

Minutes – May 21, 2007

The second regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township for the month of May 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, 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; 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 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven, seconded by Mr. Lamina, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 7, 2007.

Announcements

On June 18th, the Board of Supervisors will discuss plans for the realignment of North Valley and Swedesford Road.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 18, 2007 to consider an amendment to the Township Code to adopt the 2006 ICC Property Maintenance Code.

Financial Report

Mr. Brill indicated the following from the Executive Summary of the Financial Report for April 2007:

- Overall, we are \$0.1 million unfavorable to Budget within the General Fund
- Overall, we are \$0.4 million favorable to Budget within the Sewer Utility Fund
- Overall, we are \$0.3 million favorable to Budget within the Valley Creek Fund
- Overall, we are \$0.3 million favorable to Budget within Township Wide Expenses

Mr. