

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES – June 15, 2010**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Mike Gast at 7:00 P.M. in Thornbury Township's meeting room. In attendance were Supervisors Mike Gast, 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. A number of police officers and their families and friends were in attendance for the WEGO Award presentations.

II. WESTTOWN EAST GOSHEN POLICE REPORT – Sergeant Gorman

Sergeant Gorman presented the May police report. There were 170 calls for service in Thornbury Township which constituted 14 % of the total calls for the three Townships.

Mike Gast noted that the WEGO police force did a great job on the arrest at the property on Street Rd and thanked the department for their cooperation with the township on the joint issues involved, and praised WEGO and their liason for the quality of communication during the period surrounding the arrests.

III. PRESENTATION

2009 Officer of the Year – Cpl Bill Doyle

Chief Dumond presented the award to Cpl Bill Doyle This award is given out annually to a police officer who shows dedication, loyalty and commitment to service to the community. What makes this award special is that it is voted on by his peers.

2009 MADD Award for DUI Enforcement - Officer Ted Lewis

Chief Dumond presented the award to Officer Ted Lewis; this award is for achievement of and recognition to public safety. Officer Lewis was also given a certificate from Congressman Joe Sestak.

IV. ROAD MASTER REPORT

Mike Aiello noted that the traffic counter will be on Red Lion Road on June 16th and several other streets will be monitored throughout the summer. The Bid packages for the Salt Shed will be ready on July 9, 2010. Vegetation has been cut back at Route 202 and Greentree Rd.

V. MANAGERS REPORT

Land Development and Subdivisions

Benson Companies submitted a letter indicating their proposed location for landscaping along the southern edge of the site, bordering Brandywine at Thornbury. Simone Collins has reviewed the letter and provided their comments, indicating the plan seems to work within both the intent of the Township's ordinance and the request of the HOA at Brandywine at Thornbury. The only issue was the type of tree.

Cheyney University submitted revised submission for the Carver Science Building. The Planning Commission met to consider the drawings on June 14th.

Upon request of the applicant, the Karin Crooks subdivision application will be postponed until the July Planning Commission meeting.

Code Enforcement

A meeting with the West Chester United Soccer Club was held to discuss the earth disturbance they conducted in the floodplain. They were required to apply for a grading permit with the Township to verify code compliance with the activity.

A residence at 126 E. Street Road was inspected and declared unfit for human occupancy due to severe electrical issues. The residents were required to vacate the house. The landlord has been contacted and has been responsive to arranging repairs to the house in order to return to a code-compliant condition.

Grants & Financial Relief

The FEMA representative completed the final project worksheet for the 2010 Winter Storm disaster relief. The total claim by the Township is \$\$41,081.20. FEMA will cover 75% of the claim. No word has been received whether the State will cover the remaining 25%.

The H2O grant requests for providing public sewer to the College Hill and Thornbury Estates neighborhoods were updated and returned to the State for review. The request for College Hill was \$274,500. The request for Thornbury Estates was for \$1,430,779.

Town Center

The final lease offer was sent to the Goose Creek Grill and discussions are positive. The final terms of the lease are expected to be completed in June.

The bid package for the salt shed and parking expansion is expected to be completed by July 9th.

Sanitary Sewer Projects

A meeting was held with Cheyney University to discuss details of connecting the College Hill sewer line into Cheyney's system. No additional upgrade or modifications are required to their facilities in order to connect.

We are working on a revised plan for the Thornbury Estates Sewer project.

Stormwater Management

The annual MS4 report was submitted to DEP.

Park Planning

The Park Plan Revision Task Force held its first meeting at Waln Run Park to go over existing plans and possible revisions. The next meeting is scheduled for June 17th at the Squire Cheyney Farm.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 25, 2010 BOS Meeting

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

B. June 1, 2010 BOS Work Session

Tabled

VII. AGENDA

1. Selection of Energy Providers for Years 2011-2013

Brody Bovero noted that we have 3 options from Exelon including a One year, Two Year, and Three Year offer. Currently the Township pays a fixed rate for electricity. The offer rate for a one year contract would provide 14% savings, a two year contract would provide a 13% savings per year, and the three year contract would provide a 10% savings per year.

Percy Neall inquired about the rates increasing over the years and noted that it would be a good idea to go for the longer contract.

Ed Travis motioned to select Exelon for our energy provider for the next three years. The motion was seconded by Percy Neall. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2. **Authorization for Township Manager to execute temporary lease extension with Goose Creek Grill**

Mike Gast noted that the Township needs to have this temporary extension because the current extension expires on June 30, 2010 and the next board meeting isn't until July 20, 2010.

Ed Travis motioned to authorize the Township Manager to execute a temporary lease extension with the Goose Creek Grill. The motion was seconded by Mike Gast. All were in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IX. OTHER MATTERS

- Ed Travis inquired about the Hill property. Noting that there may have been an agreement that the pond was to be kept filled with water in case of a fire for Echo Hill. Ed Travis asked Brody Bovero to verify this information.

Brody Bovero inquired if this agreement was part of the land development or if it was a separate agreement.

- Ed Travis noted that the Police Commission authorized a new speed trailer. This unit will collect speed and count information. This will give the Township more data on our roads.
- Ed Travis inquired if there were any new developments on adult activities with the park and recreation commission.
- Ed Travis mentioned that DVRPC has issued their draft TIP and are requesting comments by the 30th of June, and questioned whether the Board should submit comments or submit individual comments. .

Mike Gast noted that the COG also discussed this matter, and asked if any individual comments are submitted, that they be copied to him also.

X. COMMISSION REPORTS

A. Planning Commission – Brooks Durham

The Crooks Subdivision will be in front of the board in July. The Cheyney University plan didn't have all their letters in, and also need a sign permit. The

Planning Commission will be putting the institutional zoning ordinance back on the table to be worked on.

B. Historic Preservation Commission – Tom Spackman

Tom Spackman noted that the HPC met at Peter Galantino's who was very kind and shared the history of the Galantino property.

C. Park and Recreation – Brooks Durham

There was some discussion of other events. The Commission is starting to get plans together for the Fall Festival and the Train ride with Santa.

Council of Governments – Mike Gast

The COG meeting was held at Thornbury Township this month. The two topics discussed were solid waste removal and recycling. There was a lot of information exchanged comparing rates. They also discussed a County-wide composting facility.

D. Cheyney Liaison – Mike Gast

Mike Gast and Brody Bovero met with Cheyney University and discussed the sewer issues regarding College Hill. The meeting was a great success.

XI. OPERATION REPORTS

A. Approval of Bill List, \$109,527.36 – Ed Travis

Ed Travis presented the May bill list for \$109,527.36

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brody Bovero
Township Manager