

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016 – 7:00 pm
FINAL MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Senya D. Isayeff, Supervisors Chuck Proctor, Carmen Battavio, Marty Shane, Janet Emanuel, Township Manager Rick Smith, Township CFO Jon Altshul, Mark Gordon (Zoning Officer, Building and Codes), Jason Lang (Director, Park and Recreation), ABC Member Erich Meyer (Conservancy Board).

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:

Senya called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked Natasha Manbeck, of McMahon Associates, to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence:

Carmen called for a moment of silence to honor the troops who defend of our Nation and Constitution.

Recording of Meeting: *Leo Sinclair, 217 North Lochwood Lane*, indicated that he would be recording the minutes, and declared to the Board that it may be a violation of First Amendment rights to ask if anyone is recording the minutes. He noted that another resident had raised this issue at a West Goshen Township meeting and our solicitor was aware of the issue. The Board asked Rick to have the solicitor look into the issue.

Chairman's Report: Senya noted the following:

- a. The Board was prepared to present the Friends of East Goshen Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Nickolas G. Perakis for their Fireworks Sponsorship at Community Day, however they were not present at the meeting.
- b. A presentation by Neighborhood Health Agency. Andrea L. Devoti, President and CEO of the Neighborhood Health Agencies, Inc., discussed the services of this organization which include health services to the Wellington and Bellingham Senior Living Centers, Hospice and Home Care, nutrition services, geriatric services, blood pressure screenings at the local YMCA, to name just a few. Carmen stated his gratitude to this organization and that he can personally attest to the value of this organization, having used the Hospice care in the past for three family members. Marty asked what the qualifications are to receive services. Andrea stated that the only requirement is that a patient's primary physician must agree to and oversee the care given.
Kishor Thakarak, 902 Madison Drive, a pharmacist, stated that he can attest to the great care given by the health professionals who work for this agency.
Julieta Calmon, 1549 Tanglewood Drive, asked if all services are provided at no cost to all recipients. Andrea stated that of the approximately 6000 patients who receive their care, roughly 200 of them receive services free of charge.
- c. Jason Lang announced that the Township has been awarded a \$225,000 grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for improvements to the playground at the Township Park.

Old Business:

- a. **Consider proceeding with the construction of the Paoli Pike Trail (PPT) between Reservoir Road and Line Road:** Rick discussed this item. Marty motioned to accept the grants in the amount of \$2,886,000, and begin with the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian trail along Paoli Pike between Reservoir and Line Road. Carmen seconded.

Charles Higgins, 904 Vista Drive, read his statement and expressed his extreme displeasure with this consideration. Mr. Higgins referenced Jason Lang's letter to the community about the benefits of the trail, and expressed his opposition in the following areas stating that:

- The walkways in the Park are not cleared of snow, so why would the trail pathways be cleared of snow. How would residents walk on the trail in these instances.
- Children do not walk to school in today's day and age.
- The Goshen Shopping Center has always been a flop, so how will the PPT help that.
- No one walks in today's day and age.
- The PPT would destroy the Goshen Friends cemetery land.

Mr. Higgins concluded by stating that the Paoli Pike Trail should be "killed".

Joe Buonanno, 1606 Herron Lane, stated that he agrees with Mr. Higgins for the following reasons:

- The PPT is discretionary spending.
- He is against a bond issuance to address this capital expenditure.
- This matter should be handled with a referendum.
- All of the walking initiatives could be addressed in further Park enhancements.
- The Township would be taking land from the Quakers.

Senya commented that the Township's AAA rating is because the Township reserves for all of its capital expenditures and projects conservatively 20 years out into the future. Senya further stated that the Township did not take anything away from the Hicks. Rick and Carmen informed Mr. Buonanno that all of his emails have been recorded in the meeting agenda packet or they have been included as handouts for the meeting. Mr. Buonanno asked about connectivity of outer neighborhoods to the PPT. Senya stated that this concept is part of the overall long term plan for this project, but that all aspects cannot be addressed all at once in the beginning phases.

Leo Sinclair, stated that he is a fiscally responsible person, and he does not think it is prudent to take out loans to pay for something like the PPT. Mr. Sinclair also asked why his letter with seven questions has not been addressed by the Board. Mr. Sinclair then reviewed his seven questions with the Board.

Armarildo Capuni, 1723 Towne Drive, stated that he also works at a business in one of the East Goshen Corporate Parks. He recently moved to East Goshen from Center City Philadelphia, and he and his entire family have grown to love East Goshen for its quality schools and especially loves the concept of the PPT. Mr. Capuni used the phrase, “If you let the water sit, it will smell”, to remind the assembly that change is good, and the PPT would be a wonderful addition to East Goshen Township.

