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

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

# Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Marty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked Carmen to lead the pledge of allegiance.

# **Moment of Silence**

Carmen called for a moment of silence to honor our troops.

# Recording

Christina Zettner, 1530 Allison Drive, indicated she would be recording the meeting

# **Chairman's Report/Announcements**

Marty made the following announcements:

- Sunoco has requested a continuance with Judge Tartaglio for the hearing on its violation of the Township's noise ordinance;
- It is unlikely that East Goshen will be the location for the valve station originally planned for West Goshen;
- A formal application from Sunoco to work 24 hours per day while doing its pullback operations is expected soon and that this matter would be discussed in a public meeting once the application is received.
- The Board met in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss a legal and personnel matter;
- The Draft Pond Study is posted on the website and comments can be submitted until December 15, 2017;
- The Township's annual Re-Organization meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 6:00pm, at which point David Shuey and Mike Lynch would be sworn in;
- Adelphia Gateway intends to purchase Interstate Energy Company, which owns an oil pipeline running through the Township. Adelphia intends to repurpose this pipeline to convey natural gas;
- The Township did not receive a 2017 Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for Paoli Pike Segments A&B;
- Earlier today, East Goshen was officially notified by DCNR that we were awarded a \$500,000 grant for the improvements at the Milltown Dam site;

- Due to weather related delays, the playground project will not be finished until early spring;
- The annual Tree Lighting Celebration will be held in the Park on Friday evening.

# **Goshen Fire Company Report**

In October, the Goshen Fire Company had 29 fire calls, 217 EMS calls and 18 fire police calls in East Goshen Township. Jon observed that Kevin Miller, Mark Miller, Dusty Kilgore, Mike Holmes and Steve Hiro, all from the Public Works Department, fought the Barclay Friends fire on the evening of November 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Presentation by Kim Holman, Good Fellowship Ambulance Company

Kim Holman provided a short presentation on the Advanced Life Support (ALS) services that Good Fellowship is willing to provide to East Goshen Township, with Medic 91 scheduled to go out of business on January 8, 2018. Marty thanked Kim for her offer and indicated that the Board will make a final decision on this matter at its meeting on January  $2^{\rm nd}$ .

#### **Consider Writs of Execution**

Chuck raised concerns about the possible risks that the Township might incur if it issued writs of execution on properties with severely delinquent sewer and/or refuse accounts without a full title search. Specifically, the Township might inadvertently take possession of properties that it can't unload. Chuck moved to authorize staff and the solicitor to do full title searches prior to filing writs of execution on the five properties listed in the staff memo dated November 15, 2017. Carmen seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

#### Consider Approval of the 2018 Budget

Jon provided an overview of the five changes to the proposed budget since it was originally advertised on November 15, 2017, and explained how this budget will aggressively address the unfunded liabilities of the Westtown-East Goshen Police Department for its pension and other post-employment benefits. Jon added that as part of the motion to adopt the 2018 Township budget and WEGO Police Budget, he recommended adopting a resolution to authorize a \$100 per month stipend for the four Public Works employees who actively volunteer with the Goshen Fire Company.

Carmen made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I move that we adopt the 2018 East Goshen Township Budget dated December 5, 2017 as follows:

- 1) A General Fund with revenues and expenses of \$12,951,653, of which \$2,039,040 are from pass-through accounts and \$10,912,613 are from non-pass through accounts.
- 2) A State Liquid Fuel Fund with revenues and expenses of \$548,083.

- 3) A Sinking Fund (Capital Reserve Fund) with revenues of \$844,492 and expenses of \$867,500
- 4) A Transportation Fund with revenues of \$261,793 and expenses of \$615,000
- 5) A Sewer Operating Fund with revenues and expenses of \$3,682,636
- 6) A Refuse Fund with revenues of \$1,002,921 and expenses of \$1,091,534.
- 7) A Bond Fund with revenues of \$30,000 and expenses of \$2,997,163.
- 8) A Sewer Sinking Fund (Sewer Capital Reserve Fund) with revenues of \$277,500 and expenses of \$183,500.
- 9) An Operating Reserve Fund with revenues of \$24,906 and expenses of \$0.

I further move that we adopt the 2018 Westtown East Goshen Police Budget Version 2, dated October 19, 2017 with revenues and expenses of \$7,758,398.83, of which East Goshen's share is \$3,659,937. I also move to authorize Township staff to transfer \$180,774 from the East Goshen's Police Pension Trust to the Westtown-East Goshen Police Pension Plan to pay for East Goshen's share of the Additional Pension Plan Contribution line item from this budget.

I further move to adopt Resolution 2017-77 to provide stipends to full-time Township employees who volunteer at the Goshen or Malvern Fire Companies.

Chuck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

# Consider Approval of Resolution 217-34C, Fee Schedule

Rick explained that the state had increased the Uniform Construction Code fee from \$4 to \$4.50 per permit in order to balance the state budget and that therefore the Township's fee schedule needed to be amended to reflect this increase. Janet made a motion to adopt Resolution 217-34C. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

# <u>Consider a Stormwater Management and Operations Agreement and a Grider</u> <u>Pump Agreement for Applebrok Golf Club</u>

Mike made a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the stormwater management and operation and maintenance agreement and the grinder pump operation and maintenance agreement for the Applebrook Golf Learning Center. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Consider Township Fire Protection Inspection Program**

In light of the Barclay Friends fire and based on concerns that some commercial properties in East Goshen do not have steel stud framing, Rick recommended that the Township have a fire protection inspection program for commercial buildings. If the Board is agreeable to this proposal, staff will have a formal proposal, including a fee schedule, by mid-January.

