

THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES – April 20, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Mike Gast at 7:04 P.M. in Thornbury Township's meeting room. In attendance were Supervisors Mike Gast, Chairman; Robert Miller, Vice-Chairman; Ed Travis, Robert Anthony and Percy Neall Board Members; Brody Bovero, Township Manager; Kathy Labrum, Esq., Solicitor; and Teresa DeStefano, Township Secretary. An executive session was held before the regularly scheduled meeting to discuss real estate and other matters. There were 4 signed guests.

II. WESTTOWN EAST GOSHEN POLICE REPORT – Sergeant Gorman

Sergeant Gorman presented the February police report. There were 156 calls for service in Thornbury Township which constituted 12 % of the total calls for the three Townships.

Sergeant Gorman noted that WEGO did make an arrest on a burglary in the Township.

III. MANAGERS REPORT

Stormwater Management

On April 6th, Chester County held a county-wide meeting for municipalities in order to gather input on a proposed county-wide stormwater management standard. The County intends to develop minimum standards, which municipal governments could adopt, which would comply with the PA Act 167 stormwater requirements and the Federal MS4 stormwater discharge permits.

Road Maintenance

Progress has been made on a snow emergency policy. The Roadmaster and the Township will be working to better manage the snow and ice removal during large winter storms. A first draft is about 50% complete and will be submitted to the Board in the next month.

Ed Travis informed the Township of a hole caused by erosion that was formed at the corner of Echo Hill Road and Westtown-Thornton Road. Neff Construction has made the repair.

Percy Neall inquired why we are fixing a Penndot Road.

Brody Bovero noted that it was a safety issue, but we could bill them for the repair.

A resident notified the Township on April 11, 2010 that someone had put graffiti on both sides of the bridge over Westtown-Thornton Road. The Township was able to get the bridge painted by that afternoon. I'd like to thank Mike Aiello and Neff Construction for their assistance in addressing this issue so quickly.

Park Maintenance

The Township received five responses to the Request for Proposals for Goose Creek Park and Town Center mowing/landscaping. The contractor with the lowest proposal was T.S. Morris Landscaping, Inc. The proposed contract would be for one year with two additional one-year options.

The Park & Recreation Commission met on April 8, 2010 to discuss ideas on how to refresh the appearance of the Goose Creek Park bulletin board.

Town Center

Brody Bovero noted that there are currently three lease agreements ready to be signed at the Town Center.

The space at 846 E. Street Road is currently being renovated for a new tenant. The completion is scheduled to be within the next two weeks.

The Township and the Goose Creek Grill are continuing to move forward toward a new lease agreement for the restaurant building.

Sanitary Sewer Projects

Carl Williams, the Deputy Director of Facilities for Cheyney University and Brody Bovero met on April 14, 2010. Carl Williams gave an update on the wastewater treatment plant project and the issues and steps needed for public tie-in from the Township

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 2, 2010 BOS Work Session

Ed Travis made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Anthony. Mike Gast, Ed Travis, Bob Miller and Bob Anthony were in favor. Percy Neall Abstained. Motion carried.

B. March 16, 2010 BOS Meeting

Ed Travis made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Bob Miller. All were in favor. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Ernie suggested that on the Financial Summary, the Township should seasonalize the budget.

Steve Ernie also suggested when the Township does the snow removal since Penndot doesn't plow the deceleration lane on Route 926 and Route 202 could the Township ask their plow company to remove the snow.

Rich McLaughlin noted that PECO did work in his area in 2008. They put in new lines and left six poles. He spoke to Mr. Vargo previously and they are still here. Verizon and Comcast have changed over all the poles. Comcast said they would take care of it but they are still here.

Brody Bovero noted that he will check into it.

Bill Cuff noted that he sent in a letter about the snow plowing for discussion.

VI. AGENDA

1. Resolution 2010-5 Adoption of Chester County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mike Gast noted that we did discuss this last month and wanted to review it before passing. As a Township we need to have a Hazard Mitigation Plan in effect. The Township can adopt the County's as its own.

Bob Anthony inquired if we adopt the county's, does that ever exclude the Township from making its own or changing it.

Mike Gast noted it does not.

Tom Spackman inquired if Dave Smiley has reviewed it.

Brody Bovero noted he has.

Ed Travis motioned to approve Resolution 2010-5. The motion was seconded by Bob Miller. Bob Miller, Mike Gast, Bob Anthony and Ed Travis were in favor. Percy Neall opposed. Motion carried.

2. Resolution 2010-8: Lease Extension with 840 GCG, Inc. May 31, 2010

Brody Bovero noted that we have an existing lease with the Goose Creek Grill; however the expiration date is upon us. We have extended the lease until the end of May 2010.

Bob Miller motioned to approve Resolution 2010-8 Lease Extension with the Goose Creek Grill. The motion was seconded by Ed Travis. All were in favor. Motion carried.

