuel@eastgoshen.org
Subject: East Goshen Park

Gentleman / Madam Supervisors, The grass within East Goshen Park is much to long for the health and welfare of all East Goshen Residents. The area of open fields has increased infestation of ticks and mosquitos. The township has spent many dollars time and expense to thin the Deer herd saving the elderly, women and children of East Goshen from the ravages of lime disease distributed by rogue herds of Deer..... initially thought to be in the thousands but later confirmed to be a few hundred head. The main goal/objective by thinning the herd was to stop/reduce the spread of Lime disease. We walk our dog over the park and I have taken numerous ticks off her coat after the walk. I don't think the lime disease is a serious threat as it once was but West Nile virus is the new threat. I should add West Nile Virus has a high mortality rate among the elderly. The best breeding / egg laying landscape for skitters is HIGH WET GRASS/Stagnant water. There would be a mass slaughter of small game and their youngins if cut now. All small rabbits, hoggies, new born fawns....now sheltering down in the tall grass/meadows would be readily processed/harvested for the our local food banks.....similar to the thought process the BOS had for the initial Deer harvest.....I suggest a larger boarderat least 30 feet. It would give protection to the majority of the populous while providing a greater distance for people to manage themselves around the trails. Bikes dogs carriages. Ducks and Geese are long gone from the park wet lands....was that by design? Stronger consideration should be given to the south side of the park .Thank you for your time and consideration. The south side of EG awaits your thoughts with anxious anticipation. Joseph Buonanno EG resident

Rick Smith

From: mshane@eastgoshen.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 3:48 PM
To: Rick Smith
Subject: FW: Billingham entrance to the park.....paoli park side.

Here it is.

-----Original Message-----

From: jpbuonanno [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2015 12:59pm
To: mshane@eastgoshen.org, sisayeff@eastgoshen.org, cbattavio@eastgoshen.org, cproctor@eastgoshen.org, jmanuel@eastgoshen.org
Subject: Billingham entrance to the park.....paoli park side.

Gentleman/ Madam Supervisors, Saturday May 9th I witnessed an accident with injury to an elderly man trying to gain access to the south side of the park trails via a Billingham building sidewalk. He and his wife where trying to maneuver over an opening in the corner of a post and rail fence. He couldn't get his leg over the fallen railsknocked off by current residents in that building to gain access to the park trail not but 20 ft away. The couple had walking sticks/ski poles to counter balance the objects along their way to the path. The path also supports 2 ft high grass to the trail. They have my name and address as a witness. I have brought this situation up at least a half dozen times at the BOS board meetings over the last four or five years. On each occasion the township manager informed the BOS access is across the bridge off boot road. The access is a 1/4 of a mile walk for these residents just to get the park entrance. They have to cross a bridge to get to the path. The BOS should look at this situation FIRST hand.....I think it would best serve the residents of East Goshen if the BOS would walk the high grass in shortsto get a first hand feel for the situation. Bring bug bomb....I can recall the excitement upon the sale of Billingham and the wind fall transfer tax to the general fund of ALL EG residents. Do you think investing a couple of thousand back into Billingham would be a worthwhile gesture/investment and or the right thing to do. If it requires an ordinance.....do it. The BOS has now been put on notice at east 3 or four times about this situation via notes and emails. I feel you should DO something about this ASAP. Thank you for your time and consideration. Joseph Buonanno EG resident.