

**Minutes – December 12, 2005**

The second 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 included Judy L. DiFilippo, Chairman; Paul Olson, Vice Chairman; Bill DeHaven, Paul Drucker, Warren Kampf, Brooks Keffer, and Robert Lamina. Also in attendance were Mimi Gleason, Township Manager; Supt. Richard Harkness; William J. Bryant, P.E., Township Engineer and Director of Public Works; David Brill, Finance Director; Stephen F. Norcini, Director of Authority Operations; Vincent Pompo, Solicitor; and Jolene Buffman, Recording Secretary.

**Call to Order**

Mrs. DiFilippo called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**Minutes**

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Lamina, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 5, 2005.

**Announcements**

The Historic Preservation Trust Fall Lecture series concludes on Thursday, December 15, 2005 at the Tredyffrin Library, 582 Upper Gulph Road, Strafford at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Jeff Groff, Executive Director of Wyck. His topic is "A Return to Simplicity: The Colonial Revival". Please see our website for more information.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 3, 2006 to consider and adopt an ordinance amending Section 208-8 of the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map by reclassifying two developments from PA-1 Planned Apartment districts to PA Planned Apartment districts, and six parcels in one development from C3 to C2.

Tredyffrin has issued a "Request for Proposal" seeking consultants to prepare a new Comprehensive Plan that will include an expanded historic preservation chapter. See the website for more information.

The Township Emergency Management Coordinator is collecting information about residents who may require special assistance in an emergency. Check the Township website for more details.

**Miscellaneous - Presentation of Red Cross Award to Supervisor Paul Olson**

Mr. Barry Overton, of the Penn Jersey Chapter of the American Red Cross, presented an outstanding service citation to Mr. Olson. The citation recognized Mr. Olson's dedication to life saving through 286 blood and platelet donations. Mr. Olson said he started donating blood when he was 18 years old. He said there is such a desperate need, and he urged everyone to donate.

Mrs. DiFilippo said this evening is Mr. Olson's last meeting as a Township Supervisor, and a lot of folks have come to celebrate Paul's 30 years of service to Tredyffrin Township. She invited people from the audience to say a few words about Paul. Many residents offered Mr. Olson their thanks and congratulations on the outstanding job he has done for the community and for his work on the Library campaign. Kevin Stroman presented a plaque to Mr. Olson for his many years of service to the community. Mr. Olson's son and daughter spoke of the life-long commitment their father made to do the right thing for Tredyffrin Township and its residents. Mrs. DiFilippo said there were 25 other individuals who served with Mr. Olson during his tenure as Supervisor, and several were here tonight, including Lee Seybert, Scott Magargee, John Bravacos, as was former Township Manager, Joe Janasik. The Supervisors also expressed their thanks to Mr. Olson, saying he was a mentor, a teacher, and a tireless worker, and would be greatly missed.

Mrs. DiFilippo said with the Board's concurrence and approval, Mr. Olson's name would be added to the "Wall of Honor" in the Township Building, in recognition of his exceptional public service for 30 years to Tredyffrin Township. Mrs. DiFilippo presented a framed print to Mr. Olson from the Board and the citizens he represents. Mrs. DiFilippo also said with the approval of the Park Board and the Board of Supervisors, the basketball courts at Teagarden Park will be known as the "Paul Olson Basketball Court".

Mr. Olson said there were so many friends in the audience, and he really appreciated everyone being here. He thanked everyone for their fine comments, and wanted the record to reflect that he is a better basketball player than Buford Smith, who was in attendance. He expressed gratitude and pride in the community, and said people make the township what it is. He said we have three wonderful fire companies and ambulance services, and excellent police protection. We should take pride in the Aaa credit rating Tredyffrin Township has achieved. He said it has been an honor to be the longest serving supervisor in the Township. Mrs. DiFilippo thanked everyone for their comments, and for being there for Mr. Olson.

**Miscellaneous - Presentation by Edward Mann, State Fire Commissioner, to Berwyn Fire Company**

Mr. Rip Tilden, President of Berwyn Fire Company, thanked the Board for the opportunity to be here, and introduced Edward Mann, State Fire Commissioner. Mr. Mann said many hours of extensive training have been completed by the volunteers to obtain the Fire Fighter 1 classification. This training included hazardous awareness, CPR and first aid, classroom studies and written exams. Out of 69 active fire fighters, 52 are now certified to Fire Fighter 1. The plaque, which was on behalf of the Fire Commissioner's office and Governor Ed Rendell, was presented to Chief Craig Peterson and congratulated Berwyn Fire Company on a job well done. Citations were also received from Rep. Carole Rubley's office and Congressman Curt Weldon's office.

