

Minutes – December 18, 2006

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; Warren Kampf, Vice Chairman; Bill DeHaven, Mark DiFelicianantonio, E. Brooks Keffer, and Robert Lamina. Also in attendance were Mimi Gleason, Township Manager; Stephen F. Norcini, Director of Public Works; David Brill, Finance Director; Michael Fahey, Director of Building and Zoning; Supt. Richard Harkness; Thomas Hogan, Solicitor; and Jolene Buffman, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order

Mrs. DiFilippo called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 December 4, 2006.

Announcements

Tricentennial calendars are on sale at the Township Building for \$13, or by mail for \$15. They can also be purchased at the Strafford and Paoli libraries, Alliance Bank and Elegance Bakery in Paoli. Proceeds support planned Tredyffrin 300 activities in 2007.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 2, 2007, to consider approval of a Conditional Use Application: Proposal to install a driveway in the Flood Hazard District at 499 Timber Lane, Devon, in an R-1 Residence District.

Mrs. Nancy Clements, a neighbor of the applicant at 499 Timber Lane, spoke in opposition of the proposal to install a driveway on that property. She is in discussion with the applicant to buy a parcel of this property, and asked that the Public Hearing be postponed. Mrs. DiFilippo said the Board cannot postpone the hearing unless the applicant requests we do so.

Mrs. DiFilippo recognized a group of Webelos from Den #1, Pack 81, of the Chester County Council of Boy Scouts. They will receive their Citizen Pin by attending tonight's meeting.

Financial Report

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

- Overall, we are \$3.8 million favorable to Budget
- After excluding large property transactions, overall we are \$1.0M favorable to Budget

- After excluding large commercial property transactions, we are forecasting the year to be favorable to Budget by \$600,000 to \$700,000 – attributable to favorable revenues within emergency municipal services tax, investment earnings, recycling grant funding and expenditures being managed below budgeted levels.

Mr. Brill presented the Financial Report for November 2006:

General Fund		\$ 6,644,523
Capital Reserve Fund		5,049,015
State Fund		576,378
Highway Improvement Fund		461,672
Debt Service Fund (Rainy Day Fund)		11,867,484
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	\$4,146,884	
Library Expansion	<u>2,667,018</u>	
		<u>6,813,902</u>
Total Cash Balances		\$35,361,613

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. Keffer, seconded by Mr. DeHaven, and passed unanimously to approve the Financial Report for November 2006.

Police Report

Supt. Harkness reported two arrests have been made from the robbery last summer at the 711 Store in Paoli. Also, Tredyffrin Police assisted Radnor in a recent incident in Villanova. Supt. Harkness said 25 residents recently graduated from the Police Citizens Academy, a 12-week program held at the Township building.

Public Works

Mr. Norcini said highlights of his monthly report included assisting the contractor in painting long yellow lines on Township roads; repairing and cleaning inlets; cleaning and grouting of the sanitary sewer system; and completing the leaf composting at the Cassatt and Mill Road compost facilities. These sites are now closed for the winter.

Miscellaneous - Supervisor Liaison Reports

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven, seconded by Mr. Keffer, and passed unanimously to appoint Carreen Wright to a five year term on the Park and Recreation Board.

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven, seconded by Mr. Keffer, and passed unanimously to appoint Dana Zdancewicz to a three-year term on the Cable Television Advisory Committee.

Motion was made by Mr. DiFelicianantonio, seconded by Mr. Kampf, and passed unanimously to reappoint George Elser to a three-year term on the Library Board.

Mr. Kampf said at the December 21st Planning Commission meeting, the proposed Arc Wheeler development will be on the agenda.

Mr. DiFelicianantonio said the Library Foundation has been discussing funding, and they have an opening on their Board. The Library Board also has two openings, and interviews are underway to fill these spots.

Mr. DeHaven said the Park & Recreation Board is still searching for a summer basketball recreation director for Teegarden Park. He said all restrooms in all Township parks are now locked until March. Wilson Park will have a porta-potty available.

Mrs. DiFilippo said a recent article in the Main Line Life announced the Tredyffrin Public Library has won the 2006 Library Public Relations Award from the Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries, a state-wide organization. The library was recognized for its year-long publicity of the "Expanding Minds, Building Community" Capital Campaign. Mrs. DiFilippo congratulated Betsy Allinson, Ann McCollum and Linda Mays for their hard work on this effort.

