

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES – December 15, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Ed Travis at 7:01 P.M. in Thornbury Township's meeting room. In attendance were Supervisors Ed Travis, Chairman; Mike Gast, Vice-Chairman; Robert Miller, and Percy Neall Board Members, Kathy Labrum, Esq., Solicitor and Teresa DeStefano, Secretary.

II. WESTTOWN EAST GOSHEN POLICE REPORT – Sergeant Cahill

Sergeant Cahill presented the September police report. There were 148 calls for service which constituted 12 % of the total calls for the three Townships.

III. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

1. The Train Ride with Santa event was held on Sunday, December 6. It was a huge success. Many thanks and kudos to the Parks and Recreation Commission members as well as Teresa DeStefano.
2. Jane Dorchester presented the inventory of the Township's Historic Resources to the Historic Preservation Commission at its regular meeting on December 7, 2009. The deliverables included 4 notebooks of historic places, three CDs, an excel spreadsheet listing the historic places, a duplicate of all the survey forms, duplicates of the notebook contents, and a Township map produced by the Chester County via its GIS system which located the historic resources..
3. There was a walkthrough at the Brinton Village community on Monday, December 7, 2009 to resolve issues pertaining to tree planting. In attendance were Justin Keller of Simone Collins; Bo Erixson, Benson Companies; Lisa Eller and Ray Wolfe, Brinton Village HOA, Ed Travis, Thornbury Township; and the Brinton Village landscaping contractor.
4. Interviews for potential candidates for the position of Township Manager were held on Tuesday, December 8, and Wednesday, December 9, 2009.
5. There was a meeting of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Committee to review a draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

6. On December 15, 2009, the Brandywine Conservancy, Environmental Management Center hosted a presentation of a model for a Sustainable Community Development Code. The code serves as a model for municipal officials and individuals to address a wide range of sustainability issues within a planning and regulatory framework.
7. Thornbury Township was awarded a \$250,000 EPA grant for sewer projects. The grant application had been submitted to Congressman Joe Sestak for consideration.
8. Percy Neall and Ed Travis met with Jacqui Guenther of Thornbury Township, Delaware County to learn how she had gone about getting a Comcast/Verizon broadcast line for her Township.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **November 10, 2009 (BOS Meeting)**

Mike Gast mentioned that he had a few suggestions for minor changes that did not change the substance of the minutes. Mike said he would provide the changes to Teresa for inclusion in the final version.

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

B. **December 1, 2009 (Work Session)**

Bob Miller noted that there was a discussion about the status of the search for a new Township Manager and that Mike Gast had given an update of the discussions at the COG meeting.

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

C. **December 1, 2009 (BOS Meeting)**

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

V. AGENDA BUSINESS:

1. Hearing on Proposed Recycling Ordinance

Ed Travis opened the hearing for the Proposed Recycling Ordinance.

Kathy Labrum introduced the public advertisement published in the Daily Local News one (1) time on November 24, 2009. There was one amendment from the proposed recycling ordinance; the word “mandatory” has been removed.

Ed Travis closed the hearing.

Mike Gast motioned to adopt the Ordinance as advertised and modified. Bob Miller seconded the motion. Mike Gast, Bob Miller and Ed Travis were in favor. Percy Neall opposed. Motion carried.

2. Penn Oaks Improvements

Penn Oaks Golf Club submitted an application to expand its facilities:

- Expand its banquet facilities
- Build another outside patio
- Expand the pro shop and locker room
- Add additional parking
- Install associated landscaping

Ed Travis thanked Penn Oaks for its presentation.

3. Proposed 2010 Budget

Mike Gast motioned to adopt the budget, Bob Miller seconded the motion. Mike Gast, Bob Miller and Ed Travis were in favor. Percy Neall opposed. Motion carried

4. Meadowcroft Escrow Release # 5 - \$90,388.55

Tabled

5. 2009 Road Improvement Project – Sucher & Sons for \$93,486.43

Ed Travis motioned to pay Sucher & Sons \$93,486.43, while holding back \$4,920.34 until all punch list items are completed. Bob Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Donations:

- **Good Fellowship Ambulance Company - \$1,500**
- **Visiting Nurses - \$ 1,100**
- **West Chester Area Senior Center - \$ 1,000**
- **Glen Mills Historical Society - \$250**

Ed Travis noted the donations are the same as those given last year. The last item is for the use of the train station for our Train Ride with Santa.

Mike Gast motioned to approve the contributions. Bob Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. Resolution 2009-22 PennDot & Thornbury Township agree to use the dotGrants On line reporting system to file the required Liquid Fuels reports.

Ed Travis noted that this resolution allows us to use the on line filing.

Percy Neall motioned to approve the Penn Dot Electronic Licensing Agreement, Resolution 2009-22. The motion was seconded by Ed Travis. All were in favor. Motion carried.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comment

VII. OPERATION REPORTS:

1. Road Master Report – Ed Travis

No report

2. Approval of Bill List, \$245,163.42 – Bob Miller

Bob Miller presented the December bill list for \$245,163.42 and reviewed the major expenditures.

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ed Travis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bob Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Travis