**Miscellaneous - Resolution reducing/eliminating Police Officers' contributions to the Police Pension Plan for the year 2006**

Motion was made by Mr. Keffer and seconded by Mr. Lamina to adopt a resolution reducing/eliminating Police Officers' contributions to the Police Pension Plan for the year 2006.

Mr. Brill said this resolution is a requirement of the present Act 30 which amended Act 600. It is part of the current contract with the Tredyffrin Township Police Department. Mr. Brill said each officer makes contributions annually at the rate of 5% of his compensation except for officers hired on or after January 1, 1999, where 3% of their compensation goes into a separate fund to defray the cost of their retirement.

At the end of discussion, motion was passed unanimously.

**Miscellaneous - Approve 2006 Final General Fund Operating Budget**

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. Keffer to approve the 2006 Final General Fund Operating Budget.

Ms. Gleason said there were two supplements to the original budget given to the Board in November. The first is a Program Budget which provides a summary of the services the Township provides, and an estimate of the costs of those services. For this year, it will serve as a guide, but in the 2007 budget, it will serve as the main focal point, with actual instead of estimated figures.

The second supplement is the addition of information about the Capital Reserve Funds. Staff is proposing to earmark a portion of the Capital Reserve Fund for future, unspecified stormwater management projects. This change does not add any revenue or expenditures to the 2006 budget. After those projects are funded, there is still a balance of \$3M in that fund. Staff is proposing to designate \$300,000 for stormwater, as the start of a stormwater management fund to signal the Township's commitment to support further stormwater improvements. Mr. Lamina said this was an excellent idea to bring more focus and attention on this increasing Township-wide issue.

Mr. DiFelicantonio, who will join the Board of Supervisors in January, said he had many questions about the budget that Ms. Gleason answered very clearly, and he offered congratulations to her on the 2006 Budget.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously to approve the 2006 Final General Fund Budget.

**Miscellaneous - Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

Mrs. DiFilippo said there are currently vacancies on the Historical Architectural Review Board, Library Board, and the EAC. She asked any citizens interested in serving on these boards to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors, and they will be invited in to discuss their interests. Mrs. DiFilippo said there is a candidate for the Library Board opening who is meeting with the Board in January.

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo and passed to appoint Bert Dalby as a Trustee for the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan.

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed to appoint Richard Lander to the Municipal Authority to fill the unexpired term of Michael Tierney, term expiring January 1, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Keffer, and passed to appoint Suzanne Ciccarone as an Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Drucker abstained from these votes.

**Miscellaneous - Schedule a Public Hearing to approve a Conditional Use Application: Proposal to retain banners on Lancaster Avenue in the SPDD.**

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. Olson to schedule a public hearing on January 3, 2005, to approve a Conditional Use Application: Proposal to retain banners on Lancaster Avenue in the SPDD.

Ms. Gleason said early in the spring, the Board gave the Paoli Business and Professional Association Conditional Use approval to hang banners in Paoli for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It has gone over so well that the Association would like to keep the banners on Route 30 on a permanent basis.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Mr. Brill read the Executive Summary and Cash Position sections of the Financial Report for the month of November 2005. He indicated the following from the Executive Summary:

- Year to date revenues are \$2,412,930 favorable to budget
- Year to date expenditures are \$180,004 favorable to budget
- Year to date overall we are \$2,592,934 favorable to budget
- We are currently forecasting the year to be between \$1,529,891 favorable to budget, or 7%

He indicated the following from the Cash Position:

General Fund	\$3,574,804
Capital Reserve Fund	4,995,183
State Fund	533,544
Highway Improvement Fund	439,920
Debt Service Fund	10,761,533

1996 Bond Proceeds		
- Twp. Building	\$ 134,057	
- Parkland Acquisition	177,961	
- Highway Project	<u>3,636,408</u>	
		3,948,426
2003 Bond Proceeds		
Construction Projects	\$3,855,186	
Library Expansion	<u>2,957,913</u>	
		6,813,099
Total Cash Balances		\$31,066,509

Mr. Lamina asked if the annualized monthly yields on funds invested would be included in the report, and Mr. Brill said he planned to start showing these yields in the January 2006 report. Mr. Olson asked about transfer taxes, and Mr. Brill said we have received \$394,027 this month due to a large commercial property transaction.

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Keffer, and passed unanimously to approve the Finance Report for November 2005.

### Police Report

Supt. Harkness said things have been relatively quiet in the Township except for the snow event which caused an inordinant amount of accidents.

