

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES – May 20, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regularly scheduled meeting of the Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Ed Travis at 7:33 P.M. in Thornbury Township'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 8 signed guests.

II. WESTTOWN EAST GOSHEN POLICE REPORT – Sergeant Gorman

Sergeant Gorman presented the April 2008 Police Report. There were 157 calls for service which constituted 12% of the total calls for the three Townships.

Ed Travis noted that the police department now has tasers.

Ed Travis solicited public comment.

Rich Acciavatti wanted to know if there was any news on the daylight burglaries. Sergeant Gorman stated that the investigation continues with no new updates.

Percy Neall advised all that there have been several incidents of solicitors, without the required permits, in the Township.

Sgt. Gorman reminded everyone to properly secure both their vehicles and their homes.

Mike Gast commended the police department for the work that they do.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ann Connolly expressed her concern that the guest speaker present at the May work session was not noted on the agenda.

Ed Travis stated that the speaker from Pennoni is scheduled to be at the next Work session and it will be on the Agenda.

Jim Jordan stated his opinion that political signs are a matter of free speech and he will not comply with Zoning Ordinance 155-51.

Ann Connolly expressed displeasure over the chain restricting access to Squire Cheyney Park.

Ed Travis stated that Orleans had put up the chain because of vandals breaking into the Dallet Property.

A brief discussion ensued with the final recommendation being the relocation of the chain down the driveway to the area of the creek.

Ron Giacinto spoke in reference to the intersection of Route 202 and Route 926 and a recent power outage. Giacinto requested that the Board install a Plug in the traffic control box so that the signal could be powered with a generator.

Ed Travis stated that an upgraded battery back up will be installed at the intersection of Route 202 and Route 926. This system will be identical to the system installed at Route 202 and Greentree Drive.

Lou Gagliardi stated that we have someone to take care of this so just let be patient & wait for this. Percy Neall said we have done something we have 12 hour back up already & let just wait for CVS & do this the right way.

Ron Giacinto inquired as to the status of roadway inspections. Ron Giacinto expressed displeasure at the conditions of the signage throughout the Township. Ron presented pictures of what he believed to be unsafe conditions.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 18, 2008 Minutes

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

B. April 15, 2008

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

C. Work Session May 06, 2008

Lou Gagliardi inquired about more detailed information from the previous work session. Bob Miller stated that he would forward information.

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

V. AGENDA BUSINESS

A. Gleichart Sub-Division – Preliminary/Final Approval

Brendan Burke, attorney from MacElree Harvey and Jeffrey Bodo, Project Engineer presented the project to the Board and requested approval. Jeff Bodo detailed the changes to the plans as requested by the Planning Commission. Bodo also detailed the various approvals which are in progress including: a PennDot HOP, Conservation District NPDES permit and Health Department approval. Jeff Bodo stated that they

will address all items in the Yerkes review letter dated May 8, 2008 prior to submitting final plans.

Percy Neall recommended that monuments be noted on the plans and placed on the properties to avoid future difficulties.

Percy Neall made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-15, the Preliminary/Final plan for the Gleichart Sub-Division. The motion was seconded by Lou Gagliardi. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Public Hearing-Ordinance 2008-1 Chapter 117 Storm Sewers

Ed Travis stated that this has been advertised and previously discussed. This ordinance identifies materials that can not go into a storm sewer.

Lou Gagliardi made the motion to approve Ordinance 2008-1. The motion was seconded by Percy Neall. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Ordinance 2008-2. Authorization to advertise and circulate with the intent to adopt an amendment to Zoning Ordinance, Section 155-65 Notice

Jim Jordan stated that the Planning Commission has reviewed the ordinance and discussed various issues to include: specific distances, signage, legal implications, etc.

The Board evaluated the ordinance and after discussion added a time frame in section 155-65(D) to read:

By mailing or delivering a notice thereof to the owner of every lot owner within five hundred (500') feet from any lot line of the lot in question **not less than 10 days from the date of the hearing.** The name and address of the persons to whom the notice shall be given shall be those listed on the tax records.

Cary Vargo stated that we are waiting for input from the Chester County Planning Commission. The feedback will be provided to Pat O'Donnell's office, the Zoning Heard Board Solicitor. This issue should be back in front of the Board in July.

Ed Travis made a motion to advertise and circulate with the intent to adopt an amendment to zoning ordinance 155-65. The motion was seconded by Mike Gast. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Township Office Lease Extension

A brief discussion was held on the particulars of the lease extension. The extension is for an additional two years with the lease now expiring December 31, 2012. All other contents of the lease are to remain unchanged.

