

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
JUNE 16, 2015 – 7:00 pm  
APPROVED MINUTES**

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

**Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance:**

Marty called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked Janet to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silence:**

Marty called for a moment of silence to honor the members of the military that are currently serving, those that have passed and for their families.

**Recording of Meeting:**

No one indicated that they would be recording the meeting.

*Candace Mulholland*, reporter for the *Daily Local News* advised the Board she was in attendance at the meeting.

**Chairman's Report:**

- Marty welcomed all those present in the audience and explained that any vote would need to pass with three (3) votes by the Board.
- Marty announced that the Smith/19 Hill Street request for dimensional variance review and discussion has been moved to the July 7, 2015 meeting.
- Marty commented on the feasibility study of the Paoli Pike Multi Use Trail that is being conducted by McMahon Associates stating that if brought to fruition it could ultimately connect to a county wide trail system with designs to run from West Chester to Downingtown and hopefully to connect to the Willistown Patriots Trail at some point in the future. East Goshen Township seeks to receive state funding.

**Consider Paoli Pike Trail Feasibility Study by McMahon Associates:** Natasha Manbeck of McMahon Associates presented the current results of the Paoli Pike Trail (PPT) feasibility study. Natasha commented that the PPT would extend for 2.7 miles adjacent to Paoli Pike, starting at Airport Road and ending at Line Road. It would be a mixed usage walking and biking trail, approximately 10 feet wide, 8 feet wide in constrained areas. The length of the PPT running from Airport Road to Boot Road would be on the north side of Paoli Pike, with a pedestrian crosswalk in the vicinity of the Boot Road intersection, the remainder of the PPT running between Boot Road to Line Road would be located on the south side of Paoli Pike and connect into the Applebrook Trail system at its conclusion at Line Road.

Marty asked about the pedestrian crosswalk near the Boot Road intersection, what are some of the biggest challenges to this project, and if the PPT is economically feasible. Natasha said the

pedestrian crossing would be a full flashing signal and crosswalk. She commented that the most challenging areas of the PPT would be the stream crossing areas along the eastern branch from Reservoir Road to Boot Road where raised boardwalks would be needed, as well as in the area near the Wawa. Natasha further commented that it is too early in the process to determine economic feasibility, but that they should have a better idea of this by September when full trail alignment would be solidified and in greater detail.

Senya and Chuck expressed crossing safety concerns in the area where the PPT would run parallel to Fugett Middle/East High School. Natasha explained that they anticipate having a full traffic walk crossing signal in this area, and that they would contact school officials for input.

*Mike Broenlle, 1641 Hunter Circle*, feels strongly that a full signal light needs to be installed at the proposed pedestrian crosswalk near the Boot Road intersection, as this crosswalk would not be safe otherwise. He commented that Penn DOT should be contacted in this regard. Natasha said she would do this.

*Joe Buonanno, 1606 Herron Lane*, asked if the intent was to eliminate the right turn lane at the Boot Road intersection. Natasha said consideration is being given to abandoning the existing one way road and make the right turn lane part of that intersection.

**Police Report—Chief Brenda Bernot:** Chief Bernot welcomes all residents to attend Police Commission meetings and visit the website for information. She reported on recent telephone scamming incidents in which one resident lost \$38,000 through the “Sweepstakes Scam”, while another resident lost \$1,800 through the “Grandparent Scam”. She advised that if you receive questionable phone calls to ask for the caller’s name and phone number, and to report it to the Police. The Chief also commented that the WEGO Police Department has completed 50% of the requirements to become a fully accredited department. When completed, they will be one of only 8% of Pennsylvania Police Departments to be fully accredited. One of the benefits of full accreditation is lower insurance rates.

Marty also commented that 54% of Township money raised through taxation goes to benefit emergency services such as the Police, Fire and EMS Departments.

**Old Business:**

**Consider Milltown Dam Engineering Proposals:** Marty motioned that the Board accept the proposal from Gannett Fleming in the amount of \$83,265. Chuck seconded the motion.