Miscellaneous - Adopt a Resolution supporting the goal of 20% clean energy by the year 2010

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven and seconded by Mr. DiFelicianantonio, to adopt a Resolution supporting the goal of 20% clean energy by the year 2010.

Ms. Gleason said this resolution came to the attention of the Environmental Advisory Council by the Clean Energy Communities Campaign, seeking Tredyffrin's participation. Molly Tsongas of Smart Power gave a brief overview of the program. She said the purpose is to achieve cleaner air, healthier communities and energy independence. With the adoption of this resolution, the Township would commit to obtaining 20% of municipal electricity from clean, renewable sources by the year 2010; establish a Task Force to research and make recommendations on how the community can achieve its goals; and educate and encourage the community residents, businesses and institutions to support clean energy.

Ms. Gleason said 5.9% of Township residents already purchase clean energy. In addition, a PA DEP Energy Audit will begin soon, and they will recommend ways to conserve energy. She said the Township would be taking a leadership role by signing up for this program. Ms. Gleason acknowledged Molly Duffy of the EAC, who did all the homework for this program. With approval of this resolution, the EAC will begin researching PECO and Native Energy as energy sources.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous - Approve the 2007 Final Budget

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf and seconded by Mr. DeHaven to approve the 2007 Final Budget.

Ms. Gleason said the only changes to the Final Budget include changes requested for the Paoli and Berwyn fire companies, corrections to the allocations, and a change to the sewer. She explained the large allocation of \$800,000 for stormwater projects. Trout Creek will be the major focus. Sidewalks are also an ambitious project, and over the next five years, there will be sidewalks around all of our schools and the adjoining neighborhoods.

Mr. Lamina said this is the third year in a row we are not increasing taxes, and the eighth year in ten that the millage has remained constant. Mr. Keffer congratulated the Board committee and Staff for the work they did on this year's budget. Mrs. DiFilippo echoed his sentiments.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous - Award bid for "Library Parking Lot Expansion and Stormwater Project"

Motion was made by Mr. Keffer and seconded by Mr. DeHaven to award the bid for the Library Parking Lot Expansion and Stormwater Project to Dan Malloy Paving, Inc.

Mr. Norcini said twelve bids were received and opened on December 6, 2006. Dan Malloy Paving, Inc. was the lowest qualified bidder with a bid of \$386,000.00.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven and seconded by Mr. Kampf to adopt a resolution revising the Township's Schedule of Fees.

Ms. Gleason said the Governor recently signed an amendment to the Uniform Construction Code Act increasing the fee that the State collects for training programs from \$2 per building permit to \$4 per building permit. This amendment goes into effect January 1, 2007. Staff recommends we increase our fees by \$2 per permit.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Escrows

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf, seconded by Mr. DeHaven, and passed unanimously to approve the following escrows

Release of \$4,500.00 from National Penn Bank to the Valley Forge Center for Advanced Reproductive Technology, LP, covering site improvements at 945 Chesterbrook Boulevard; balance remaining \$23,515.25.

Release of \$3,216.91 from National Penn Bank to Salem Development, Inc., covering site improvements at 2177 Yellow Springs Road, Malvern; balance remaining \$0.

Release of \$66,640.00 from First Keystone Bank to D'Agostino Builders, covering site improvements at Berkley Road and Grove Avenue; balance remaining \$105,617.30.

Release of \$10,120.10 from First Keystone Bank to D'Agostino Builders, covering site improvements at the Woods at Yellow Springs, Yellow Springs Road; balance remaining \$100,659.51.

Subdivisions - Approve Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan: Proposal to change the lot line between 6 Cross Gate Road and 20 Cross Gate Road, Wayne, in an R-2 Residential District.

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf and seconded by Mr. DeHaven to approve a Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan: Proposal to change the lot line between 6 Cross Gate Road and 20 Cross Gate Road, Wayne, in an R-2 Residential District.

Mr. Fahey said this is a simple lot line change to transfer ownership of an existing fence from 6 Cross Gate Road to 10 Cross Gate Road. The lot sizes will not change.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

New Matters – Board

None

New Matters – Citizens

Resident Linda Rochus said she agreed with Mrs. Clements earlier comments regarding 499 Timber Lane, and said not every piece of green land has to be built upon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman
Recording Secretary