

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES – November 10, 2009**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Ed Travis at 7:11 P.M. in Thornbury Township's meeting room. In attendance were Supervisors Ed Travis, Chairman; Mike Gast, Vice-Chairman; Robert Miller, and Lou Gagliardi Board Members, Kathy Labrum, Esq., Solicitor. An executive session was held before the regularly scheduled meeting to discuss real estate and a personnel matter. There were 4 signed guests.

**II. WESTTOWN EAST GOSHEN POLICE REPORT – Sergeant Gorman**

Sergeant Gorman reported that the usual monthly report was not available because the meeting had been moved up to an earlier date than normal. He reported that there have been a few business & vehicle break-ins at the Thornbury Commons as well as vehicle break-ins at Penn Oaks and on Chaps Lane. He warned that some break-ins have occurred during the day, so he suggested keeping vehicles and homes locked.

**III. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

- The joint shredding event held on October 17 was a big success even with the rain. Residents of Thornbury Chesco brought about 4,500 pounds of paper to shred. Thanks to Teresa for an outstanding job organizing the event. The residents commented on how well it was done.
- John Neff will do the backhoe work for Kelly & Close Engineers as they do per-tests at the Town Center in support of the parking expansion project. The work is scheduled for Nov 10.
- Yerkes is preparing a punch list for the road paving work that was done on S Westbourne Rd and Cheyney Rd.
- DEP is still reviewing Waln Run Park. Charles Volet was planning to make a site visit last week and hopes to provide general approval for the stream crossing area by the end of this week.
- A Search/Screening Committee has been formed to support the process of selecting a new Township Manager. We have received several excellent resumes thus far. We have placed ads with the Villanova and West Chester University's Municipal Planning programs as well as on the pamunicipaljobs.com website.
- There will be a 202 Section 100 stakeholders meeting at 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov 30 in Suite 270 of the Chester County Office Building. There will also be a 202

Executive Committee Meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec 18 in Room 203 A&B of the PennDOT District 6 Office Building in King of Prussia.

- Due to the recent heavy rains, a hole has formed on Westtown-Thornton Road where it intersects with Echo Hill Road. It is on one end of a storm drain. PennDOT has been notified since Westtown-Thornton Road is a state road.
- Birmingham Township has scheduled a conditional use hearing for a replacement for the Bennigans Restaurant in the Dilworthtown Crossing Shopping Center. The new restaurant will be called Bull Durhams Texas BBQ and Steaks. The hearing is scheduled for Nov 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Birmingham Township Building on W Street Road.
- On Nov 2, the Historic Preservation Commission held a public meeting to share the results of the historic resources inventory project. The presentation went well but wasn't attended as expected.

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **A. October 20, 2009 (BOS Meeting)**

Mike Gast noted a 1<sup>st</sup> person reference in the manager's report should be changed to Cary Vargo.

**Bob Miller motioned to approve the minutes with the above change. The motion was seconded by Mike Gast. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

#### **V. AGENDA BUSINESS:**

##### **1. Consideration and Approval of 2010 Budget for Advertising**

Ed Travis noted that we have a balanced budget and our tax millage remains at 0.84.

Major sources of revenue include the Earned Income Tax, the Real Estate Tax, Interest and Rents and Real Estate Transfer Tax, Local Services Tax, Cable TV/ FIOS fees, Intergovernmental, and Charges for Services for a Total Anticipated Revenue of \$ 1,679,462.

Major expenditures include Police Services, General Government, All other Public Safety, Public Works/Highways, and Parks & Recreation for a Total Proposed Expenditure of \$1,679,462.

The Major Expenditures in the Capital Fund are the Goose Creek/Town Center Parking Expansion, The Squire Cheyney Barn Stabilization, Solar Advanced Flashing Warning Device, Phase II Sign Replacement and the Goose Creek Grill building improvements.

Future Capital Projects (2010 and Beyond) include Trails, Squire Cheyney Farm (stabilization & disposition), Squire Cheyney Park, and Sewers (Thornbury Estates & College Hill).

Ed Travis noted that there is no money in the 2010 budget for Waln Run Park.

Ed Travis noted the Projected Year End Fund Balances for 2009 are:

- General Fund - \$511,942
- Capital Reserve Fund - \$442,008
- Liquid Fuels Fund - \$304
- Open Space Fund - \$697,838
- Sewer Fund - \$50,000

Ed Travis noted the Projected Year End Fund Balances for 2010 are:

- General Fund - \$511,942
- Capital Reserve Fund - \$312,518
- Liquid Fuels Fund - \$4
- Open Space Fund - \$718,773
- Sewer Fund - \$50,500

Ed Travis noted that at this point we have a balanced budget & need to advertise it in order to adopt it at the December BOS Meeting.

Bob Miller noted that there have been many meetings on the budget and there has been a lot of input.

Mike Gast noted that the major changes in the Capital Fund portion of the budget are the deferment of money for the development of Waln Run Park and the addition of a salt shed.

Lou Gagliardi inquired about the Local services tax and if it will be enacted.

Ed Travis and Mike Gast noted that it had already been enacted.

Lou Gagliardi inquired about the salt shed & whether it would really be built..

Bob Miller noted that at the last meeting Steve Zippi stated that because there is no salt shed, the Township is spending money on lost & wasted salt.

Lou Gagliardi noted that the amount proposed for line item 433.000, Traffic Engineering, is more than is needed – another study of the Hollow is not needed.