Rogers Vaughn, of Hershey’s Mill, has served on the Futurist Committee. Mr. Vaughn commented on the work of the Futurist Committee and the ways in which the Committee sought for East Goshen Township to differentiate itself from other townships. The Futurist Committee concluded that the creation of a Town Center was the way to go. It would attract restaurants, better shopping opportunities and ultimately more people to the area.

Leo Sinclair, stated that he is not necessarily against the trail, but is against financing the trail. He commented on other ways to raise revenue for the trail such as selling bricks, benches and trees to pay for it. Mr. Sinclair is against a bond issuance as a way to finance the PPT. Mr. Sinclair also asked why his email address was not redacted from the meeting packet. Rick said that was a mistake and apologized for that.

Len D’Antonio, 611 Meadow Lane, stated that he received the 1,000 foot letter. He was initially against the idea of the PPT, but has since realized that his family and children would ultimately use it frequently. Mr. D’Antonio said that the PPT is a good, commenting that “If you build it, they will come”.

Marty commented that the Board’s priority is to ultimately maintain property values for all its residents. Marty referenced studies on the desires of the “millennial age”, and ways to attract them to the Township, which is completely built out. The Township has prepared careful cost analysis studies on this capital expenditure.

Senya further stated the importance of open space and walkability to those of the millennial age group.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

- b. **Consider authorizing execution of the Paoli Pike Trail Easement with the Goshen Friends:** Rick discussed this item. Carmen motioned to authorize the Chairman to execute the trail easement with the Goshen Friends. Janet seconded.

Joe Buonanno, 1606 Herron Lane, asked the Board if this agreement was equitably fair to the Goshen Friends.

Jack Embick, a representative of the Goshen Monthly Meeting, stated that the Goshen Friends approve of this action. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

- c. **Consider proposal from McMahon for Paoli Pike Trail Segment D & E:** Mark discussed this item. Leo Sinclair asked if all businesses have expressed their happiness with this plan. Mark stated that the Township has met with the property owners to review the PPT plans, however, it cannot meet with them to discuss the proposed easements until the Township has prepared fully engineered plans and had appraisals

done, as these funding sources have procedural restrictions. Natasha Manbeck confirmed that the Federal funding process outlines certain communication restrictions.

Dan Truitt, Grand Oak Lane, asked if the costs outlined by the Township are truly the costs. Jon stated that his numbers have a 15% contingency figure built into them. Janet stated that certain adjacent land owners had concerns with the PPT, and adjustments were made to address those concerns.

Carmen motioned to accept the September 14, 2016 proposal from McMahon Associates in the amount of \$316,800 for the Paoli Pike Trail Segments D & E. Chuck seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

- d. **Consider proposal from McMahon for Paoli Pike Trail Segment F & G:** Mark Gordon discussed this item. Janet motioned to accept the September 14, 2016 proposal from McMahon Associates in the amount of \$118,900 for the Paoli Pike Trail Segments F & G. Chuck seconded.

Tom McDonald, 646 Thorncroft Drive, asked if this segment of the trail is necessary when trails already exist in the park. Mark explained that the rationale was to keep bicyclists who may be moving at high speeds, away from those using the park trails for walking or recreational purposes.

Leo Sinclair, 217 North Lochwood Lane, stated that he is aware of laws that restrict activities in “passive parks”, such as Applebrook Park. Chuck said that he would review the legal document that Mr. Sinclair was referring to.

Joe Buonanno, 1606 Herron Lane, asked why a bike trail would be necessary when existing trails were already in place. Mark restated that the bike trail would be necessary for safety sake, and to differentiate from the recreational walking trails in the park.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

New Business:

- a. **Consider authorizing submission of a PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund grant application for the Paoli Pike Trail, Segments A-B:** Jason discussed this item.

Carmen asked that in light of other segments of the trail already funded, would it not be easier to get new funding for this segment. Natasha said that funders like to see other funders in place for new projects, so with other segments of the trail already funded, this would be a benefit to getting new monies.

Joe Buonanno, 1606 Herron Lane, asked if this segment of the trail does not get funded will the Township then pay 100% of the cost. Senya stated that would not happen, and that the Township would look for new funding sources if this was the case.

Carmen motioned to authorize application for the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund in the amount of \$1,515,000 and approve matching funds in the amount of \$1,515,000. Janet seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

- b. **Consider Paoli Pike Corridor Master Plan Proposal:** Mark discussed this item. Rick explained the motion and the federal process and regulations that apply. Janet commented that, in keeping with the work and recommendations of the Futurist Committee, it would be useful to include developmental sketches of key site areas, and to prepare a vision of these areas 15 to 20 years out into the future, as well as including in

this proposal concepts of connectivity from adjacent neighborhoods to the Town Center. Mr. Vaughn, a member of the Futurist Committee, stated that the plan needs visualization, 10 years out, in order to create real excitement and interest.