3. Resolution 2010-11: Dedication of Parcel # 66-2-41.2 (aka Ann's Parcel), 9.6 acres to Thornbury Township

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Percy Neall inquired if there are any new restrictions on the property.

Kathy Labrum noted there are no new restrictions.

Ed Travis inquired about the wording for the easement in the agreement and if that would interfere with Pete's Produce Trucks.

Mike Gast noted if we accept the property, it may.

Percy Neall motioned to approve Resolution 2010-11 acceptance of Ann's Parcel. The motion was seconded by Ed Travis. All were in favor. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Park Maintenance & Town Center Mowing Contract – T.S. Morris Landscaping, Inc.

Mike Gast noted that we put out an RFP and T.S. Morris was the lowest bidder.

Brody Bovero noted that all his references checked out and the annual contract is about \$2,000 less than last year.

Mike Gast inquired why we get two \$10,000 bonds, since the whole contract is less than \$13,000.

Mike Gast motioned to approve T.S Morris Landscaping the Town Center Mowing Contract with a reduction of the bonds. The motion was seconded by Percy Neall. All were in favor. Motion carried.

5. Resolution 2010-9:Approval of Lease Agreement for 846 E. Street Rd.: Ted Way (McCormick Karate)

Bob Miller inquired with Kathy Labrum if all the loop holes are addressed.

Tom Spackman inquired as to whether the two spaces are under one lease or if they are separate.

Bob Miller motioned to approve Resolution 2010-9 the Lease Agreement for 846 E. Street Rd Ted Way (McCormick Karate). The motion was seconded by Ed Travis. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Resolution 2010-10: Approve of Lease Agreement for 842 E. Street Rd.: Ted Way (McCormick Karate)

Bob Miller motioned to approve Resolution 2010-10 the Lease Agreement Extension for the Goose Creek Grill. The motion was seconded by Ed Travis. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. Authorization: Renovation of 846 E. Street Rd. by John Neff Construction; \$3,240

Mike Gast noted that the Township had to do some repairs before we could lease the space.

Bob Miller motioned to authorize the renovation of 846 E. Street Rd for \$3,240 to Neff Construction. . The motion was seconded by Ed Travis. All were in favor. Motion carried.

8. Letter of Support for Natural Lands Trust Grant Application: Spackman Farm

Brody Bovero noted that the Natural Land Trust is acquiring an easement of roughly 60 acres on the Spackman Farm. It would provide public access and limit development to three new dwelling units. This letter is stating the Township's support for this easement.

Tom Spackman handed out photos to show the easement. This will be the last piece of the farm to be preserved. Mr. Spackman gave a brief history of his land and the previous and proposed easement. He noted that Natural Lands Trust will own the easement.

Percy Neall motioned to approve the letter of support for Natural lands Trust Grant Application. The motion was seconded by Ed Travis. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Spackman just wanted to note that the WEGO Police Department is doing a great job.

VII. OTHER MATTERS

Ed Travis noted that on Saturday April 17, 2010 we had Earth Day Clean up at the Goose Creek Park. There were around 30 bags of trash and some tires collected. Most of the volunteers were students from Rustin High School.

Brody Bovero noted that on April 6, 2010 the Board amended the Comprehensive Plan with the Historic Preservation Update. Resolution 2010-7 will memorialize that vote so the County could accept it for reimbursement for the project.

Ed Travis motioned to approve Resolution 2010-7 the amending of the Comprehensive Plan with the Historic Preservation Update. The motion was seconded by Percy Neall. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Percy Neall noted that the Road Master should attend the meetings, he has asked him twice before and wanted it noted that he still hasn't been to a meeting.

VIII. COMMISSION REPORTS

A. Planning Commission – Ed Travis

No meeting,

Percy Neall noted that if Commission members can't make it to meetings, to please call.

B. Historic Preservation Commission – Tom Spackman

Tom Spackman noted that the HPC is reviewing the books from the survey. The HPC would like to have a fireproof safe to store all the historic history in the Township's possession.

Mike Gast suggested that Brody Bovero check into the purchase.

C. Park and Recreation – Percy Neall

Park and Recreation is working on new ideas for more events in the Township.

D. Council of Governments – Bob Anthony

The COG worked on exploring ideas of shared faculties that the Townships could team up on. The May meeting will be hosted by Thornbury Township.

Jim Jordan inquired if there was anymore discussion on Section 100 on Route 202.

E. Cheyney Liaison – Mike Gast

Mike Gast and Brody Bovero met with Cheyney and will be organizing a meeting with some Park & Recreation members and Cheyney to work together on shared activities.

IX. OPERATION REPORTS

A. Approval of Bill List, \$123,887.11 – Bob Miller

Bob Miller presented the April bill list for \$123,887.11

Ed Travis motioned to approve the bill list. Bob Miller seconded the motion. Ed Travis, Bob Miller, Bob Anthony and Mike Gast were in favor. Percy Neall opposed. Motion carried

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mike Gast motioned to adjourn the meeting. Percy Neall seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brody Bovero
Township Manager