Rick explained that of the 5 RFPs issued, only 3 bids were received, and Rick feels Gannett Fleming is the most experienced, and offered the most comprehensive proposal. He noted that their recommendation to first conduct an assessment of the dam was an indication of their experience with dam engineering.

Marty concurs with Rick’s conclusion on the matter stating that he was very impressed with the Gannett Fleming proposal and that in providing an assessment of the entire dam, they offered more, than the Township had asked for in the RFP. Gannett Fleming’s work would span 9 months in comparison to the other firms’ work which would only span 4 to 8 weeks of work. In

addition, Gannett Fleming is highly regarded by the Department of Environmental Protection and for those reasons, Marty felt most comfortable in awarding this bid to Gannett Fleming.

Senya asked that given the large discrepancy in pricing amongst the bids, whether the Township should consider the initial scope of the RFP and not take into consideration Gannett Fleming's proposed additional assessment work. Janet shared that she was also impressed with Gannett Fleming's proposal but wonders if the Board is making a comparison of "apples to apples".

Chuck commented on the vast experience Gannett Fleming has in dealing with similar dam situations, and feels confident in awarding to Gannett Fleming.

*Mike Lehmicke, 4 Reservoir Road*, commented that Schnabel Engineering does have similar dam experience. Rick observed that the Schnabel Project Manager assigned to this engagement does not have similar dam experience.

*Bob Sullivan, 33 Waterview Road*, asked Senya if he had read the entire Gannett Fleming proposal. Senya commented that he had.

*Tom Bechtel, 1467 Glenbrook Lane*, asked the Board if these higher costs would be indicative of this entire project. Marty responded that the cost for this phase of the project would be what is agreed upon, and that the firm selected will provide the Board with construction costs for both alternatives. He also noted that the Board has a responsibility to get all of the information needed to make an informed decision.

*Vincent McGinnis, 32 Lochwood Lane*, offered to complete this work for free so that the Township could save money.

*Rich Prann, 1477 Glenbrook Lane*, said that since the proposals were so different in pricing, perhaps it would be beneficial to reissue the RFP and ask for assessments as well.

Senya suggested the Board reject all bids, rewrite the RFP to include the components they really desire and make the RFP clearer. Janet wondered if Gannett Fleming would be doing more on site work thus justifying the higher costs.

Discussion on the matter concluded with Marty reiterating his confidence in awarding the bid to Gannett Fleming. The motion was approved with a 3-1 vote, with Senya opposed for the reason given earlier.

**Consider Milltown Dam Property Survey:** Marty motioned to award Pennoni Engineering the Milltown Reservoir property survey bid at a cost not to exceed \$10,750. Chuck seconded the motion.

Senya commented that since Gannett Fleming would be doing the assessment and engineering recommendations work on the Milltown Dam, they should also be the ones surveying the property as well. Chuck concurred with Senya's suggestion, and he and Rick added that the rear property lines, directly adjacent to the Reservoir, are unclear, which is why the surveying is

needed. Rick noted he had contacted Gannett Fleming, who said that would perform the survey at a cost not to exceed \$10,750.

*Gerry Conner, 36 Lochwood Lane*, wondered if a communications company hadn't already surveyed the lots when they installed the cable TV years ago. Rick said that Comcast predecessors may have surveyed the rear lot lines in the past, but for their purposes. Chuck added that the surveying the Township intends to do has nothing to do with Comcast.

*Baxter Wellmon, 42 Lochwood Lane*, concurred that Comcast predecessors had already surveyed the property lines. He also warned that this new surveying by the Township will open up "legal issues". Senya responded that the Township's proposed surveying is for purposes to determine property lines as they directly relate to the Milltown Reservoir. He also asked Mr. Wellman to inform the Board of the "legal issues" he refers to in this matter. Mr. Wellman did not elaborate.

Marty motioned to withdraw the initial motion to award the surveying contract to Pennoni, and called for a new motion to award this contract to Gannett Fleming. Senya seconded. The Board unanimously voted to pass both motions.

**Consider Lowering the Water Level in Milltown Dam to Accommodate Repairs:** Rick noted the Township has received a Drawdown Permit for the Milltown Reservoir. The drawdown commenced on June 15, 2015, in order for the contractor to make some corrective repairs and was expected to last for one week. He also noted that a separate contractor was making repairs to the broken valve.

