

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017
FINAL APPROVED MINUTES**

**THE BOARD MET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:00PM FOR A LEGAL MATTER
AND A PERSONNEL MATTER**

Present: Chairman Marty Shane; Supervisors Charles (Chuck) Proctor, Janet Emanuel; Michael Lynch and Carmen Battavio; Township Manager Rick Smith; CFO Jon Altshul; and Conservancy Board member Erich Meyer.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Marty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked Lex Pavlo to lead the group in the pledge of allegiance

Moment of Silence

Carmen, who excused himself after the moment of silence, called for a moment of silence to honor the troops who defend our nation.

Recording

None

Chairman's Report/Announcements

Marty made the following announcements:

- The Board met in Executive Session immediately before tonight's meeting to discuss a legal matter and a personnel matter.
- The demolition of the playground occurred today, and the playground will remain closed until October 21st for construction of the new playground. A ground breaking ceremony will be held on September 9th at 10am.
- Comments will be accepted through September 6th on the Township's MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan.
- CTDI will hold its annual 5K run in the Goshen Corporate Park on Sunday, September 24th from 10am to 1:30pm.

Goshen Fire Company Report

Rick reported on the Goshen Fire Company's activities and stated that the Fire Company is looking for volunteers.

Carmen left the meeting for a family emergency at 7:15 pm.

Consider recommendation for fraud protection services

Mike observed that \$250 per month for fraud protection services was excessive and suggested that Jon ask M&T to provide these services at a lower cost. Janet made a

motion to authorize staff to use fraud protection services for its accounts with M&T Bank. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Consider escrow release for 1420 E. Strasburg Road

Mike made a motion to approve an escrow release in the amount of \$8,463 for sediment & erosion control and driveway entrance site work. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Consider Zoning Variance Application for 1380 Enterprise Drive

Rick explained that the Township received a Zoning Hearing Board application for dimensional variance relief for a proposed sign at 1380 Enterprise Drive. Due to the dimensions of the building, there is no way to have a sign that conforms to the Township's 10 foot height restriction without blocking the building's front door or windows. Rick observed that similar variances were granted in the past to CTDI and QVC. Janet observed that the sign would not be visible from outside the corporate park and that the Planning Commission intended to propose an amendment to the sign ordinance to address this issue.

Janet made a motion to support the Zoning Hearing Board application for requested dimensional variance relief for the single wall sign at 1380 Enterprise Drive, Unit 300. The zoning relief will not alter the character of the business park district. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Consider sending a grass notice to Sunoco

Rick stated that he had emailed the unsigned draft letter to Sunoco and that Sunoco had agreed to address the weed and grass issues along the pipeline route.

Lynda Farrell, Pipeline Safety Coalition, asked if the weeds were invasive and suggested that the Chester County Conservation District be consulted. Marty suggested that the Conservancy Board inspect the weeds along the pipeline route.

Everett Warren, 540 Beaumont Circle, noted that bad grass seed may have caused the weeds to grow. He noted that as a homeowner along the pipeline route he is responsible for maintaining the property, but that as a matter of safety he does not feel comfortable doing so while Sunoco is drilling.

Lex Pavlo, 611 South Speakman Lane, noted that mold and pollen are coming across his property line and that there is no grass, only weeds along the worksite adjacent to his property.

Chuck stated that any soil and erosion problems need to be addressed as soon as possible to prevent expensive repairs to the Township's storm water infrastructure.

Update on noise and vibration ordinance

Rick explained that Sunoco's consultant had determined that the vibrations felt at the Quaker Village site was due to low frequency air vibrations from the mud

machine, rather than from ground vibrations. He added that Pennoni would be on-site the end of the week or early next week to confirm this conclusion. He also stated that Sunoco would be installing new sound barriers made of a different material at this location.

Walt Levingood, 1334 Troon Lane, stated that the noise and vibrations in his home are overwhelming when Sunoco is drilling and that the vibrations have damaged his kitchen floor and steel door to his deck. He stated that Sunoco told him he needed a structural engineer. Mike provided Mr. Levingood with the name of a structural engineer.

Mr. Warren stated that he had a home inspection performed at an expense of \$400. He believes that the vibrations are emanating from the boring drill and not just the mud machine.

Nick Battista, 1428 Quaker Ridge, corroborated what Mr. Levingood and Mr. Warren had stated about the intensity of the vibrations and the noise. He stated that he took average sound readings earlier today of 87 decibels at the worksite, 85 decibels at the sound curtain and 83 decibels at his property.

