

Minutes – October 16, 2006

The second regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township for the month of October was held on the above date at the Township Building. Board members present included Judy L. DiFilippo, Chairman; Bill DeHaven, Mark DiFeliciano, Paul Drucker, and E. Brooks Keffer. Also in attendance were Mimi Gleason, Township Manager, Stephen F. Norcini, Director of Public Works; David Brill, Finance Director; Stephen Burgo, Township Engineer; Supt. Richard Harkness; 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. DeHaven, seconded by Mr. Keffer, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 2, 2006.

Financial Report

Mr. Brill indicated the following from the Executive Summary of the Financial Report:

- Overall, we are \$3.6 million favorable to Budget
- After excluding large commercial property transactions, overall we are \$719,000 favorable to Budget
- After excluding large commercial property transactions, we are forecasting the year to be favorable to Budget by \$400,000 to \$500,000 – attributable to favorable revenues within real estate transfer tax, emergency municipal services tax, investment earnings, recycling grant monies, and expenditures being managed below budgeted levels.

Mr. Brill presented the Financial Report for September 2006:

General Fund		\$ 8,801,005
Capital Reserve Fund		4,861,250
State Fund		571,598
Highway Improvement Fund		455,834
Debt Service Fund		11,636,726
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	\$4,106,964
Library Expansion	<u>2,667,018</u>
	<u>6,773,982</u>
Total Cash Balances	\$37,048,821

Motion was made by Mr. Drucker, seconded by Mr. DeHaven, and passed unanimously to approve the Financial Report for August, 2006.

Police Report

Supt. Harkness highlighted some activities of the Police Department:

- On October, 18th, there will be extra safety emphasis placed on the school zones, and he urged citizens to pay extra attention to the flashing yellow lights and obey the speed limit.
- The police will be doubling their patrols on Halloween and encouraged everyone to keep speeds down because of children on the streets from late afternoon to dark.
- A new Traffic Complaint Form has been added to our website under the Police section. All emails will go directly to Sgt. Giaimo for review.
- In light of the recent nationwide school violence, the police had an exercise with Conestoga school administration. He said it was well received by the schools and the police department. We are working to make certain the children are as safe as we can possibly make them.

Public Works

Mr. Norcini said along with the regular street repairs performed, the following streets have been milled and paved in the 2006 Superpave Resurfacing Program: Valley Greene, St. James Place, Van Loan Circle, Black Rock Road, Kates Glen, Calvert Circle, Lyndale Court, Lynne Circle, Wisteria Drive, and Pheasant Hill Road. An additional 1.1 double lanes were approved to be repaved. Mr. Norcini said storm sewers were cleaned and televised on Oak and Lizbeth Roads, and inlets were repaired or rebuilt on Contention Lane and Welsh Valley.

Miscellaneous - Supervisor Liaison Reports

Mr. Drucker said future Zoning Hearing Board applications involving impervious coverage will have site-visits by Steve Burgo, Township Engineer, and he will submit a report to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. DiFelicianantonio said the Environmental Advisory Council is in the process of setting up a multi-township meeting in the next few months to see what environmental issues they have.

Mr. DeHaven reported at the Park & Recreation meeting, Kevin Strohman is going to be recruiting for teams for the Teegarden League, and is in the process of looking for a coordinator at Teegarden.

Mrs. DiFilippo said the Finance Committee of the Board met twice last week with department heads, and with representatives of two fire companies that serve Tredyffrin Township. She said this is the beginning of the budget process for 2007, and Dave Brill and Mimi Gleason have presented a new budget format with a real 5-year capital budget. It will be presented to the public next month. She said the Supervisors will tour the Township the first Saturday in November, and see projects that may be included in the 2007 budget.

Mrs. DiFilippo said the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust will hold the first lecture in its Fall Series on Wednesday, October 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the Library. Harold Sweetman, Executive Director of Jenkins Arboretum, will be talking about the “R. Brognard Okie Designed Browning House & Cottage”. Mrs. DiFilippo also said the documentary is proceeding for the Tredyffrin 300.

Miscellaneous - Safe Routes to School Update – Sidewalks around Conestoga High School and TE Middle School

Molly Duffy, a member of the Sidewalks, Trails and Paths Committee, said her committee was formed from a recommendation of the Park & Recreation Open Space Plan approved in 2005. They are working to implement the recommendations for a network of trails and paths connecting important places people wanted to walk and bike to. The first project recommended was sidewalks to schools which will link and extend sidewalks around Conestoga High School and TE Middle School.

Ms. Duffy said at the end of September the committee held a public meeting with neighbors who would be affected by the proposed sidewalks. It was a very positive meeting and they got a lot of valuable insight. Residents want to calm traffic in that area, which will be a goal of the sidewalk design. The plan will also include stormwater management. The committee is meeting on October 17th at 6:45 a.m. at the Daylesford Train Station, to walk the area at its busiest time.

In the first quarter of 2007, they would like to have a professional sidewalk engineering design plan completed to know on which side of the street the sidewalks will go. In August of 2007, the application for funding from the State for their project is due. They would like construction to begin in 2008. She said the 5-year plan will be included in next month’s Board packets.

