

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017– 7:00 pm
FINAL MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Marty Shane, Vice Chairman Carmen Battavio, Supervisor 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), Eric Neast (Gannett Fleming).

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance:

Marty called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and asked Neil DeReimer 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 meeting.

Chairman's Report: Marty announced the following:

- a. The Hometown Press is soliciting advertisers for the Township Newsletter. If you or your company would like to advertise, please contact Peggy Kucipak at (215) 262-3617.

Emergency Services Report:

WEGO: Chief Bernot commented on two trends that the Department is seeing:

- Thefts from vehicles. The Chief urges everyone to not leave valuables visible in their cars.
- Continuing scams. The Chief urges all residents to visit the WEGO website to become familiar with all the types of scams that are prevalent recently.

Chief Bernot also noted that there are currently 12 traffic complaints on the books.

Financial Report ~ December 2016: Jon presented this report and noted the following:

- Net of pass-through accounts, the general fund had revenues of \$10,621,058 and expenses of \$10,327,027, for a surplus of \$294,031.
- Real Estate Transfer Tax finished \$161,792 over budget.
- The Maillie audit team is scheduled to be on site from February 6 – 10, 2017.

Neil DeReimer, 1034 Hershey Mill Road, asked about the unfunded WEGO pension plan. Jon said that of the approximately \$6 million total, East Goshen's share is \$3.5 million. A trust had been set up three years ago, independent of the WEGO pension plan to offset costs.

Old Business:

- a. **Consider the Location of the Breach at the Hershey Mill Dam:** Eric Neast of Gannett Fleming provided a review of the materials and options that were presented at the January 10, 2017 Hershey Mill Dam Committee meeting. The review of the options include:

Option 1 (Breach at the Existing Spillway):

- No impact to downstream flow patterns
- No change in 100 year storm flood plain
- Approximately \$200,000 to \$240,000 construction costs
- Can use articulated concrete block as an alternative to riprap which can be top soiled and seeded to grow grass and give a green appearance
- Removal of existing stone spillway

Option 2 (Breach located to the East of Spillway):

- Existing stone spillway is maintained
- A section of stream channel downstream would be relocated
- Cost estimates of \$215,000 to \$260,000
- Requires temporary construction easement
- Requires permanent drainage easement

- b. **Consider Request from Neil DeReimer:** Mr. Neast discussed Mr. DeReimer's option, known as Option 3, noting the following:

- Stone spillway is maintained
- A earth berm would be constructed to direct water over the spillway
- Temporary and permanent construction and drainage easements would be required
- The Department of Environmental Protection would consider the berm to be a dam
- Approximate construction costs of \$230,000 to \$280,000

Neil DeReimer, 1034 Hershey Mill Road, asked if Option 3 would maintain a waterfall over the spillway. Mr. Neast said it may be possible to construct a diversion channel along Hershey Mill Road to divert some of the stream flow over the spillway. He was not sure how long the channel would have to be.

Robert Cosby, 1507 Greenhill Road, asked Peter Simone for his opinion of Option 3. Mr. Simone said it is an interesting option to maintain the spillway but a pump may be required to maintain a waterfall over the spillway. Mr. Cosby further commented that Option 3 is not attractive if the permanent waterfall is not maintained. Mr. Cosby inquired about the 2009 plan to lower the Dam, and if the pond could be dredged to maintain its existence. Eric said that this is possible. Mr. Cosby asked Peter Simone for his opinion of the 2009 plan. Peter said he was not familiar with the 2009 plan. Marty commented that the 2009 plan would save the waterfall but it would be reduced in height by six feet.

Cathy Sloan, 1202 Burning Bush Lane, asked for clarification of Option 3 and what the impact on the current vegetation would be as a result of the diversion channel. Eric answered that the trees along Hershey Mill Road would need to be cut down in order to construct the diversion channel.

Jim Brandolini, 1200 Burning Bush Lane, asked what Peter Simone's costs would be on top of the construction costs. Peter estimated that the total cost of the improvements could be roughly double whatever the construction costs are, but that it is very difficult to say for sure at this time.