**Consider Financial Report – May 2015:** Jon commented on the Township Financial Report through May 2015 and noted that the 2014 Township and Municipal Authority audits have been received, both with clean opinions. In addition, they are available for viewing on the website at: <http://eastgothen.org/services/finance/auditsbond-rating>.

Marty further noted that the Township operates a \$19 million budget. He added that Jon and his staff will begin working on the budget for FY 2016 shortly.

**Old Business (Continued):**

**Consider Zoning Amendments regulating the number of dogs and a stand-alone dog ordinance:** Chuck had an issue with limiting the number of dogs to four as he feels this number is arbitrary. Senya agrees with Chuck and had issue with Paragraph 4, pg. 1 and Paragraph 5, pg. 2 of the ordinance. Senya commented that the impetus to change this ordinance is not a result of a numbers problem, but was due to an unfortunate dog mauling incident. Senya said he would also like to see invisible fencing language added to the control component language of this ordinance. Marty feels strongly that restrictions on the number of household pets that may be kept at a residential dwelling should be imposed in order to provide for the safety of all residents. The recommendation to send this zoning amendment to the County Planning Commission for review was tabled for further consideration.

*Karen Lehmicke, 4 Reservoir Road*, commented that pet owners should be responsible to keep their pets trained and well behaved, that to limit the number of pets a resident can own would be

to limit our freedoms, and that the Board should write an ordinance that if your pet does damage then the pet owner is liable for those damages.

**New Business:**

**Consider Pedestrian Crossing Bids:** Rick explained that on June 11, 2015, the Township opened bids for the installation of a Pedestrian Crossing Flashing Warning Device at the original entrance to the Township Park. Bids were received from Lenni Electric (\$24,955) and Charles Higgins & Sons (\$23,462). Upon Rick's recommendation to the Board, Senya motioned that Charles A. Higgins & Sons, Inc. be awarded the bid at \$23,462.00. Janet seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed by the Board.

**Consider Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program:** Marty motioned to adopt the Resolution, formally requesting grant funding of \$250,000 through the Pennsylvania Department of Economic Development's Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program to renovate the East Goshen Park Playground. Chuck seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted to pass the motion.

**Public Comment – Hearing of Residents:**

*Don Zembruski, 1457 Glenbrook Lane*, expressed concern for the future of the Glenbrook Lane Covered Bridge and referred to an article written by Candace Mulholland of the *Daily Local News* which voiced the opinions of Andy Dinniman and Senator Pileggi regarding the historical significance and treasures of covered bridges in Pennsylvania. Mr. Zembruski asked the Board why the roof of the Glenbrook Lane Covered Bridge needed to be raised and urged the Board to save this covered bridge. Rick explained that over the years, the bridge has been hit by trucks, and he asked Pennoni to look in to the possibility of raising the roof and perform a general assessment of the bridge. Marty asked Rick to look into the various options and report back to the Board and also asked Mr. Zembruski to research grants in this regard.

*Gerry Connor, 36 Lochwood Lane*, expressed her concern to save the Glenbrook Lane Covered Bridge, referring to it as a "Chester County Treasure".

*Todd Bechtel, 1467 Glenbrook Lane*, asked the Board to explain exactly what was agreed upon at the May 27, 2015 Board of Supervisor's meeting with regard to the Glenbrook Lane Covered Bridge. Marty stated that at the May 27<sup>th</sup> Planning Session the Board discussed the Bridge and that from his perspective any future repairs should be limited to only those required to maintain the bridge surface. Chuck noted that he did not express an opinion on the matter at this meeting.

*George Wendt, 1469 Glenbrook Lane*, questioned \$30,000 as being the cost to re-roof the bridge, and asked the Board if they have contacted professional roofers on the matter. Rick commented on the damaged roof trusses and the need for them to be repaired. Marty said the Board would look into options on this matter.

