

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES – September 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 7:08 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. An executive session was held prior to the regularly scheduled meeting to discuss Real Estate.

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

Sergeant Gorman reported that the June police report was not yet ready for presentation. An arrest has been made in reference to the motor vehicle accident that occurred at Route 202 and Greentree Drive. Sergeant Gorman reported that there was a reported bomb scare at the Bayard Rustin High School around 2:10 p.m. The police department assisted school officials in the investigation.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Beth Zenuk, from Representative Steven Barrar's office, introduced herself to the Board of Supervisors.

Ann Connolly expressed her disappointment in the appointment of Barbara Iacovelli to the Planning Commission.

Steve Erney inquired about the historic site on the Brandywine at Thornbury property and whether the HOA can begin maintaining the area.

Ann Connolly inquired about the Township's plans for Ann's Parcel and whether those plans included a salt shed. (Route 926/Cheyney Road)

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Approval of the July 15, 2008 Minutes.**

Percy Neall and Lou Gagliardi noted that the minutes included in the books had changed from the originally distributed draft.

Lou Gagliardi expressed his desire that the minutes accurately reflect the events at the meetings and requested that the approval of the minutes be tabled until the next meeting.

There was a discussion about the changes to the draft minutes with Bob Miller, Mike Gast, and Ed Travis each stating that the changes that were made accurately reflect the events of the meeting.

Percy Neall stated that he had made statements that were not included in the minutes.

Frank Riley expressed his hope that the minutes accurately reflect events at the meetings.

**Mike Gast made a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Miller seconded the motion. Mike Gast, Ed Travis and Bob Miller were in favor. Percy Neall and Lou Gagliardi opposed. Motion carried.**

**B. Approval of the August 26, 2008 Minutes.**

**Mike Gast motioned to approve the minutes. Bob Miller seconded the motion. Mike Gast, Ed Travis and Bob Miller were in favor. Percy Neall opposed. Lou Gagliardi abstained. Motion carried.**

**V. AGENDA BUSINESS**

**A. Revised Final Approval – Giant Expansion – Resolution 2008-18**

Randy Schauer, Kevin Lahn, and Neal Camens presented the revised final plans for the Shoppes at Dilworthtown. The project has been presented to and recommended for approval by the Birmingham Township Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission. See attached resolution for all conditions of approval.

**Percy Neall motioned to approve the Revised Final Plans for the Shoppes at Dilworthtown, Resolution 2008-18. Mike Gast seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**B. Approval to Submit Chester County Grant Application (Waln Run Park) – Resolution 2008-19**

Cary Vargo explained that the Township is submitting a Chester County Municipal Grants application for \$100,000, the maximum amount allowed for a project of our size. The total project cost estimate is \$545,418 with the Township's expected contribution being approximately 11%.

**Lou Gagliardi motioned to approve submission of the Chester County Grant Application (Waln Run Park) Resolution 2008-20. Percy Neall seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

### **C. Managers Report – Cary Vargo**

- The Township shredding event went well despite the inclement weather;
- The CCPC grant application is nearly complete;
- Completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> grant application for Waln Run Park development, also the grant application for PECO's Green Region program is complete;
- We received notification from DEP that our Performance grant will be \$34,933;
- The CVS is scheduled to go to closing on 09-25-08 and construction to begin on or around 10-01-08;
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cheyney Challenge Bicycle Race was a success;
- We received notification from Penn Dot that they have ceased allowing municipalities to install strobe lights in the traffic signals;
- The 2009 minimum municipal pension obligation is \$5,379.00;
- The August financial summary shows that we are at only 63% of our expected real estate transfer tax. That is misleading, we have received another distribution & we are now at 82% of expected revenue for this line item;
- Please have any goals and objectives ready for the October work session so we can incorporate them into the 2009 budget;
- As mentioned above, charges have been filed in reference to the traffic accident at Greentree Drive and Route 202;

## **VI. COMMISSION REPORTS**

### **A. Planning Commission – Percy Neall**

Percy Neall stated that the Planning Commission is currently reviewing two ordinances, a Riparian Buffer ordinance and a Scenic Roadways ordinance. The work is ongoing with recommendations to the Board of Supervisors expected shortly.

### **B. Historic Preservation Commission – Ed Travis**

Ed Travis reported that the Historic Preservation Commission met last night. Discussions included the progress of the Historic Resource Inventory Project.

### **C. Parks and Recreation- Cary Vargo**

The Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday October 11, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Santa Express is scheduled for Sunday December 7, 2008

### **D. Council of Governments – Mike Gast**

The WCACOG meets on September 25, 2008.

**E. Cheyney Liaison – Mike Gast**

Ed Travis noted that Cheyney University is welcoming their new president with an installation ceremony scheduled for Friday October 10, 2008.

**F. Dallet Property**

Ed Travis reported that the Board is still evaluating and considering options for the property, house and barn. No decisions have been made.

**VII. OPERATION REPORTS**

**A. Road Master Report – Cary Vargo**

Cary Vargo reported that the Township's roadways are in good shape with no significant issues that currently needed to be addressed.

**B. Approval of Bill List - Bob Miller**

Bob Miller presented the September bill list for \$90,663.05 and reviewed the major expenditures.

**Mike Gast motioned to approve the bill list as presented. Lou Gagliardi seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**VIII. OTHER MATTERS**

**1. Re-Approval of the Final Plan of Cedar Properties LLC – CVS – Resolution 2008-20**

Kathy Labrum noted more than 90 days had passed since the original approval of the final plan for the CVS property, and as a result, a re-approval was necessary so that the plans can be recorded at the Recorder of Deeds. See attached resolution of conditions of approval.

**Bob Miller motioned to re-approve the Final Plan of Cedar Properties LLC – CVS Resolution 2008-20. Mike Gast seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**2. Ed Travis expressed an interest in nominating Mike Gast to act as the liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission.**

**Ed Travis motioned to name Mike Gast to act as the liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission. Percy Neall seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.**

3. Lou Gagliardi asked Barbara Iacovolli to resign from the Planning Commission; Barb has stated that she wants to do what's best for the Township, but I feel her presence on the Board will only be a distraction.

Lou Gagliardi suggested considering the Recycle Bank program for the Townships recycling program, similar to what Thornbury Delaware County is doing.

Lou Gagliardi inquired about the drainage issue on Forelock.

Cary Vargo stated that he has discussed maintenance issues with Peter DuFault. We have confirmed that the basin is operating correctly and we will address the outstanding maintenance issue.

Lou also inquired about advertisement of the Fall Festival.

Cary Vargo replied that the sign at the Goose Creek Park will be posted shortly.

#### **4. Reduction of Cut Through Traffic on Township Roads – Resolution 2008-21**

Stating that this issue affects all residents, Percy Neall introduced Resolution 2008-21, the Reduction of Cut Through Traffic on Township Roads explaining that increased traffic causes road problems, safety issues and reduces the quality of life.

Frank Riley disagreed with the introduction of the resolution stating that he believed it was contrary to Penn Dot policy.

**Percy Neall motioned to approve Resolution 2008-21 for the reduction of cut through traffic on Township Roads. Lou Gagliardi seconded the motion. Percy Neall, Lou Gagliardi, and Ed Travis voted in favor. Bob Miller and Mike Gast voted against. Motion carried.**

### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Ed Travis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Percy Neall seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cary B. Vargo  
Township Manager/Secretary