Neil DeReimer, 1034 Hershey Mill Road, reiterated his preference for Option 3 as this option would maintain the waterfall.

Carmen motioned to authorize the Township to move forward with Option 1. Janet seconded. Marty commented you lose the stone spillway in Option 1, but the trees are maintained, and that in Options 2 and 3, you lose the trees but maintain the stone spillway. There was further discussion on the number of trees that exist in this area. Eric commented that Option 3 would require permanent easements.

Carmen re-motioned for Option 1. Janet seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Marty stated that Eric will move forward to finalize the engineering and submit the applications for the required permitting for Option 1. Peter can then finalize the landscaping plans.

Robert Cosby, 1507 Greenhill Road, commented that the Board voted for a plan that goes against the Dam survey results.

Neil DeReimer, 1034 Hershey Mill Road, asked to confirm that under Option 1, all areas south of the spillway would be filled in. Eric stated that under Option 1 the existing stream channels would remain.

Marty noted that the Solicitor had advised the Board that the Hershey Mill Dam is subject to jurisdiction of PA DEP and an attempt to challenge that would be futile.

New Business:

- a. **Consider Recommendation on Interview Process for Filling the Vacancy on Board of Supervisors:** Marty discussed the interview process for a new Supervisor, noting that the candidates should receive the interview questions in advance of the January 24, 2017 interview meeting, and that a decision has to be made by February 3, 2017. The swearing in ceremony will take place at the February 7th Board meeting. The candidates will be interviewed in random order (numbers picked from a hat). Carmen asked if the interviews could be held in private so as to not influence the other candidate's answers. Marty said the interviews must be held at a public meeting.

Catherine Sloan, 1202 Burning Bush Lane, suggested the candidates answer the questions in an alternating fashion. Marty said that would prolong the interviewing process well past the confines of one meeting and it would be too difficult to keep track of the candidates' answers.

Janet motioned to proceed with the interview process as outlined in the draft e-mail dated January 18, 2017. Carmen seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

- a. **Consider Recommendation on Bicentennial Celebration:** Jason discussed this item noting that the preferred date for this event is June 10th, with June 11th, 2017 as the rain date. Jon commented that this date has significant historical value as June 12, 1817 is the date when the separation was first suggested. Jason commented that the proposed budget for this event is approximately \$70,000, which would be split evenly between East and West Goshen Townships.

Leo Sinclair, 217 North Lochwood Lane, asked about the costs of this event. Jon discussed payments by the Township for this event, noting that costs would be reimbursed by the Friends of East Goshen, who have already raised \$16,000 for this event, leaving \$18,000 to be raised to pay for the balance. Mr. Sinclair also stated that he was informed by a source that West Goshen Township only plans to pay \$5,000 for this event. Marty said that West Goshen would most likely be voting on the funds to allocate for this event at their Board meeting.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of approving the Bicentennial Celebration for an estimated cost of \$35,000.

- b. **Consider Recommendation for a Stones Course Facility at the Township Park:**

Jason discussed this item, noting the benefits of a Stones Course in East Goshen Park. It fulfills the Park Master Plan for a bocce course, the sport is universally playable by all age groups, it makes use of otherwise unusable Park space, and it is a unique sport that enriches Township conservation efforts. Jason was joined by Ryan Kinka, one of the sport's founders, who lives in East Goshen Township. Mr. Kinka also explained the sport's increase in popularity, that the only other course in the area is in Fairmont Park, and that it was his desire to hold regional finals at East Goshen Park and develop it into a flagship course within the State of Pennsylvania.

Carmen motioned to begin play on the current Stones course in East Goshen Township Park in the spring of 2017. Janet seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Robert Cosby, a resident of East Goshen, asked if the Stones Course would replace the possibility of a bocce course in the Park. Jason answered that the Stones Course would not preclude the creation of a bocce course in the Park.

