

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES – July 15, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Ed Travis at 7:07 P.M. in Thornbury Township Delaware County's meeting room. In attendance were Supervisors Ed Travis, Chairman; Michael Gast, Vice-Chairman; Percy Neall, Robert Miller, Lou Gagliardi Board Members; Kathy Labrum, Esq., Solicitor; and Cary Vargo, Township Manager. There were 4 signed guests.

II. WESTTOWN EAST GOSHEN POLICE REPORT – Sergeant Gorman

Sergeant Gorman reported that the June report was not yet ready for presentation. The motor vehicle accident at 202 and Greentree Drive is ongoing.

Ed Travis solicited public comment:

There was a discussion about the details of the accident at 202 and Greentree Drive.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Steve Ernie thanked the Township for keeping the Exxon station mowed. Steve also inquired about the process of escrow releases and urged the township to ensure that the builder's obligations are fulfilled prior to release of any escrow funds. Steve inquired about a fence on the Brinton Village sub-division as well as a left turn lane on Route 926.

Ann Connolly inquired about the exterior of the Sage Hill septic facility, stating that it is currently stucco but was supposed to be stone. Cary Vargo replied that, as stated in prior meetings, the builders had committed to address this in the late July timeframe and he would ensure that they do so.

Frank Reilly expressed concern about Route 926 at the entrance to the Brinton Village project. Frank stated that there is inadequate drainage during rain events.

Steve Ernie also noted that Crebilly Farms is having a final conditional hearing on July 21st. Cary Vargo asked that a Township representative be there. Cary will attend.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 11, 2008 BOS Work Session

Mike Gast made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Miller. Percy Neall and Lou Gagliardi abstained. Motion carried.

June 16, 2008 BOS Meeting

Tabled

V. AGENDA BUSINESS

A. **Hearing –Amendment to Zoning Ordinance, Section155-65 Notice**

Ed Travis opened the hearing for proposed Zoning Ordinance 2008-02.
Ed Travis asked if there was any public comment. No public comment was heard.
Ed Travis closed the hearing.

Mike Gast made a motion to approve Ordinance 2008-02, amending Section 155-65 of the Zoning Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Bob Miller. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. **Ordinance # 2008-3, Repeal of Chapter 20**

Kathy Labrum noted that Chapter 20 pertains to the Historic Preservation Commission and is a duplicate of the section in Chapter 155 that pertains to the Commission.

Mike Gast made a motion to approve Ordinance 2008-3; the Repeal of Chapter 20. Percy Neall seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. **Appointment to open commission seats**

1. **Planning Commission**

Ed Travis noted that the Township had received 4 resumes and Mike Gast and Bob Miller had an opportunity to speak with all four candidates.

Jim Jordan noted that Mr. Connors was the Planning Commission's first choice, with Mr. Pyle being their second. Jim stated that either would be a good candidate for the commission. Jim felt that an appointment of Mrs. Iacovelli would be too divisive.

Bob Miller noted that while he understands Jim's opinion on Mrs. Iacovelli, he believes Barb Iacovelli is very qualified for the position.

Percy Neall made a motion to appoint John Connors to the open seat on the Planning Commission. Lou Gagliardi seconded the motion. Percy Neall and Lou Gagliardi were in favor. Bob Miller, Ed Travis and Mike Gast opposed.

Percy Neall made a motion to appoint Mr. Pyle to the open seat on the Planning Commission. Lou Gagliardi seconded the motion. Percy Neall and Lou Gagliardi were in favor. Bob Miller, Ed Travis and Mike Gast opposed.

Lou Gagliardi expressed concern about this appointment stating that Barbara Iacovelli is very divisive. Ann Connolly inquired about Ms. Iacovelli's qualifications. She and Percy Neall also expressed concern about Mrs. Iacovelli's potential appointment. Ed Travis noted that Mrs. Iacovelli was a former Board member with considerable planning commission experience in this and other municipalities.

Percy Neall made a motion to appoint Mr. Geri Vital to the open seat on the Planning Commission. Lou Gagliardi seconded the motion. Percy Neall and Lou Gagliardi were in favor. Bob Miller, Ed Travis and Mike Gast opposed.

Bob Miller made a motion to appoint Barbara Iacovelli to the open seat on the Planning Commission. Ed Travis seconded the motion. Bob Miller, Ed Travis and Mike Gast were in favor. Lou Gagliardi and Percy Neall were opposed. Motion carried.

Tom Spackman suggested tabling the appointment for the position.

Supervisors Lou Gagliardi and Percy Neall left the meeting after the appointment. For the remainder of the meeting the Board of Supervisors present consisted of Mike Gast, Ed Travis and Bob Miller.

2. Historic Preservation Commission

Ed Travis noted that the Township had received 2 resumes and that Mike Gast had an opportunity to speak with both candidates.

Mike Gast made a motion to appoint Molly Morrison and Eric Burling to the Historic Preservation Commission. The Motion was seconded by Bob Miller. All were in favor.

Tom Spackman expressed interest in the remaining open seat on the Historic Preservation Commission.

D. Personnel Manual – Resolution 2008-13

There was a discussion about the effective date of the personnel manual. The manual is to become effective upon approval of the Board of Supervisors.

Mike Gast made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-13, the Thornbury Township Personnel Manual. Bob Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

E. Election to participate in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Pension Trust- Resolution 2008-14

Cary Vargo stated that this is a defined benefit pension plan with a retirement benefit of \$250/month. The contributions to the plan for the current township

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staff will be Township supported for three years prior to the inception of State contributions.

