

**Minutes - December 13, 1999**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township for the month of December was held on the above date at the Township Building. Board members present were Paul W. Olson, Chairman; John G. Bravacos, Vice Chairman; Judy L. DiFilippo; John W. Shimrak; Trish G. Kreek; and Robert W. Lamina. Also in attendance were Joseph A. Janasik, Township Manager; Terry H. Woodman, Assistant Manager; Supt. Paul L. Pennypacker, Jr.; Harry D. Marrone, Finance Director; Stephen Norcini, Assistant Director of Public Works; William H. Lamb, Esq., Solicitor; and Joan F. Woods, Recording Secretary.

**Call to Order**

Mr. Olson called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**Minutes**

Motion was made by Mr. Bravacos, seconded by Mrs. Kreek, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the third regular meeting held November 22, 1999.

**Announcements**

The Township's Compost Sites will be open as follows:

The Cassatt Leaf Site (Residents only) will be open daily through December 19, 1999. The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.; Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Mill Road Leaf Site (Contractors only) will be open through December 17, 1999,

### **Planning Commission Appointment**

Motion made by Mr. Lamina to appoint Sean McCauley to a four-year term on the Tredyffrin Township Planning Commission was seconded by Mr. Bravacos and carried by a vote of 5 to 1, with Mrs. Kreek voting no.

### **Cable Television Advisory Committee Reappointments**

Motion was made by Mr. Bravacos, seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo, and carried unanimously to reappoint Mary Carr, Carol Cunningham, Robert Haase and Joseph Lalli to three-year terms on the Cable Television Advisory Committee.

### **Financial Reports**

Mr. Marrone read the Financial Reports for the month of November, showing ending balances as of November 30, 1999.

General Fund	\$ 3,237,365
Capital Reserve	7,986,972
State Fund	501,799
Highway Improvement	367,245
Debt Service	3,720,372
1996 Bond Proceeds	
- Highway and Parkland	7,442,251

1992 Bond Proceeds

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo, and carried unanimously to approve the Financial Reports as presented.

**Miscellaneous** - Final 2000 General Fund Budget

Mr. Janasik said there are a couple of changes from the Preliminary Budget. He said we underestimated the amount of money we will be reimbursed for expenses incurred during Tropical Storm Floyd by \$42,000, so our total revenue projection will be reduced by that amount. On the expenditure side, expenses for some projects we anticipated finishing in 1999, but will not actually be completed this year, will be carried over to 2000. We will transfer the cost of those projects to Capital Reserve at the end of '99 and pay for them in 2000 by transferring the money from Capital Reserve back to the General Fund. In addition, we will add \$12,000 for bank management fees that were not accounted for in the Preliminary Budget. Mr. Janasik said our budgeted deficit will be slightly larger, but less than what was budgeted in '99.

Mr. Lamina thanked staff, the Department Heads, and the Budget Committee for their work on the budget. He said he is pleased that we do not plan to raise taxes for the 2000 budget year. These are the best of economic times for Tredyffrin Township, and we will end the year with a \$4M cash balance to start the new year. Mr. Lamina said it is worth noting that Chester County plans to raise taxes, and the School District has increased taxes. He said the Township has not been asleep at the switch, and he believes the budget is truly representative of that fact.

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. Bravacos, seconded by Mrs. Kreek, and carried unanimously to approve the Final 2000 General Fund Budget.

**Miscellaneous** - Receive bids at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2000, to: (1) Furnish and install an open channel hydraulically operated comminutor for the Wilson Road pump station; (2) Furnish six wastewater pumps and motors, and three spare rotating assemblies for the Lancaster, Glenn and Darby pump stations; and (3) Furnish the design, construction and

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### **Miscellaneous - Y2K Report**

MIS Director, Jim Boyle, said the twenty-third meeting of the Y2K Committee was held December 7<sup>th</sup> and the following was discussed:

- Articles were distributed and reviewed.
- The CODY System has a tentative live date of December 14<sup>th</sup>. Training is scheduled to be completed by December 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The operating system has been tested and there were no major problems.
- There were no electrical interruptions in November.
- The Emergency Operations Center is scheduled to be set up on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The traffic controller at Chesterbrook Boulevard and Lee Road is scheduled to be completed before the end of the year.
- The next meeting of the Y2K committee is scheduled for January 12, 2000.

Supt. Pennypacker said he feels the police department will have a people problem on New Year's Eve because of house parties. He said additional people are scheduled to work that night. Mr. Janasik said we don't plan to have people come in unless it's necessary to staff the Emergency Operations Center. Contingency plans are in place. Mr. Olson said the sewer pump stations are a concern.

At the end of discussion, Mr. Olson thanked Mr. Boyle for his report and said he is pleased by the work that's been done in preparing for Y2K.

## **New Matters - Board**

Mr. Bravacos asked Supt. Pennypacker what the residents should do in the event that things don't go as we hope and there is no power on New Year's day. Supt. Pennypacker said the residents should take the time to know where the police station, fire and ambulance companies, and hospital are located, and where medical aid can be given. If there is a problem with communications, it may fall upon individuals to get help or take someone for help. He also suggested that residents look after elderly people who don't have transportation.

Mr. Lamina read an article in the November Police Department Report with regard to underage drinking. He said Tredyffrin Township and Police Departments across Pennsylvania are seeking the help of citizens to stop the drinking before it starts and tragedy occurs. Pennsylvania has established a toll-free hotline (1-888-UNDER-21) that citizens can call to report underage drinking or establishments that sell alcohol to minors.

Mrs. Kreek wished the residents, staff and her fellow Board members a Happy Holiday.

Mr. Olson asked Mr. Norcini about the status of the traffic light at Valley Forge and Conestoga Roads. Mr. Norcini said we are still waiting for the intersection to receive electricity. He said, at this time, he doesn't know when the signal will be operational.

## **New Matters - Citizens**

Resident, Libby Brinton, who is a judge of elections, asked the Board to consider changing the dates of the first meeting in April and first meeting in November because of the amount of time it takes to set up the meeting room in the Township Building for the primary and general elections. Mr. Janasik said we have been having Board meetings the night before elections for as long as he can remember and it hasn't been a problem in the past.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.