John Hannafin, 1336 Troon Lane, noted that the noise and vibrations in his bedroom are worse than they are outside.

Elaine McLaughlin, 615 Marydell Drive, stated that Sunoco has lied from the beginning about the impact and danger of the pipeline.

Marty stated that the Township needs to be strategic when objecting to the pipeline and that these objections need to appeal to state legislators and other power centers rather than simply adopting resolutions that make people feel good but are ineffective. Mike encouraged residents to closely follow what happens with pipeline-related legislation in Harrisburg introduced by Rep. Comitta and Sen. Dinniman. Chuck noted that he doesn't see our federal delegation doing anything to empower states to slow or otherwise regulate pipelines. Janet observed that while she agrees with everything in the pipeline resolution recently adopted by Uwchlan Township, she stated that pressuring state and federal lawmakers is a more effective strategy than passing resolutions that "feel good". Mike stated that Uwchlan's resolution comes from the heart, but resolutions won't be successful unless they get decision makers' attention.

Consider recommendation on pipeline resolution

Lex Pavlo stated that he doesn't necessarily want East Goshen to adopt Uwchlan's resolution verbatim, but that he doesn't want to hear that no resolution should be adopted.

Mike suggested that he and Chuck work with Rick, Lex and any other members of Lex's group next week on a draft resolution for possible consideration at the September 19th meeting.

Lynda Farrell stated that a number of municipalities in New Jersey were able to successfully block a pipeline and encouraged the Board to identify the powers that they have through the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's ruling on Act 13 in the Robinson case. Mike asked Lynda for a list of bullet points that could be considered in East Goshen's proposed resolution.

Approval of Minutes of August 15, 2017

Janet made a motion to approve the minutes of August 15, 2017 as amended. Chuck seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Treasurer's Report of August 10, 2017

Chuck 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 passed 4-0.

Liaison Reports

Janet reported that the Planning Commission was meeting tomorrow. Chuck reported that WEGO would need to hire additional full-time officers to backfill vacant positions.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Altshul
Recording Secretary

Attachment: August 31, 2017 Treasurer's Report

August 31, 2017

**TREASURER'S REPORT
2017 RECEIPTS AND BILLS**

GENERAL FUND

Real Estate Tax	\$1,950.33	Accounts Payable	\$75,810.94
Earned Income Tax	\$43,200.00	Electronic Pmts:	
Local Service Tax	\$17,100.00	Credit Card	\$3,567.83
Transfer Tax	\$73,443.64	Postage	\$0.00
General Fund Interest Earned	\$0.00	Debt Service	\$11,287.49
Total Other Revenue	\$204,891.57	Payroll	\$163,285.47
Total Receipts:	\$340,585.54	Total Expenditures:	\$253,951.73

STATE LIQUID FUELS FUND

Receipts	\$0.00		
Interest Earned	\$0.00		
Total State Liquid Fuels:	\$0.00	Expenditures:	\$0.00

SINKING FUND

Receipts	\$513,885.83	Accounts Payable	\$275,408.00
Interest Earned	\$0.00	Credit Card	\$429.98
Total Sinking Fund:	\$513,885.83	Total Expenditures:	\$275,837.98

TRANSPORTATION FUND

Receipts	\$396.25		
Interest Earned	\$0.00		
Total Sinking Fund:	\$396.25	Expenditures:	\$0.00

SEWER OPERATING FUND

Receipts	\$376,237.10	Accounts Payable	\$23,490.05
Interest Earned	\$0.00	Debt Service	\$29,176.60
Total Sewer:	\$376,237.10	Credit Card	\$0.00
		Total Expenditures:	\$52,666.65

REFUSE FUND

Receipts	\$111,988.14		
Interest Earned	\$0.00		
Total Refuse:	\$111,988.14	Expenditures:	\$16,892.54

BOND FUND

Receipts	\$8,097,485.21		
Interest Earned	\$40.34		
Total Refuse:	\$8,097,525.55	Expenditures:	\$524,412.87

SEWER SINKING FUND

Receipts	\$0.00		
Interest Earned	\$0.00		
Total Sewer Sinking Fund:	\$0.00	Expenditures:	\$0.00

OPERATING RESERVE FUND

Receipts	\$0.00		
Interest Earned	\$0.00		
Total Operating Reserve Fund:	\$0.00	Expenditures:	\$0.00

Events Fund

Receipts	\$0.00		
Interest Earned	\$0.00		
Total Events Fund:	\$0.00	Expenditures:	\$0.00