

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
JULY 21, 2015 – 7:00 pm
FINAL APPROVED MINUTES**

The Board met in Executive Session at 6:00 pm to discuss a Real Estate Matter

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

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Moment of Silence:

Carmen called for a moment of silence to honor the members of the military that were killed in Tennessee this past week. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families who lost loved ones, and to those that were injured—our wishes for a quick recovery.

Recording of Meeting:

No one indicated that they would be recording the meeting.

Candace Mulholland, reporter for the Daily Local News, advised the Board that she would be in attendance for the duration of the meeting.

Chairman's Report: Marty announced that Roger Adams and Desmond Reynolds, representatives from the Department of Environmental Protection will be in attendance at the August 4th Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss why the Milltown Dam is in need of being fixed. Marty commented that this will most likely be a very well attended meeting.

Police Report—Chief Brenda Bernot: Chief Bernot welcomes all residents to attend the Police Commission meetings and visit their website for information.

- She reported on recent telephone scamming incidents, the most recent called the “On Line Dating Scam”. She also cautioned residents to be vigilant in monitoring their bank and credit card statements. Identity thieves who have your information will make small transactions on your accounts to test their credit worthiness (transactions in the amount of \$9.99 or \$14.99). Once they determine that, they charge thousands of dollars on your accounts.
- The Chief commented on a random sobriety checkpoint that resulted in 4 arrests. She cautioned on the risks of taking prescribed drugs with small amounts of alcohol resulting in serious impairment leading to DUI Charges.
- Chief Bernot noted that the Citizens Police Academy will start in the Fall of 2015. It is a great way to get to know your Police Officers and their policies and procedures. Marty commented on how worthwhile this program is. It is one night per week. Marty recognized two residents in the audience who have attended the Police Academy.

- 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 premiums.

Malvern Fire Company: Rick Smith presented the Malvern Fire Co. Report for June 2015.

Fire Marshall: Carmen discussed the fire incident that took place on July 9, 2015, at 520 Valley Drive, resulting from a small appliance kitchen fire. Carmen praised the Goshen Fire Company for catching and stopping this fire just at the point of spreading to catastrophic levels and moving to other townhomes in this community. Marty commented on the need for public contributions to the Goshen Fire Company, as well as the need for increased volunteerism in this very important Township service.

Financial Report: Jon presented the Financial Report through June 2015, noting that the General Fund is expected to end the year roughly even, and with all other Funds in a healthy position as well.

Old Business:

Consider Glenbrook Lane Bridge: Rick discussed the estimate for \$2,800 to provide short term repair work to the bridge and roof and to install a second “Low Clearance” sign at the appropriate distance marker on Glenbrook Lane at the intersection with Waterview Road.

Don Zembruski, 1457 Glenbrook Lane, commented that he had a contractor, of his own choosing, inspect the bridge. His contractor provided an estimate of \$12,000 to replace the roof of the bridge, and also noted that, in his opinion, the roof had only 5 years of effective use left. Mr. Zembruski also suggested that the Board should reduce the size and expense of its yearly Holiday party as a way of saving money for the benefit of the bridge.

Marty said the Board welcomes any and all suggestions, but commented that the Holiday party is one of the best ways of thanking all the volunteers who dedicate their time to the ABC Committees.

Larry Geary, 1462 Glenbrook Lane, added that he has noticed a large number of branches and shrubs leaning up against the bridge that should be pruned back.

Senya moved to accept Rick’s recommendations, as noted in his July 13th memorandum to the Board, regarding short term repair work and additional signage to the Glenbrook Lane Covered Bridge. Carmen seconded. The Board unanimously voted to approve the motion.

Consider 1641 Manley Road: Carmen made a motion to authorize Mr. Mullray to plant 20 trees on the Last’s property, 21 trees at locations chosen by the Conservancy Board and 21 trees at locations chosen by the Park & Recreation Commission. Senya seconded for discussion. Rick commented that the Conservancy and Park & Recreation Commission have, in the past, had differing opinions on the placement of trees, and that the Township and the Lasts should also have a say as to the location of the replacement trees.

