

THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES – June 16, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regularly scheduled meeting of the Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Ed Travis at 7:16 P.M. in Thornbury Township's meeting room. In attendance were Supervisors Ed Travis, Chairman; Michael Gast, Vice-Chairman; Percy Neall, Robert Miller, Board Members; Kathy Labrum, Esq., Solicitor; and Cary Vargo, Township Manager. There were 8 signed guests.

II. WESTTOWN EAST GOSHEN POLICE REPORT – Sergeant Gorman

Sergeant Gorman presented the April 2008 Police Report. There were 136 calls for service which constituted 10% of the total calls for the three Townships.

Ed Travis solicited public comment:

Jim Jordan wanted to know if the police have issued any citations for excessively loud motorcycle exhaust. Sergeant Gorman stated that he did not have that information, but told Mr. Jordan he could call the department tomorrow and he would provide him with an answer.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ann Connolly inquired about the status of Medical Office Building.

Kathy Labrum replied that she had spoken with the attorney for the Smith's and he had indicated that the project was not ready to move forward. Ms. Labrum stated that the plans would be released when a standard Thornbury Township Developer's Agreement was executed, an escrow was established, and a certificate of insurance was filed.

Stephanie Smith stated that the issue they have is with the involvement of the Historic Preservation Commission in the process.

Jim Jordan inquired about the billing practices of Yerkes to include billing after the fact.

Cary Vargo asked that Jim Jordan provide additional information on the subject.

Ann Connolly inquired about the finish on the Sage Hill Sewage Treatment Building.

Cary Vargo replied that he had spoken with the project manager at Sage Hill and he was advised that the stone would be placed on the building.

Ann Connolly inquired about road work on Surrey Road, the re-location of the chain/signage at the Squire Cheyney Park as well as a feral cat problem in and around the Township. Ann also stated that there has been a case of rabies in the Township.

Jim Olivera advised the Township of additional graffiti on the Westtown – Thornton Road bridge.

John Rendemonti- advised the Board of a program that treats Deer in an effort to reduce the number of ticks and as a result the frequency of Lyme disease.

Mike Gast requested contact information in reference to the above mentioned program.

Tom Spackman- Motorcycles & cars are traveling on New Street at high rates of speed.

Cary Vargo responded that the traffic counter will be deployed on New Street.

Renee Braun inquired about the bill from Horn Plumbing.

Cary Vargo responded that Horn Plumbing was the outfit that stopped and later fixed the leak in the water fountain located at the Goose Creek Park.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 20, 2008 Minutes

Percy Neall requested that the word “marker” on page 3 read “monument.”

Mike Gast made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. The motion was seconded by Percy Neall. All were in favor. Motion carried.

V. AGENDA BUSINESS

A. Approval of Brandywine Conservancy Proposal

Kathy Labrum, Township Solicitor, noted that there was no hourly rate or limit set. She also suggested that Cary Vargo meet with the Brandywine Conservancy to refine the scope.

Percy Neall made a motion to approve the Brandywine Conservancy Proposal with a refined scope and a monetary limit of \$3,000. The motion was seconded by Mike Gast. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Appointment to open commission seats

1. Planning Commission (1)

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Tabled

2. Historic Preservation Commission (1)

Tabled

C. Assignments to the Historic Preservation Project Task Force

Ed Travis explained that the grant from the Chester County Planning Commission requires the establishment of a task force. This composition of this task force is envisioned as follows: two members of the Historic Preservation Commission, one member from the Planning Commission and one member from the Board of Supervisors. The recommendation is as follows: Chris Lang and Richard Webster from the Historic Preservation Commission and Jim Jordan from the Planning Commission.

Mike Gast suggested appointing Ed Travis as the representative from the Board of Supervisors.

Mike Gast made a motion to establish the task force with the following members: Chris Lang, Richard Webster, Jim Jordan, and Ed Travis. The motion was seconded by Bob Miller. All were in favor. Motion carried.

VI. COMMISSION REPORTS

A. Planning Commission – Jim Jordan

No report

B. Historic Preservation Commission – Chris Lang

C. Parks and Recreation- Cary Vargo

Movie Night- August 15, 2008. Park and Recreation will soon begin planning the Fall Festival.

D. Council of Government – Mike Gast

No report

E. Cheyney Liaison – Mike Gast

No report

F. Dallet Property – Percy Neall

No Report

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VII. OPERATION REPORTS

A. Road Master Report- Cary Vargo

Cary Vargo stated that we have advertised for the 2008 Paving Project. There will be a pre-bid meeting on June 24. All bids are due back by July 1, 2008 and we hope to have something in front of the Board for your July 15 meeting. The Township will be soliciting bids for roadway line striping.

Ed Travis inquired as to which Roads will be striped.

Cary stated that the roads to be striped include: Bridlewood Boulevard, South New Street, South Concord Road, Brinton Lake Road and Cheyney Road (from Route 926-1231 Cheyney Road).

The Traffic counter will be deployed on Bridlewood Boulevard and then New Street.

B. Approval of Bill List – Bob Miller

Bob Miller presented the March bill list for \$85,794.58 and reviewed the major expenditures.

There was a discussion about consultant fees and their availability to the public at work sessions as well as regular Board meetings. It was requested that their presence be advertised so that the residents are well aware of their attendance and can participate in discussions.

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

C. Managers Report – Cary Vargo

The Township recently received a one year extension, through June 30, 2009, re: a \$75,000 grant from the DCED. The scope of the grant was also altered and now includes \$29,014 for the preservation of historic structures and \$45,986 for park development.

Work has begun on the permitting process for the bridge that will connect the Waln Run Park with the Sage Hill trail segment.

Percy Neall stated that he has found a Rainbow Bridge on line. The bridge will be approximately 25' in length and cost approximately \$750.00. The Township can obtain assistance from local Boy Scouts to complete the project.

The new office furniture will be installed shortly. Renovations will begin shortly; final details are currently being worked out.

The Zoning Amendment 155-65, Notice will be in front of the Board on July 15, 2008.

The recycling study is ongoing and we hope to be able to present it to the Board in July.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cary B. Vargo
Township Manager/Secretary