

### **Minutes – February 27, 2006**

The second regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township for the month of February 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, Paul Drucker, Brooks Keffer, and Robert Lamina. Also in attendance were Supt. Richard Harkness; Stephen F. Norcini, Director of Public Works; David Brill, Finance Director; John Farrell, Assistant to the Township Manager; Michael Fahey, Director of Building and Zoning; Maureen McBride, 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. Keffer, seconded by Mr. Drucker, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 6, 2006.

#### **Announcements**

The Board of Supervisors will hold a continued public hearing on Monday, March 20, 2006 to consider amendments to all articles of the Zoning Ordinance, except those related to Signs and the Special Paoli Development District, and related provisions of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance required for consistency.

#### **Miscellaneous - Supervisor Liaison Reports**

Mr. DiFelicianantonio said the EAC's rain barrel project for water collection will be constructed at Wilson Farm Park and filmed for TV.

Mr. DeHaven met with the Sidewalk, Trails and Paths Committee who are working on the Sidewalk to School Program, the Cedar Hollow Trail, and identifying possible legal issues. He said a statistical report was received from the Berwyn Fire Company, and they responded to 1,118 emergency service calls in Tredyffrin Township. Their fundraising is down, and Mr. DeHaven urged residents to donate to the Fire Company, and if possible, volunteer for fire service or EMT service.

Mr. Kampf said the Planning Commission is discussing further changes to the Paoli Master Plan ordinance. They heard further testimony on the Hudson Property on LeBoutillier Road. First Baptist Church on Upper Gulph Road is in the final stages of planning construction.

**Miscellaneous - Appointments to Authorities, Boards and Commissions**

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven, seconded by Mr. Lamina, and passed unanimously to reappoint Gretchen Kiernan to a five-year term on the Historical Architectural Review Board.

Motion was made by Mr. DiFelicianantonio, seconded by Mr. Kampf, and passed unanimously to reappoint Thomas Rodriquez to a three-year term on the Environmental Advisory Council.

**Miscellaneous - Presentation by the “Expanding Minds, Building Community” Capital Campaign Committee for the addition to the Tredyffrin Public Library in Strafford**

Mr. Paul Olson, Co-chair of the Capital Campaign, introduced committee members Anne McCollum and Roger Ross. He said he appreciated the opportunity to appear before the Board and thanked them for the help given to the Strafford Library. Mr. Olson said the committee has received \$2,500,000 or 83.3% of the goal of raising \$3,000,000. He said the last \$500,000 will be difficult. It is hoped to finish fundraising in 2006, exceeding their goal, and groundbreaking could begin in September.

Mr. Ross said ten times the population of the Township uses the Library each year. Ms. McCollum said every dollar given is matched with a dollar from the Township up to \$3 million. She urged people to visit their website, [www.tredyffrinlibraries.org](http://www.tredyffrinlibraries.org) for detailed plans of the renovation. Donations can also be made on-line.

**Miscellaneous - Presentation of Westover Park Master Plan**

Mrs. DiFilippo acknowledged members of the committee who worked last year with the consultant to help create the draft design for the Master Plan. Mr. Norcini gave a brief summary of the process for selecting the consultant, Yost Strodoski Mears, to create a Master Plan to develop a 7 ½ acre property, located between East Conestoga Road and Old Lancaster Road. Ms. Ann Yost said it was an exciting piece of property with rich history. Her firm looked at the site and listened to the community at several public meetings and interviews. After these meetings, their goal was to create a park that provides a safe, attractive area for close-to-home recreation activities; provides facilities for tots, youth, adults, seniors and persons with disabilities; preserves and enhances the natural aspects of the site, and recognizes the memorial aspects of the site. The park would include a community lawn and playground, a basketball court for children, a pavilion, restrooms, a shade structure, and a walking trail system.

Mr. DeHaven said the plan was well done and the community input was excellent, but he was strongly in favor of having a full-court basketball court for teenagers and adults. Ms. Yost said from the input solicited at the public meetings, the consensus was against basketball courts. Mr. DiFelicianantonio said several residents were adamant about not having a basketball court. He thought we had enough basketball courts and sporting areas in the Township and was against putting courts at Westover Park. Mr. Lamina felt the park was primarily for passive recreation.

Mr. Keffer also spoke in support of a basketball court. Mr. Drucker agreed with Mr. Lamina's comment. Mr. Norcini said this is a draft Master Plan and can be adjusted. Mr. Kampf asked if we knew how much would come from grants from the state or county. Mr. Norcini said he didn't know yet because these items could change when it comes time for construction drawings. The budget will change as we move ahead with plans.

Mr. Kampf asked if the intersection issue had been discussed with PennDOT. Mr. Norcini said Bill Bryant submitted a sketch to PennDOT, and they have scheduled a field visit next month.

A resident from Jolind Road asked about stormwater considerations. Ms. Yost said they tried to construct a balance between the stream, woodlands, and impervious surfaces to implement stormwater changes. Two stormwater basins are planned for the project. The resident asked how citizens would get to the park if they didn't drive. Mrs. DiFilippo said the Sidewalk, Trails and Path Committee is discussing this issue, and is anticipating a sidewalk will be installed at the front part of the park.