Marty suggested that the Conservancy Board and Park & Recreation Commission submit their recommendations for placement of the 42 replacement trees to the Board of Supervisors. Senya stated that it is excessive and punitive to require Mr. Mullray to replace the additional 42 trees. Senya further motioned to table the discussion of the replacement tree location, but that they should move forward to release \$1,800 from escrow for Mr. Mullray to pay his contractor for the right-of-way trees.

The motion did not pass by a vote of 1-4, with Senya, Janet, Chuck and Carmen opposed.

Carmen made a new motion to accept Rick's recommendation for the escrow release of \$1,800 to Mr. Mullray, and to instruct the Township staff to send a letter to the Conservancy and Parks & Recreation Commission for their recommendations on placement of the replacement trees. Senya seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor of this motion.

New Business:

Consider Speed Hump at 19 Waterview Road: Carmen motioned for the installation of the sixth speed hump in front of 19 Waterview Road.

Bob Vollrath 1471 Glenbrook Lane, commented that a speed hump installed at 19 Waterview Road would make it very hazardous during snow and ice conditions for cars to safely climb the hill.

Bob Sullivan, 33 Waterview Road, said he doesn't want to see another speed hump added at 19 Waterview Road, but feels that there is excessive speeding on this road and a sixth speed hump is necessary.

Don Zembruski, 1457 Glenbrook Lane, said he has talked to the residents of 19 Waterview Road and they are agreeable to the installation of the speed hump in front of their property.

Larry Geary, 1462 Glenbrook Lane, commented that he needs to slow down to 5 mph in order to safely go over these speed humps.

Marty motioned for the installation of the sixth speed hump at 19 Waterview Road. Senya seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted for the motion.

Consider Yardley Village Escrow: Carmen motioned to accept Rick's recommendation, in agreement with the Pennoni report, to close out Phase 1 and retain \$10,000 for Phase 2, pending the outcome of an inspection in September, of the Yardley Village escrow account. Senya seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Consider Cleaning Bid Results: Three bids were received for cleaning services of the Administration, Public Works, Blacksmith Shop, District Court and Police sub-station buildings. They were \$1,125.00 monthly by CNS Cleaning, Co.; \$1,248.00 monthly by Clean Right; and \$1,345.00 monthly by Clean Net. Senya motioned to accept Mark Miller's recommendation to

award CNS Cleaning Co. this contract. Janet seconded. The Board unanimously voted to approve the motion.

Any Other Matter:

Consider Articles for the Township Newsletters: Marty referenced an article written about Milltown Dam by an ABC Committee member, for proposed submission in the Township Newsletter. Marty commented that this article was very “editorial” and opinion-based in nature and not suitable for the Township Newsletter. He stated that opinions should be discussed at public meetings and that the Township Newsletter is meant to contain informational material only.

Senya commented that the author of this article should be commended for his well-constructed and thoughtful article, but given that it contained personal opinion and was editorial in nature, he agreed that it was not suitable content for the Newsletter, and asked the Township staff to communicate this to the author of the article. Further, Senya offered that such opinions should be discussed at the Committee level with any resulting recommendations to be brought before the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Senya motioned that the Township Newsletter should be a forum for informational content only. Carmen seconded. The Board unanimously voted in favor of this motion.

Bob Sullivan, 33 Waterview Road, agrees that the Township Newsletter should not be editorial, but also feels the newsletter’s distribution is not timely vis a vis current Township events. Jon noted that staff takes great pains to ensure that the newsletter is timely and accurate and asked Mr. Sullivan to point to an instance when it was not. Mr. Sullivan could not name one, but said that the printer should be able to produce a newsletter in a couple of days. Senya urged residents to sign on to **Constant Contact** as a means of receiving Township news in the quickest manner.

Consider Centennial Banner Installations: Senya asked the Township staff to contact PennDot for permits to use utility poles to erect signs for the Centennial Banners.

Public Comment – Hearing of Residents:

Carol Rennard, 405 North Chester Road, made the Board aware of illegal fireworks and the parking of three commercial tow trucks at 1531 East Strasburg Road. Rick commented that he would look into both of these situations. Carmen added that any future fireworks complaints should be handled by calling 911. Carol also asked who should be notified if you see rabid wildlife. Rick said the Police should be notified in these instances.