Lou Gagliardi made a motion to approve the Township Office Lease Extension. Bob Miller seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

E. Approval to advertise Snow and Ice Removal Bid

Lou Gagliardi inquired as to the specifics of the bid package.

Cary Vargo explained that the bid package is for one contractor to provide service for the entire Township. There was an issue raised about the amount of the performance bond, \$20,000.00. This is common at 100% of the contract cost.

Lou Gagliardi made a motion to advertise the Snow & Ice Removal Bid. Mike Gast seconded. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

F. Historic Resource Inventory – Resolution 2008-11 - \$22,450.00

Cary Vargo explained that the Historic Resource Inventory has expanded in scope and as a result the Township now qualifies for a 75% grant from the Chester County Planning Commission. The final expenditure will be less than originally expected.

Lou Gagliardi made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-11 approving the expenditure of \$22,450.00. Mike Gast seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

G. Approval to advertise bid – 2008 Road Work

A discussion was held on the options for the 2008 Road Project. The 2008 Road Project will include Chadds Cove and Cheyney Road from the Township Line to the crest of the hill located at approximately 1230 Cheyney Road.

Percy Neall made a motion to advertise the bid for 2008 Road Project. Lou Gagliardi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried

H. Township Manager Compensation – Resolution 2008-12

A performance evaluation has been completed for the Township Manager. This evaluation was positive and as a result compensation will be set at \$73, 500.00 yearly, to be paid in bi-weekly installments, retroactive to March 24, 2008, the 6 month anniversary date.

Lou Gagliardi made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-12. Mike Gast seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

I. Personnel Manual – Resolution 2008-12

Tabled for further discussion.

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

Tabled for further discussion.

VI. COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Commission – Jim Jordan

Jim Jordan reported that Planning Commission recommended the Gleichart Sub-Division for approval. The Commission is also reviewing the Zoning & Buffer Ordinances. Ann Connolly and Arnie Maguire volunteered to work on the Scenic Roadway Ordinance.

B. Historic Preservation Commission – Chris Lang

Chris Lang reported that the Historic Resource Inventory Grant Application was accepted. At the May 5 meeting they launched the project for the Resource Inventory. We will have a meeting on June 2, 2008 to present the project to the public. On May 10, 2008 Curtis Cheyney and two associates visited and inspected the Cheyney House and Barn. Chris would like to recommend to the Board that we appoint a new member to the Commission.

The Township will solicit resumes for the opening on the Commission.

C. Parks and Recreation- Cary Vargo

Cary Vargo reported that a date was set for the Fall Festival and beginning in July the Township will begin planning this event.

Lou Gagliardi requested that Township staff map out the Cheyney property for clarification.

D. Council of Government – Mike Gast

The WCACOG met on April 24, 2008. Regional deer management and Lyme disease was discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2008. Ed Travis mentioned that there have been complaints of deer in the Bainbridge Braxton area. A regional plan would be beneficial. Mike Gast stated that he will keep the Board posted on the progress.

E. Cheyney Liaison – Mike Gast

No report

F. Dallet Property –

No report

VII. OPERATION REPORTS

A. Road Master Report- Cary Vargo

The traffic counter was deployed on Westtown-Thornton Road as you enter the Township. Spring street sweeping has been completed with a great deal of positive feedback.

Bob Miller inquired about Penndot's process for reporting road maintenance issues. Cary advised that issues could be reported via an online complaint system and are normally handled relatively quickly.

B. Approval of Bill List – Bob Miller

Bob Miller presented the March bill list for \$74,861.16 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.

C. Managers Report – Cary Vargo

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

VIII. OTHER MATTERS

A. Lou Gagliardi inquired about planning a Movie Night event.

Rich Acciavatti volunteered to fund the event.

Lou Gagliardi expressed interest in an economic development program which would include a rewards program for Township residents who shop locally. This will be placed on June's work session agenda.

B. Teresa DeStefano advised the Board that West Pikeland Township is having an auction on June 11th, 2008 and suggested that we use this forum as means of selling the old copy machine.

Ed Travis made a motion to auction off the copier at the West Pikeland Township Auction. Lou Gagliardi seconded. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

C. Cary Vargo briefed the Board on multiple code violations at 1230 Cheyney Road. Yerkes and the Fire Marshall have completed inspections and there will be citations issued for all noted violations that have previously been documented.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cary B. Vargo
Township Manager/Secretary