

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES – March 24, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Ed Travis at 7:00 P.M. in Thornbury Township's meeting room. In attendance were Supervisors Ed Travis, Chairman; Michael Gast, Vice-Chairman; Robert Miller, Percy Neall, Lou Gagliardi Board Members, Kathy Labrum, Esq., Solicitor; and Cary Vargo, Township Manager. An executive session was held before the regularly scheduled meeting to discuss Personnel Matters. There were 8 signed guests.

II. WESTTOWN EAST GOSHEN POLICE REPORT – Sergeant Gorman

Sergeant Gorman presented the March police report. There were 105 calls for service which constituted 10 % of the total calls for the three Townships.

III. RADLEY RUN RED STREAMS BLUE RESTORATION PROJECT – JANE FAVA

Jane Fava from the Brandywine Valley Association presented the background and future plans for the Radley Run Red Steams Blue Restoration Project, being completed in partnership with the Brandywine at Thornbury Homeowners Association. The project includes the restoration of a portion of Radley Run, located in the Brandywine at Thornbury Development.

Jane Fava requested that the Board join in partnership with the Brandywine Valley Association which would include assistance with advertising and education.

Lou Gagliardi motioned to accept the invitation to join as a partner with the Brandywine Valley Association and the Homeowners Association in the Red Streams Blue Program. The motion was seconded by Percy Neall. All were in favor. Motion carried.

IV. MANAGER'S REPORT – Cary Vargo

- Ø The Email list is now up to 161 subscribers.
- Ø We have received notification from the Westtown East-Goshen Regional Police Commission that the two Townships (Westtown and East Goshen) are evaluating the cost of police service and will contact us with potential dates for discussions.
- Ø Congressman Sestak will be in attendance at the work session scheduled for Tuesday April 14, 2009 from 7:30 -8:00 p.m. Topics include - Update on the submitted earmarks (sewer infrastructure and funding for restoration of the Dallet House), Route 202 - Section 100 funding, and other topics, based on interest, to be discussed.

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- Ø Work continues on the Waln Run Park plans
- Ø The project will require an appearance in front of the Zoning Hearing Board for relief from a prohibition on disturbances within 100' of a delineated wetland.
- Ø The Township has not yet received the advanced grant payment of \$152,000 from the DCNR.
- Ø The Township continues to work on corrective actions at 1230 Cheyney Road, some progress has been made.
- Ø The Township Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday April 4, 2009.

Lou Gagliardi suggested that we investigate collaborative recycling efforts with Thornbury, Delaware County.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 10, 2009 (Work Session)

Ed Travis noted a correction to paragraph 1 on page 2 with the addition of the following – “have been allocated,” and separately in the sentence following the addition of the word “considering.”

Mike Gast motioned to approve the minutes with the change. The motion was seconded by Bob Miller. Mike Gast, Bob Miller, Ed Travis and Percy Neall were in favor. Lou Gagliardi abstained. Motion carried.

B. February 10, 2009 (Business Meeting)

Mike Gast made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ed Travis. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. February 17, 2009 (Business Meeting)

A correction was noted by Ed Travis - the Planning Commission did not have a meeting in February.

Bob Miller noted that on page 3, Chris Lang also mentioned that the shutters were missing from the Dallet property.

Mike Gast motioned to approve the minutes with the changes. The motion was seconded by Ed Travis. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. March 3, 2009 (Work Session)

Ed Travis - page 1 - please change the word sale to sell.

Mike Gast motioned to approve the minutes with the changes. The motion was seconded by Percy Neall. Mike Gast, Bob Miller, Ed Travis and Percy Neall were in favor. Lou Gagliardi abstained. Motion carried.

VI. AGENDA BUSINESS:

1. Receive and Acknowledge Correspondence from the Brandywine at Thornbury HOA

The Brandywine at Thornbury HOA has requested that the trees to be placed on HOA property by the CVS project be re-distributed to provide a more effective buffer for all residents.

Cary Vargo noted that he has spoken to all involved parties and all are in agreement.