Janet motioned to accept the McMahon Associates/TCA proposal to perform the work outlined in their proposal for the Paoli Pike Corridor Master Plan and to begin contract negotiations for the project with the following conditions:

- One additional public meeting is added in order to meet with the Planning Commission early on in the process during a regularly scheduled PC meeting to solicit their input.
- An “Open House” format be used for the two public meetings with the Board of Supervisors so members of the public can get a brief overview of the plan, see the work done to date, ask questions and provide input for the plan.

Carmen seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

- c. **Consider Advertising 2017 Preliminary Budget:** Jon reviewed this item noting that all detailed information on the topics is posted online under “Services/Finance/2017 Budget. Jon stated that the purpose of this item is to reach agreement about whether to approve advertisement of the 2017 budget for public inspection at least 20 days prior to adoption, after which time budgeted expenses or revenues can be increased no more than 10% in the aggregate and 25% in any major expense category prior to adoption. The tentative date for budget adoption is set for the December 6, 2016 Board meeting. The areas discussed included:

- Overview of 2017 Proposed Budget
- Proposed 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Program

Carmen inquired about the Events budget. Senya stated that he is meeting with West Goshen Township after Thanksgiving to discuss details of the Bicentennial celebrations. *Joe Buonanno* asked why East Goshen Township is paying West Goshen Township \$2 million dollars over the next several years. Rick stated that some of East Goshen’s sewer flows are treated in West Goshen and per a long-standing agreement, East Goshen is responsible for 1/6th of capital costs at the West Goshen Sewer Plant.

Carmen motioned to authorize advertisement of the Township’s 2017 Proposed Budget. Chuck seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

- d. **Consider Wireless Communication Facilities Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:** Rick discussed this item. Chuck made a motion that the Planning Commission support this amendment to the Wireless Communications section of the Zoning Ordinance and recommend that the Board of Supervisors move forward with it adoption. Carmen seconded.

Leo Sinclair asked if the large towers would become redundant. Rick said that they would not. Janet said the Board was told that the large towers would still have usefulness. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

- e. **Consider Stormwater Agreement for 820 Cottonwood Drive:** Marty motioned to authorize the execution of the storm water management operation and maintenance agreement for 820 Cottonwood Drive. Carmen seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Approval of Minutes: The Board reviewed and made changes to the minutes from the October 18, 2016 meeting. Those minutes will be considered again at the November 15th meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

See attached Treasurer's Report for October 27, 2016. 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. Chuck seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Correspondence, Reports of Interest: The Board acknowledged receipt of the following:

- 9/26/16 letter from FEMA approving the Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 10/21/16 email from Joe Buonanno concerning the East Goshen Park
- 10/25/16 email from Charles Higgins concerning the Paoli Pike Trail
- 10/27/16 email from Joe Buonanno concerning the Paoli Pike Trail

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Marty motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 pm. Janet seconded. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Rossetti Hartnett
Recording Secretary

Attachment: *Treasurer's Report for October 27, 2016*

October 27, 2016

TREASURER'S REPORT
2016 RECEIPTS AND BILLS

GENERAL FUND

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Real Estate Tax | \$3,409.74 | Accounts Payable | \$95,701.89 |
| Earned Income Tax | \$88,000.00 | Electronic Pmts: | |
| Local Service Tax | \$8,000.00 | Credit Card | \$1,296.90 |
| Transfer Tax | \$0.00 | Postage | \$0.00 |
| <i>General Fund Interest Earned</i> | \$0.00 | Debt Service | \$0.00 |
| Total Other Revenue | \$51,649.02 | Payroll | \$104,751.00 |
| Total Receipts: | \$151,058.76 | Total Expenditures: | \$201,749.79 |

STATE LIQUID FUELS FUND

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

SINKING FUND

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| Receipts | \$0.00 | Accounts Payable | |
| <i>Interest Earned</i> | \$0.00 | <i>Credit Card</i> | \$0.00 |
| Total Sinking Fund: | \$0.00 | Total Expenditures: | \$0.00 |

TRANSPORTATION FUND

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

SEWER OPERATING FUND

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|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Receipts | \$110,553.91 | Accounts Payable | \$114,197.60 |
| <i>Interest Earned</i> | \$0.00 | <i>Debt Service</i> | \$0.00 |
| Total Sewer: | \$110,553.91 | <i>Credit Card</i> | \$0.00 |
| | | Total Expenditures: | \$114,197.60 |

REFUSE FUND

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|------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Receipts | \$41,634.67 | | |
| <i>Interest Earned</i> | \$0.00 | | |
| Total Refuse: | \$41,634.67 | Expenditures: | \$12,487.86 |

SEWER SINKING FUND

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| Receipts | \$0.00 | | |
| <i>Interest Earned</i> | \$0.00 | | |
| Total Sewer Sinking Fund: | \$0.00 | Expenditures: | \$9,900.71 |

OPERATING RESERVE FUND

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

Events Fund

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