Mr. Brill said in answer to Mr. Kampf's budget question, \$250,000 is budgeted in 2006 for the development of the park land. The actual construction costs are budgeted for 2007 and 2008.

At the end of discussion, Mrs. DiFilippo said the Board will think about the basketball court issue and make a decision about adopting this plan at next week's meeting.

**Miscellaneous - Receive bids for two used vehicles for the Police Department**

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf and seconded by Mr. Keffer to receive bids on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. for two used vehicles for the Police Department. Supt. Harkness said these cars will be used by the Detective unit to replace their current cars.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

**Miscellaneous - Approve a Resolution appointing Mimi Gleason, Township Manager, as Chief Administrative Officer of the Uniformed and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans**

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. Keffer to appoint Mimi Gleason, Township Manager, as Chief Administrative Officer of the Uniformed and Non-Uniformed Pension Plan.

Mr. Brill said this is a housekeeping item. Currently Joseph Janasik, the former Township Manager, is named the Township's Chief Administrative Officer. With Mr. Janasik's retirement and Ms. Gleason's appointment, this resolution is required. Mr. Drucker said this should become automatic when the position changes. Mrs. DiFilippo directed staff to see how this can be accomplished for future changes.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

**Miscellaneous - Schedule a public hearing to consider and adopt an ordinance amending the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax**

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf and seconded by Mr. Lamina to schedule a public hearing for Monday, March 20, 2006, to consider and adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 186, Article I (Emergency and Municipal Services Tax) to amend the low-income exemption section (186-4.G) to calculate the exemption based on income from all sources.

Mr. Brill said in 2005, the Board adopted an “Emergency and Municipal Services Tax” which replaced the Occupational Privilege Tax. Anyone who works in the Township must pay \$52 per year EMS tax. However, people who earn less than \$12,000 per year are exempt. Our tax collector told us that the ordinance bases the \$12,000 exemption on income earned from the occupation triggering the tax, while state law requires the exemption to be based on all sources of income.

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 December 2005.

He indicated the following from the Executive Summary:

- Year to date overall we are \$2,038,007 favorable to budget
- We are favorable to budget due to the continued financial strength of the Township economy resulting in higher than budgeted revenues and continued fiscal management of the Township Operating Expenses resulting in lower spending than budgeted.

He indicated the following from the Cash Position:

General Fund		\$4,169,186
Capital Reserve Fund		3,976,454
State Fund		0
Highway Improvement Fund		439,216
Debt Service Fund		11,126,779
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	\$3,881,179	
Library Expansion	<u>2,689,302</u>	
		6,570,481
Total Cash Balances		\$30,230,542

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. DeHaven, seconded by Mr. Keffer, and passed unanimously to approve the Financial Report for December 2005.

### **Police Report**

Supt. Harkness reported a fatal fire in the Township recently caused by smoking. The victim was a 40-year resident of the Township. He said condolences go out to the family. Supt. Harkness said there was a recent burglary at Conestoga High School. Township police are working with the school district administration to solve this case.

Supt. Harkness presented highlights from the Police Department's Annual Report for 2005. He said this document is available for review in the Police Department, at the Strafford and Paoli libraries, and on our website, [www.tredyffrin.org](http://www.tredyffrin.org).

### **Public Works**

Mr. Norcini in addition to the normal highway duties, we had a 14" snowfall on February 11 and 12. He said the Public Works Department did a fine job plowing and salting the roads, putting in long hours and a lot of effort getting the roads ready for Monday morning rush hour. In addition, pot holes were repaired, streets were swept, the storm drainage system on Academy Lane was completed, and work started on the "temporary fix" for the Vincent Road stream.

### **Escrows**

Motion was made by Mr. Keffer, seconded by Mr. Kampf, and passed unanimously to accept a Maintenance Bond from Lexon Insurance Company in the amount of \$43,409.00 in lieu of an Escrow Agreement from Wachovia Bank for the United Church of Christ at Valley Forge, and release \$43,409.000 from Wachovia Bank to the United Church of Christ at Valley Forge, covering site improvements at 45 Walker Road, Wayne; balance remaining \$0.

### **New Matters – Board**

Mrs. DiFilippo said for the last month, Gene Donohue, the Public Access Coordinator, has been running the funeral service of Mazie B. Hall on our public access channel. Mrs. Hall was 103 years old when she passed away, and left quite a legacy. Mrs. DiFilippo hoped the citizens will watch this program to understand all she did, and she thanked Mr. Donohue for showing this program.

Mrs. DiFilippo said the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event will be held on Saturday, April 22, at Wilson Farm Park.

Mr. Kampf said he has been receiving emails from citizens receiving tickets for dropping their children off at the high school. Supt. Harkness said the Police Department and school administration have been working to get the fire lane under control. They have asked parents time and again not to park in the fire lane when picking up their children. The Police have started to issue tickets because the parents will not move.

### **New Matters – Citizens**

Margaret van Naerssen of 460 Prussian Lane spoke regarding the proposed voting system. She said the Chester County Commissioners will meet on Tuesday, February 28, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. to receive public input on the new voting machines, and will make a decision on the voting system on March 2. She urged all interested citizens to attend the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman  
Recording Secretary