Supt. Harkness said Mr. Olson was Chairman of the Board in 2000 when he was applying for the position of Superintendent of Police. Supt. Harkness thanked Mr. Olson for bringing him to Tredyffrin Township, and he hoped he has met Mr. Olson's expectations.

### Public Works

Mr. Norcini reported that port-a-potties in Township parks have been closed for the winter, and the restroom facilities have been closed and winterized at Wilson Farm Park. He said the leaf sites are continuing to operate. Snow removal operations took place for the recent storms of December 4, 5 & 6, and 9. Salt and anti-skid have been ordered and stockpiled for snow removal operations. We continue to maintain equipment after snow operations. Potholes have been repaired on various Township streets, and road repairs were completed on Poplar Avenue, as well as inlet reconstruction.

Mr. Drucker asked if the bathrooms could be kept open during the winter at Wilson Farm Park. Mr. Bryant said it may take some doing to keep these bathrooms warm given the small amount of insulation. Mr. Norcini said he would investigate what has to be done to keep them open. Mr. Olson complimented Mr. Bryant on the good job of snow removal on Friday's storm. Mr. Bryant said he had a great staff, including Mr. Norcini, the foremen and the crew. He said they have done a tremendous job as long as he has been here.

Mrs. DiFilippo said tonight is Bill Bryant's last meeting. He has been with the Township 14 years, and will not be easily replaced. Mr. Norcini will step up as Director of Public Works. Mrs. DiFilippo thanked Mr. Bryant for his years of service at Tredyffrin Township. Mr. Bryant thanked the Board and citizens of the Township, and said he appreciates all the support he has received from the Board. He said he is leaving the department in good hands.

**Subdivisions - Approve Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan: Joseph and Sharon Anapolsky; Proposal for a lot line change between 141 Sheldrake Drive and 150 Sharon Lane in an R-1 Residential District.**

Motion was made by Mr. Olson and seconded by Mr. Lamina to approve the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for Joseph and Sharon Anapolsky; Proposal for a lot line change between 141 Sheldrake Drive and 150 Sharon Lane in an R-1 Residential District.

John Bravacos, Esq., appeared for the applicants who are proposing to acquire 1,500 s.f. of ground they currently use that includes an old springhouse they use as a toolshed, from the residents of 150 Sharon Lane. The springhouse/shed is within the zoning district's setbacks. The Planning Commission has recommended that the Board approve the plan.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

**Escrows**

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Keffer, and passed unanimously to approve the following escrows:

Release of \$74,262.00 from Wachovia Bank to St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley, Tredyffrin Township, covering site improvements at St. Peter's and Church Roads, Paoli; balance remaining \$57,554.00.

Release of \$46,519.50 from Malvern Federal Savings Bank to Norcini Builders, Inc., covering site improvements at Maple Avenue Subdivision; balance remaining \$309,152.36.

Release of \$4,423.00 from The Bancorp Bank to APEX Constructors, Inc., covering site improvements at The Preserve at Valley Forge, Sentinel Trail Drive; balance remaining \$54,795.00.

Release of \$62,567.00 from PNC Bank to Shire Pharmaceuticals, Inc., covering site improvements at 725 Chesterbrook Boulevard; balance remaining \$6,257.00.

**New Matters – Board**

Mr. Lamina said it was an honor to serve under a fine man like Mr. Olson, and he especially enjoyed working with him on the Finance Committee to adopt the Township budget.

Mr. Lamina said that the Township gave the Berwyn Fire Company a healthy 10% increase for their ALS service. The fire company pointed out in their presentation that other contributions that make up their revenue were slightly down. Mr. Lamina said there are many opportunities for giving, but he asked the community to continue to give generously to our fire companies. They provide a tremendous service to our community.

**New Matters - Citizens**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**Public Hearing - Consider and adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 208, Article II, Terminology, and Article XVI, Hotel Office (HO) Districts,**

At the conclusion of testimony, the Board agreed to continue the Public Hearing to the February 6, 2006 meeting.

Complete notes of testimony were taken by Elaine Parrish, Court Reporter, and are on file at the Township Building.

**Public Hearing - Consider and adopt amendments to all articles of the Zoning Ordinances except Article XXV, Signs, and Article XVIII, Special Paoli Development District, and amendments to the Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance and Sign Ordinance, required for consistency.**

At the conclusion of testimony, the Board agreed to continue the Public Hearing to the January 23, 2006 meeting.

Complete notes of testimony were taken by Elaine Parrish, Court Reporter, and are on file at the Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman  
Recording Secretary