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Jim Jordan noted that he had concerns about the Transfer Taxes. Jim also had concerns about the grant money we have received for the Waln Run Park and the walking path.

Ron Giacinto inquired what would be studied as part of the traffic study.

Ed Travis noted that safety issues relating to the Hollow and its environs would be studied.

Ron Giacinto noted that many studies were done & accidents have not been an issue on S. Concord Road.

Bob Miller noted that after the stop signs were installed and the Hollow was reduced from two lanes to one, no studies were done to evaluate the changes.

Ron Giacinto noted that there is no accident history on this street.

Mike Gast noted that we need to get back to the budget issues

Ron Giacinto inquired how much money is allocated for the salt shed & where is it to be located.

Mike Gast noted that there is \$100,000 but no site has been selected yet.

Jim Jordan asked whether there would be a public hearing on the results of the traffic study relating to the Hollow

Chris Lang noted that the tasks for the study should be very specific. Chris lives on S. Concord Road and he does not believe there is a safety issue.

Mike Gast wanted to noted that the presentation of the results of the Historic Resources Inventory that was held on November 2 was excellent. It really demonstrated the history of this Township. Mike felt we should continue to support and promote this to our residents.

**Mike Gast motioned to approve the advertising of the 2010 Budget. Ed Travis seconded the motion. Bob Miller, Ed Travis, and Mike Gast were in favor. Lou Gagliardi opposed. Motion carried.**

## **2. Appointment of Zoning hearing Board Member**

Ed Travis noted that we had 5 candidates for the position.

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- Beverly Egbert
- Jeffery Sherman
- John Rendemonti
- Ron Giacinto
- Anthony Iacovelli

**Bob Miller motioned to appoint Beverly Egbert to the Zoning Hearing Board. Ed Travis seconded the motion.**

Mike Gast noted that he will recuse himself from the vote.

Ron Giacinto inquired why.

Mike Gast noted that Beverly Egbert is his sister-in-law.

**All were in favor. Motion carried.**

Ron Giacinto inquired why they chose Beverly.

Ed Travis noted that a large importance was placed on the recommendation of the chairperson of the Zoning Hearing Board.

### **3. Appointment of Historic Preservation Commission Member**

Mike Gast noted that there was one applicant for the HPC.

Tom Spackman noted that she is an excellent candidate.

**Mike Gast motioned to appoint Chris Walker to the Historic Preservation Commission. Bob Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

### **4. Appointment of Parks and Recreation Commission Member**

**Mike Gast motioned to appoint Matt Day to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Bob Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

### **5. Consideration of Recycling Ordinance for Advertisement**

Mike Gast noted that in order to remain in compliance with DEP and continue to receive grant money, the Township needs to have a recycling ordinance.

Mike discussed the next steps in researching and evaluating recycling in the Township. The discussion included current efforts, required ordinances, and

various alternatives available such as single stream, dual stream, and the Recycle Bank program; also making it voluntary and not mandatory.

Jim Jordan noted that our current ordinance allows residents to blow leaves in the street. He believes that that should be addressed.

Bob Miller noted that we need to do this to get the grants. There is still a need to address what programs should be implemented.

Jim Jordan inquired if this ordinance will make people use a service, but not force them to recycle.

Mike Gast noted that the ordinance as written lays out how you dispose of waste material and where it ends up.

Bob Miller noted that the draft ordinance doesn't require a single carrier. After we advertise the ordinance, it can still be modified, based on input from the public, before it is adopted.

Kathy Labrum noted that she will check this draft ordinance for clarity before it is sent to the press for advertising.

Lou Gagliardi inquired how we can vote on it tonight.

Kathy Labrum noted that the vote tonight is to advertise the ordinance, not to adopt it.

Bob Miller noted that it's important that we provide education material on recycling for our Township residents.

**Ed Travis motioned to approve the advertisement of the amended recycling ordinance as reviewed by our Solicitor. Mike Gast seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Ed Travis congratulated the winners of the election last week, they are as follows:

- Lou Gagliardi - tax collector
- Bob Anthony – Township Supervisor
- Ann Connolly - auditor
- Michael Connolly - Judge of Elections for Thornbury One
- Mary Ann Wiggins - Inspector of Elections for Thornbury One
- Joel Smiler - Township Constable
- Dan Baer - Judge of Elections for Thornbury Two
- Steve Cannon - Inspector of Elections for Thornbury Two

Wayne Kinsey noted that he is the committee chair for Troop 149 of the Boy Scouts and wanted to offer their services to the Township. The Boy Scouts had completed several projects for the Goose Creek Park in the past and are looking for new projects that can be of value to the Township. The Scouts take ownership of the projects, fund them, and try to find projects that will help local interests.

## **VII. OPERATION REPORTS**

### **A. Road Master Report – Ed Travis**

Ed Travis noted that Yerkes is putting together a punch list for the paving work that was done on South Westbourne Road and Cheyney Road.

### **B. Approval of Bill List, \$91,343.79 – Bob Miller**

Bob Miller presented the August bill list for \$91,343.79 and reviewed the major expenditures.

**Ed Travis motioned to approve the bill list as presented. Bob Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

## **VIII. OTHER MATTERS**

Lou Gagliardi suggested that with Cary Vargo gone, the projects time line calendar should be used so nothing gets lost in the transition.

Lou Gagliardi asked whether the Santa Express was still on and should a sign be put up on Route 926 to advertise it.

Jim Jordan noted that his company was again having a toy for kid's collection this Christmas season.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Lou Gagliardi motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bob Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Travis