Mike Gast made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-14, participation in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Pension Trust. Bob Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

F. Award 2008/2009 Snow And Ice Control Bid

Ed Travis noted that only one bid had been received and was submitted by The Groundskeeper.

Bob Miller made a motion to award the 2008-2009 Snow & Ice Control Bid to The Groundskeeper. The motion was seconded by Mike Gast. All were in favor. Motion carried.

G. Award 2008 Road Project- Cheyney Road and Chadd's Cove

The project was advertised twice. Four bids were received appear as follows:

Company	Bid
Malloy Paving	\$107,776.25
Macanga INC.	\$131,418.25
Charlestown Paving	\$142,062.75
Kehoe Construction	\$163,211.00

Ed Travis made a motion to award the 2008 Road Project to Malloy Paving. Mike Gast seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

H. Approval of an expenditure of \$6,125.80 for roadway line striping

Roadway line striping will include all roads that are already currently striped. The three proposals that were received were as follows:

Company	Proposal
Alpha	\$ 6,125.80
A-1	\$ 8,748.00
Guidemark	\$ 20,925.00

Mike Gast made a motion to approve \$6,125.80 for roadway line striping. Bob Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

I. Sage Hill Escrow Release # 8, \$105,077.34

Yerkes evaluated the escrow release and recommended releasing the full amount, \$105,077.34. There was a general discussion in reference to escrow releases based on the point made by Steve Ernie earlier in the meeting. Kathy Labrum

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explained that the request is for \$70,000.00 for the stone recharge bed and \$35,013.40 for grass checker-board pavers. Once this work is complete, the Township is obligated to release the funds designated for the work.

Mike Gast made a motion to approve the Sage Hill Escrow Release #8 for \$105,077.34. Bob Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

J. Managers report – Cary Vargo

The renovations on the township offices are progressing nicely. This should be the last meeting in the Thornbury Township, Delaware County facility.

Route 202 and Greentree Drive- Mr. Neff has aggressively cut back brush, weeds etc. in order to increase the line of sight. New “Traffic Signal Ahead” signage is on order and will be placed upon arrival.

Bob Miller suggested we look into an illuminated sign stating that the light is red ahead, similar to the one on Route 1 near the Wawa Building.

A site visit at the Dallett Property with the Brandywine Conservancy is scheduled for Monday, July 21, 2008 at 10am.

We have scheduled a Township Shredding Event for Saturday, September 6, 2008 at 10 a.m. Wiggins Shredding will be running it. The cost is \$400.00.

Ed Travis called for a motion to approve the expenditure needed to hold the Shredding Event.

Mike Gast made a motion to approve the funds for the shredding Event. Bob Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Cheyney Challenge Bicycle Race has been postponed until September. The grant funds for Recycling Performance have not been received as of yet. The DEP has been contacted and they have stated that the funds are being processed.

The Township requested that PECO conduct an evaluation on the circuits serving the Township. This circuit is 26 miles in length and supplies 3,759 customers. A significant number of our outages are caused by down trees. PECO does have a tree program in place. The Township has requested information on additional reclosers that are to be installed on PECO lines.

The Crebilly Farms Connector Road is not to be aligned with Bridlewood Boulevard; the project will proceed through the land development process in Westtown Township.

The Smith Medical Office Building plans have been signed and the applicants have been advised of such.

The Meadowcroft Presbyterian Church should be in front of the Board for final approval at our August Meeting.

Water Bills at the Town Center have been high the past few months. John Neff and Cary Vargo have been investigating but at this point have no answers. We will continue to monitor the situation.

VI. COMMISSION REPORTS

A. Planning Commission – Jim Jordan

No report

B. Historic Preservation Commission – Chris Lang

No report

C. Parks and Recreation- Cary Vargo

Events in planning include the Fall Festival and Movie Night. Movie Night is scheduled for August 15, 2008 with the movie to be shown to be “National Treasure.”

We have set the date for the Fall Festival for October 11, 2008

D. Council of Government – Mike Gast

Mike Gast reported on three items: Deer Management has been discussed but there is not a great deal of interest in regionalizing the program. The second was an internal matter regarding membership in the PACOG, and lastly that he had emphasized the COG’s need to keep advancing any/all 202 improvements.

E. Cheyney Liaison – Mike Gast

No meeting, but Cary has been keeping an open line of communication.

F. Dallet Property – Percy Neall

Ed Travis reported that Curtis Cheyney has withdrawn his interest in the property.

VII. OPERATIONS REPORTS

A. Road Master Report- Cary Vargo

Covered in the Manager’s report.

B. Approval of Bill List – Bob Miller

Bob Miller presented the June bill list for \$122,714.76 and reviewed the major expenditures.

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

C. Treasurers Quarterly Report- Bob Miller

Bob Miller noted that we have received 62% of expected revenue and spent 44% of our expected expenditures for the year.

VIII. OTHER MATTERS:

Cary Vargo explained that we have obtained a proposal from Higgins & Sons Electric for the placement of the white in color strobe lights to be placed in the red traffic signals at 202 & Greentree Drive for north and south bound traffic on Route 202. The price for the insulation is \$3,150.00.

Ed Travis made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$3,150.00 for installation of the white in color strobes to be placed in the red traffic signals. Bob Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mike Gast made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cary B. Vargo
Township Manager/Secretary