- c. **Consider Resolution 2017-73 Authorizing the Reimbursement of Prior Capital Expenditures from the Proceeds of Bonds to be Issued:**

Jon discussed this item stating the Township Financial Advisor has recommended that the Township adopt a reimbursement resolution to allow the Township to reimburse itself for capital expenses incurred for the Hershey's Mill Dam, Milltown Dam, Paoli Pike Trail (net of grants) and Park improvements (net of grants) from the proceeds of a future bond sale.

Carmen motioned to adopt Resolution 2017-73 and authorize the reimbursement of prior capital expenditures from the proceeds of bonds to be issued at a later date. Janet seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

- d. **Review Changes to the Alarm Ordinance Concerning False Alarms:** Rick discussed this item noting that under the current alarm ordinance, the Township does not distinguish between a false fire alarm and a false home security alarm, even though the

difference in the required response is significant. A revision to the alarm ordinance was presented that would allow the Township to charge a separate fee for a false alarm that required Fire Company response, as well as recommendations on revised fee amounts. Janet motioned to advertise to amend the Code of East Goshen Township, Chapter 81, titled "Alarm Systems". Carmen seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Approval of Minutes: The Board reviewed, corrected and approved the following minutes:

- a. December 20, 2016: Marty motioned to approve. Carmen seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
- b. January 3, 2017: Marty motioned to approve. Janet seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
- c. January 7, 2017: Marty motioned to approve. Janet seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Treasurer's Report:

See attached Treasurer's Report for January 12, 2017. 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 Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

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

- The Liquid Fuels Audit for 2015

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Janet motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 pm. Marty seconded. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Rossetti Hartnett
Recording Secretary

Attachment: *Treasurer's Report for January 12, 2017*

January 12, 2017

TREASURER'S REPORT

2016 & 2017 RECEIPTS AND BILLS

GENERAL FUND

Real Estate Tax (2016)	\$4,380.84		
Real Estate Tax (2017)	\$25.00		
Earned Income Tax (2017)	\$92,902.94	Accounts Payable (2017)	\$730,673.01
Local Service Tax (2016)	\$500.00	Electronic Pmts:	
Local Service Tax (2017)	\$560.50	Credit Card	\$0.00
General Fund Interest Earned (2016)	\$1,539.93	Postage (2017)	\$1,000.00
Total Other Revenue (2016)	\$973,351.92	Debt Service (2017)	\$11,353.36
Total Other Revenue (2017)	\$11,362.49	Payroll (2017)	\$114,765.18
Total Receipts:	\$1,084,623.62	Total Expenditures:	\$857,791.55

STATE LIQUID FUELS FUND

Receipts	\$0.00		
Interest Earned (2016)	\$81.51		
Total State Liquid Fuels:	\$81.51	Expenditures:	\$0.00

SINKING FUND

Receipts (2016)	\$330,198.40		
Receipts (2017)	\$66,004.82		
Interest Earned (2016)	\$667.58	Expenditures:	\$118,181.47
Total Sinking Fund:	\$396,870.80		

TRANSPORTATION FUND

Interest Earned (2016)	\$321.11	Expenditures:	\$0.00
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SEWER OPERATING FUND

Receipts (2016)	\$73,295.82		
Receipts (2017)	\$144,455.78	Accounts Payable (2017)	\$68,243.42
Interest Earned (2016)	\$53.67	Debt Service (2017)	\$30,275.50
Interest Earned (2017)	\$2.77	Credit Card	\$0.00
Total Sewer:	\$217,808.04	Total Expenditures:	\$98,518.92

REFUSE FUND

Receipts (2016)	\$4,590.13		
Receipts (2017)	\$36,365.66		
Interest Earned (2016)	\$12.04		
Interest Earned (2017)	\$2.76		
Total Refuse:	\$40,970.59	Total Expenditures (2017):	\$80,223.72

SEWER SINKING FUND

Receipts	\$0.00		
Interest Earned (2016)	\$96.23		
Total Sewer Sinking:	\$96.23	Expenditures (2017)	\$130.32

OPERATING RESERVE FUND

Interest Earned (2016)	\$353.27	Expenditures	\$0.00
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Events Fund

Interest Earned (2016)	\$1.06	Expenditures	\$0.00
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