Joe Mobile, Representative from Dan Truitt’s Office, informed the Board of a Community Day, sponsored by Dan Truitt, to be held at East Goshen Park on August 1, 2015 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. It would be a free flea market, with complimentary hoagies offered.

Rich Prann, 1477 Glenbrook Lane, commented that the Milltown Dam HEC (Hydrologic Engineer Center) studies do not address what flood protection the Dam provides, and asked whether this would be a significant factor in the Board’s decision regarding the Dam. Rick noted

that all documents relating to Milltown Dam may be found on the Township website by following: [www.EastGoshen.org/AboutUs/Milltown Dam](http://www.EastGoshen.org/AboutUs/MilltownDam). Senya further commented that the Department of Environmental Protection has been the driving force behind the situation we find ourselves in with respect to Milltown Dam and asked Mr. Prann if he had any current analysis on dams as flood protectors.

Gerry Connor, 36 Lochwood Lane, commented that the DEP is against dams.

Don Zembruski, 1457 Glenbrook Lane, thanked the Board on their efforts regarding the Glenbrook Lane Covered Bridge.

Approval of Minutes:

The Board reviewed and corrected the draft minutes of the July 7, 2015 meeting. Marty said the minutes would stand approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report:

See attached Treasurer's Report for July 16, 2015. The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report and the current invoices. Chuck noted that the costs for algae treatment in the Bow Tree pond are not warranted as the treatment does not work in controlling algae. 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:

- The Board acknowledged Rick's correspondence to the Department of Environmental Protection requesting a deadline extension in regard to the Milltown Dam until October 20, 2016.
- The Board acknowledged receipt of the letter from the Insurance Services Office. The Board asked what our ratings mean. Rick said the Township's rating is improving, but that he would follow up with more information
- The Board acknowledged receipt of the Hershey Mill Dam Fundraising update.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Marty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. Janet seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Rossetti Hartnett
Recording Secretary

Attachment: *Treasurer's Report for July 16, 2015*

July 16, 2015

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

GENERAL FUND

Real Estate Tax	\$2,568.44	Accounts Payable	\$146,692.54
Earned Income Tax	\$101,220.67	Electronic Pmts:	
Local Service Tax	\$3,204.91	Health Insurance	\$46,669.86
Transfer Tax	\$58,747.71	Credit Card	\$0.00
<i>General Fund Interest Earned</i>	\$586.04	Postage	\$1,000.00
Total Other Revenue	\$365,112.07	Debt Service	\$14,831.76
Total Receipts:	\$531,439.84	Payroll	\$91,921.54
		Total Expenditures:	\$301,115.70

STATE LIQUID FUELS FUND

Receipts	\$0.00		
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$56.69		
Total State Liquid Fuels:	\$56.69	Expenditures:	\$0.00

SINKING FUND

Receipts	\$0.00		
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$417.64		
Total Sinking Fund:	\$417.64	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00

TRANSPORTATION FUND

Receipts	\$0.00		
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$203.76		
Total Sinking Fund:	\$203.76	Expenditures:	\$0.00

SEWER OPERATING FUND

Receipts	\$151,260.81	Accounts Payable	\$65,657.33
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$55.14	Debt Service	\$32,424.54
Total Sewer:	\$151,315.95	Credit Card	\$0.00
		Total Expenditures:	\$98,081.87

REFUSE FUND

Receipts	\$53,842.46		
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$18.30		
Total Refuse:	\$53,860.76	Expenditures:	\$71,260.15

SEWER SINKING FUND

Receipts	\$0.00		
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$223.76		
Total Sewer Sinking Fund:	\$223.76	Expenditures:	\$0.00

OPERATING RESERVE FUND

Receipts	\$0.00		
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$258.38		
Total Operating Reserve Fund:	\$258.38	Expenditures:	\$0.00

Events Fund

Receipts	\$0.00		
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$0.67		
Total Events Fund:	\$0.67	Expenditures:	\$0.00