

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Work Session**

**MINUTES June 1, 2010**

The Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors Work Session meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Thornbury Township meeting room. In attendance were Supervisors: Mike Gast, Chairman; Robert Miller, Vice-Chairman, and Bob Anthony, Board member. Also in attendance were Brody Bovero, Township Manager; Teresa DeStefano, Township Secretary.

**I. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Wood-Burning Boiler Ordinance**

Brody Bovero gave an overview of the draft Wood-Burning Boiler Ordinance.

There was a discussion on the regulating of outdoor wood fired boilers. The boilers would only be allowed in Agricultural/Residential –Large Lot (80,000 sf). The Wood-Burning Boiler Ordinance would layout the following regulations:

- Zoning regulation for new Wood-Burning Boilers
- Types of fuel allowed
- The storing and delivery of the fuel
- Location
- Setback and height
- Time of use
- Emission regulations
- Enforcement and penalties

Ben March also gave a brief overview of operations and maintenance of Wood- Burning Boilers since he has one at his residence. Ben March also offered his opinion that this ordinance has a lot of areas that need looking at again and that the ordinance has a lot of grey areas in the language.

The discussion continued on how to regulate these units in the Township and also the following:

- How to enforce the penalties
- Safety issues
- Delivery times
- Maintenance issues

Mike Gast noted that we need to have the solicitor draw up a new draft for our review.

## **B. Snow/Ice Removal Policy**

Mike Gast suggested that Brody Bovero review the recommended changes to the outline of the policy.

- Plowing Procedures – States priority and timeframe for roads to be plowed.
  1. 48 hours to clear for a large storm
  2. The contractor will notify the Roadmaster of status.
  3. Follow up
- Road Conditions – Sets the standard of road conditions for the contractor to achieve.
  1. Snow Emergency Declared restricts driving on Township roads.
  2. On street parking
- Intersection Conditions – Sets the standard for key intersections in the Township.
  1. Most are interfaced with Penndot
  2. Need to establish site lines
- Hydrant Conditions – Sets the standard for final condition of hydrants.
  1. Never had a policy
  2. The contractor has been clearing hydrant areas
  3. Other Townships typically do not do this; the Fire department knows where they are.
  4. The contractor will check if the marker is visible.
- Citizen Participation – Sets forth requirements and restrictions for residents.
  1. Residents shoveling snow into the roadways
  2. Two or more inches, residents can not park on the streets
- Property Damage – Sets forth policy on damage related to plowing operations.
  1. Damage to lawns
  2. Damage to mailboxes, set a price limit on compensation where it is appropriate
  3. The contractor will replace when appropriate
- Public Awareness – Addressed how residents will be made aware of the policy requirements.
  1. Snow information on the web site
  2. E-mail blast
  3. Fall and Winter Newsletter will have a snow guide line article

Mike Gast requested that the proposed guidelines be updated and re-presented to the Board at the August or September Work Session for further discussion

## **C. Televising Township Meetings**

A discussion was held about Televising Township Meetings, there will be a cost involved. A discussion was held regarding the amount of value this would add to the meeting, since the Township is small.

Mike Gast suggested that Brody Bovero check out the cost and collect some feed back from other Townships that are already televising their meetings.

Bob Miller noted that other Townships do transcripts of the Township meetings instead of televising them.

**D. Township Logo**

Bob Anthony noted that the offer still stands for his company to put together a few samples of logos. The discussion suggested that it may be a conflict of interest to have a Board member's company involved.

Mike Gast noted that we have so far existed without a logo so a few more months will not hurt. Brody Bovero could inquire at the local schools to see if they have a graphic arts program that may want to design something for us.

Bob Miller suggested that we, for the time being use the temporary logo with the Township hours on the front door until we can move forward.

**II. OTHER MATTERS**

None raised

**II. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa DeStefano