2. Resolution 2009-6 – Participation in the West Chester Area Regional Emergency Management Group.

Ed Travis provided a brief history on Emergency Management, and specifically NIMS, dating back to 2003. Various emergency managers presented and proposed a regional emergency management group at the recent meeting of the West Chester Area Council of Governments. The benefits of a regional approach include increased resources, personnel etc.

Lou Gagliardi motioned to approve Resolution 2009-6, Participation in the West Chester Area Regional Emergency Management Group. The motion was seconded by Mike Gast. All were in favor. Motion carried.

3. Meadowcroft Presbyterian Church Escrow Release #2, \$55,868.20

Lou Gagliardi inquired if the escrow release was in order.

Cary Vargo noted that the site has been run well, there have been no issues of concern, and Yerkes is recommending the release of the full amount.

Lou Gagliardi motioned to approve the Meadowcroft Presbyterian Church Escrow Release # 2 for \$55,868.20. The motion was seconded by Percy Neall. All were in favor. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Roadside Mowing Contract

Cary Vargo noted that the roadside mowing program consists of 3 cuts, one in the spring, one in the summer, and then one in the fall. The Waln Run Park will be cut approximately 6-7 times throughout the growing season. 2008 costs for this program were \$1,290 and the expected costs for 2009 are \$1,450, an increase of \$160.00.

Lou Gagliardi motioned to approve the Roadside Mowing contract with Ralph Jennings. The motion was seconded by Mike Gast. All were in favor. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Steve Ernie inquired about the Sunoco station at Route 202 and Penn Oaks Drive.

Lou Gagliardi noted that the gas station is in Birmingham Township and requested that staff communicate with Birmingham and monitor the situation.

Lou Gagliardi inquired about the expected opening of the new CVS.

Cary Vargo noted that he has a site visit tomorrow and will update the Board on the expected date of completion.

Frank Reilly inquired about construction on Route 202.

Cary Vargo replied that it was most likely related to the installation of sewer infrastructure to service the CVS project.

VIII. COMMISSION REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

Ed Travis noted that the Planning Commission is working on the Riparian Buffer Ordinance.

B. Historic Preservation Commission

Mike Gast noted that the HPC had met with the Board of Supervisors recently and a summary of that meeting can be found in the work session minutes.

Steve Ernie announced that the HOA has cleaned and is now maintaining the reportedly historically significant berm on Route 202.

Percy Neall asked that the HPC send a letter to residents who reside in homes that are involved in the Historic Resource Inventory.

Mike Gast noted that Chris Lang is in the process of doing that.

Bob Miller inquired about the costs for previously discussed temporary fencing.

Cary Vargo noted that signage has been installed and pricing for fencing is being researched.

C. Park and Recreation – Percy Neall

Ed Travis noted that there has been recent discussion about sharing events with Westtown Township. The Township Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday April 4, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Goose Creek Park.

D. Council of Governments – Mike Gast

The next WCACOG's meeting is scheduled for April 30th, 2009. The last meeting included a presentation on the regional emergency management group. The discussion to be held on Route 202 was re-scheduled.

E. Cheyney Liaison – Mike Gast

Mike Gast noted that we successfully filed two sewer grants with the Township and University working together in the process. We are still working on shared events and involving Township residents in university functions.

Lou Gagliardi inquired about recent safety issues on campus.

Mike Gast noted that the University has implemented a Safety and Security Task Force to evaluate environmental factors, incident management etc. A preliminary report has been completed with the final report due to be completed in April. The University was recently awarded a grant to undertake safety and security measures. The grant will be used to install fencing, lighting etc.

F. Dallet Property

No Report.

IX. OPERATION REPORTS

A. Road Master Report- Cary Vargo

No issues of concern.

Ed Travis inquired about the future deployment of the traffic counter.

Bob Miller requested that all reports in the future be presented similarly to the Township Managers report.

B. Approval of Bill List, \$148,366.17– Bob Miller

Bob Miller presented the March bill list for \$148,366.17 and reviewed the major expenditures.

Ed Travis motioned to approve the bill list as presented. Percy Neall seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

X. OTHER MATTERS

No other matters were presented.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Lou Gagliardi motioned to adjourn the meeting. Percy Neal seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cary B. Vargo
Township Manager/Secretary