Mr. Drucker asked where the money would come from. Mrs. DiFilippo said it was included in the budget. The Finance Committee met with members of the committee to discuss the Township budgeting process. She said this is a huge undertaking for the Township, and she is delighted to work with the committee and the School District, which is supportive of the project.

Miscellaneous - Adopt a Resolution revising the Township’s Schedule of Fees

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven and seconded by Mr. Keffer to adopt a Resolution revising the Township’s Schedule of Fees.

Ms. Gleason said fees have not been updated since 1989, and these changes would not go into effect until January 1, 2007. She reviewed some of the major changes which included the Subdivision & Land Development fees, which have gone up substantially for preliminary and final plans. Grading permits and stormwater plan fees have been readjusted. Most of these reviews are done in-house. Other major changes involve Building Permits. To make the fee schedule simpler, both new construction and alterations would be charged the existing new construction fees. She said there is significant change to the Zoning Hearing Board and Board of Supervisors Hearing fees, due to court reporter and transcription costs. Ms. Gleason said this schedule is a little longer than the original fee schedule, but there are no new fees. We are just putting them in one place. The new fee schedule will be on our website.

Mr. Drucker asked if these fees were comparable with neighboring township fees. Ms. Gleason said they were. She said they looked at larger townships that have the same kinds of fees and expenses Tredyffrin has. Mr. DeHaven discussed raising alarm fees and fees for supplemental investigations. He asked Mr. Pompo to look at it from a legal perspective.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous - Award a contract for “Cleaning, Televising and Grouting of the Wastewater Collection System”, Public Works Project #4-06.

Motion was made by Mr. Keffer and seconded by Mr. DeHaven to award a contract for “Cleaning, Televising and Grouting of the Wastewater Collection System”, Public Works Project #4-06.

Mr. Norcini said bids were received from four firms on October 4, 2006. The lowest qualified bidder was Pipe Services Corporation in the amount of \$28,150. This is a one-year contract, with an option to renew for two consecutive years, at the Township’s discretion.

At the end of discussion, motion was amended to award a contract to Pipe Services Corporation, and passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous - Adopt a Resolution to amend the Act 537 Plan, accepting the Planning Module for the Highgrove Subdivision, LeBoutillier Road, to provide public sewer facilities.

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven and seconded by Mr. Drucker to adopt a Resolution to amend the Act 537 Plan, accepting the Planning Module for the Highgrove Subdivision, LeBoutillier Road, to provide public sewer facilities.

Mr. Norcini said under the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, we are required to amend our Act 537 Plan, via resolution, upon the DEP’s requirement of a planning module. In this case, it is because this subdivision is located in the area denoted as “unsewered”, and the subdivision is tributary to the Wilson Road Pumping Station, which is under a Corrective Action Plan.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Subdivision - Approve Subdivision Preliminary/Final Plan: Mark & Marcia Langerhans; Proposal to change the lot line between 1127 and 1063 Yellow Springs Road in an R-1/2 Residence District.

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven and seconded by Mr. Drucker to approve a Subdivision Preliminary/Final Plan: Mark & Marcia Langerhans; Proposal to change the lot line between 1127 and 1063 Yellow Springs Road in an R-1/2 Residence District.

Mr. Burgo said this is a proposal to adjust the lot line to transfer 12,735 square feet from one property to another at 1063 Yellow Springs Road. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

New Matters – Board

Mr. Drucker asked the status of the handicap facilities for Wilson Farm Park. Mr. Norcini said they are getting a second price on the actual hardware for the playground, and will have this checked by the Solicitor.

Mr. Drucker asked the status of the temporary lighting at Mill Road Park. Mr. Norcini said there is no problem with the closest neighbor, or any complaints. The trial period has been extended until all five lights run for one week. Supt. Harkness said one complaint was received because the generator was taking up parking spaces, and TEYSA has addressed that issue.

Mr. DeHaven reminded residents of the deer management issue. He said archery season is in full swing. Deer traffic is also increasing, and he urged residents to be careful while driving.

New Matters – Citizens

Anita Lawson asked if there was anything new on the plans for the Swedesford and North Valley Roads intersection. Mrs. DiFilippo said there have been no new developments since they discussed with PennDOT their philosophy on “right-sizing”. She said they will continue discussions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Public Hearing - Consider and adopt amendment to the Township’s Zoning Ordinance to add definitions and regulations for the Flood Hazard District in order to bring the ordinance into compliance with the newest requirements of the National Flood Insurance program (NFIP) and the Pennsylvania Floodplain Management Act.

At the end of the public hearing, motion was made by Mr. Drucker, seconded by Mr. Keffer, and passed unanimously to adopt an adopt amendment to the Township's Zoning Ordinance to add definitions and regulations for the Flood Hazard District in order to bring the ordinance into compliance with the newest requirements of the National Flood Insurance program (NFIP) and the Pennsylvania Floodplain Management Act.

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