Carmen made a motion to direct staff to move forward with a fire protection inspection program proposal. Janet seconded the motion. Carmen provided more detail on why a program like this is critical to protecting lives and property in the

Township. Mike asked whether the program would be revenue neutral and whether it would impact the Township's insurance premiums. Carmen indicated that the program would probably be revenue neutral, but even if it wasn't, it was money well spent to protect lives and property. Chuck observed that, if anything, this type of program would lower the Township's insurance premiums.

Lex Pavlo, 611 S. Speakman Lane, praised the proposal as an example of the proactive, safety-oriented initiatives that the East Goshen Safety and Environmental Advocates supports.

The motion passed 5-0.

#### **Public Comment**

Susan Carty, 1507 Von Steuben Drive and Pennsylvania Chair of the League of Women Voters, stated that she was in attendance on behalf of the League of Women Voters to observe and watch what's occurring in local governments.

Christina Zettner, 1530 Allison Drive, asked whether Adelphia can come to a future Board meeting. Marty asked Rick to reach out to Adelphia and invite a representative to attend a future meeting. She also discussed a Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration bulletin on repurposed pipelines that was issued a month after Sunoco was granted permission from the PUC to repurpose the Mariner 1 line. She also requested that Rick ask Adelphia to send an engineer and not a public relations representative.

Ron Cocco, 633 Speakman Lane, raised concerns about the safety of repurposed pipelines.

Mary McCloskey, 1727 Clocktower Drive, engaged the Board about whether this repurposed line would be an interstate or intrastate pipeline, if the former, how the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission oversight and regulation would differ from PA PUC oversight. Rick indicated that more research is needed about this issue. Mike suggested that if FERC would be involved in the Adelphia line that U.S. Representative Ryan Costello be invited to attend this meeting as well.

Ed McFalls, 900 Tallmadge Drive, asked whether there was anything to prevent Adelphia from getting status as a public utility from the PUC. Rick stated that it was his understanding that Adelphia already has public utility status.

Approval of Minutes of November 21, November 27 and November 29, 2017 Chuck made a motion to approve minutes of November 21, as corrected. Carmen seconded. The motion passed 5-0. Janet made a motion to approve minutes of November 27, as corrected. Carmen seconded. The motion passed 5-0. Chuck made a motion to approve minutes of November 29, as corrected. Carmen seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

# Treasurer's Report of November 30, 2017

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 motion passed 5-0.

# Correspondence, Reports of Interest

The Board acknowledged the following correspondence and reports of interest:

- Notice from Willistown Backyard Farms about a public hearing in Willistown Township on December 11, 2017 regarding the Keeping of Animals.
- Notice from Willistown News about a public hearing in Willistown Township on December 11, 2017 regarding the Keeping of Animals.
- November 15, 2017 Letter from Penn Medicine regarding home and hospice care
- November 30, 2017 Planning Commission Goals
- November 30, 2017 1,000 feet letter East Goshen Elementary School
- November 30, 2017 1,000 feet letter Malvern Institute
- December 1, 2017 Sunoco 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report

# **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Carmen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm. Janet seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted, Jon Altshul Recording Secretary

Attachments: November 30, 2017 Treasurer's Report

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TREASURER'S REPORT			
2017 RECEIPTS AND BILLS			
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GENERAL FUND			
Real Estate Tax	\$1,680.10	Accounts Payable	\$83,910.97
Earned Income Tax	\$14,000.00	Electronic Pmts:	
Local Service Tax	\$0.00	Credit Card	\$2,085.20
Transfer Tax	\$0.00	Postage	\$0.00
General Fund Interest Earned	\$0.00	Debt Service	\$317,563.46
Total Other Revenue	\$91,702.28	Payroll	\$115,824.50
Total Receipts:	\$107,382.38	Total Expenditures:	\$519,384.13
STATE LIQUID FUELS FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00		
Interest Earned	\$0.00		
Total State Liqud Fuels:	\$0.00	Expenditures:	\$0.00
SINKING FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$24,393.21
Interest Earned	\$0.00	Credit Card	\$24,393.21
Total Sinking Fund:	\$0.00	Total Expenditures:	\$24.393.21
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TRANSPORTATION FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00		
Interest Earned	\$0.00		
Total Sinking Fund:	\$0.00	Expenditures:	\$0.00
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SEWER OPERATING FUND		Accounts Payable	\$27,996.45
Receipts	\$230,891.11	Debt Service	\$127,275.71
Interest Earned	\$0.00	Credit Card	\$0.00
Total Sewer:	\$230,891.11	Total Expenditures:	\$155,272.16
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REFUSE FUND			
Receipts	\$72,246.39		
Interest Earned	\$0.00		
Total Refuse:	\$72,246.39	Expenditures:	\$14,479.78
BOND FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00		
Interest Earned	\$0.00		
Total Refuse:	\$0.00	Expenditures:	\$38,124.06
SEWER SINKING FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00		
Interest Earned	\$0.00		
Total Sewer Sinking Fund:	\$0.00	Expenditures:	\$21,364.26
OPERATING RESERVE FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00		
Interest Earned	\$0.00		
Total Operating Reserve Fund:	\$0.00	Expenditures:	