*Baxter Wellmon, 46 Lochwood Lane*, conveyed his gratitude to the Board, Rick, and all the Township staff for all their hard work and dedication. He shared his historical research of Milltown Reservoir and the Dam, dating back to 1847, which was believed to have been used by soldiers as a staging and refuge area. Mr. Wellmon believes the reservoir and dam are a huge

part of East Goshen history. He handed his research paperwork to Marty. In addition, Mr. Wellmon expressed concern that residents in and around the Milltown Reservoir Dam area should be made aware of the rainfall predictions and hazards laid out by the Department of Environmental Protection as they relate to this Dam. Rick explained that there are evacuation plans in place for such an event.

*Cabel Whittum, 33 Lochwood Lane*, was assured that the Board of Supervisors have all East Goshen Township residents interests at heart. He also shared that rainfall levels from Hurricane Agnes were significant and the Milltown Reservoir Dam is “still standing”.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Board reviewed and corrected the draft minutes of the May 27, 2015 meeting. Marty said the minutes would stand approved as corrected.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

*See attached Treasurer’s Report for June 11, 2015.* The Board reviewed the Treasurer’s Report and the current invoices. Senya 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:**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the East Goshen Township Annual Financial Report and East Goshen Municipal Authority Annual Financial Report – year end December 31, 2014 (available to view on website), and the Constant Contact memo.

The Board acknowledged receipt of Cabell Whittum’s correspondence presented at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting. The Board agreed to have it included in the minutes for that meeting at Mr. Whittum’s request. Senya stipulated that Mr. Whittum’s statement would include the Boards disclaimer that they hold no opinion on Mr. Whittum’s statement nor will they comment on the validity of the opinions enclosed within.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Marty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 pm. Janet seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Christina Rossetti Hartnett*  
*Recording Secretary*

Attachment: *Treasurer’s Report for June 11, 2015*

June 11, 2015

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

**GENERAL FUND**

Real Estate Tax	\$55,149.15
Earned Income Tax	\$296,857.28
Local Service Tax	\$18,994.03
Transfer Tax	\$0.00
<i>General Fund Interest Earned</i>	\$519.84
Total Other Revenue	\$56,328.87
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$427,849.17</b>

Accounts Payable	\$397,489.46
<u>Electronic Pmts:</u>	
Health Insurance	\$0.00
Credit Card	\$0.00
Postage	\$1,000.00
Debt Service	\$14,831.76
Payroll	\$95,046.78
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$508,368.00</b>

**STATE LIQUID FUELS FUND**

Receipts	\$0.00
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$51.37
<b>Total State Liquid Fuels:</b>	<b>\$51.37</b>

Expenditures:	<b>\$0.00</b>
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**SINKING FUND**

Receipts	\$4,923.36
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$419.69
<b>Total Sinking Fund:</b>	<b>\$5,343.05</b>

Total Expenditures:	<b>\$0.00</b>
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**TRANSPORTATION FUND**

Receipts	\$0.00
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$201.37
<b>Total Sinking Fund:</b>	<b>\$201.37</b>

Expenditures:	<b>\$0.00</b>
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**SEWER OPERATING FUND**

Receipts	\$68,705.34
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$55.31
<b>Total Sewer:</b>	<b>\$68,760.65</b>

Accounts Payable	\$31,683.48
<i>Debt Service</i>	\$341,440.94
<i>Credit Card</i>	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$373,124.42</b>

**REFUSE FUND**

Receipts	\$24,036.59
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$17.91
<b>Total Refuse:</b>	<b>\$24,054.50</b>

Expenditures:	<b>\$69,006.01</b>
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**SEWER SINKING FUND**

Receipts	\$0.00
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$231.19
<b>Total Sewer Sinking Fund:</b>	<b>\$231.19</b>

Expenditures:	<b>\$0.00</b>
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**OPERATING RESERVE FUND**

Receipts	\$0.00
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$266.94
<b>Total Operating Reserve Fund:</b>	<b>\$266.94</b>

Expenditures:	<b>\$0.00</b>
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**Events Fund**

Receipts	\$0.00
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$0.69
<b>Total Events Fund:</b>	<b>\$0.69</b>

Expenditures:	<b>\$0.00</b>
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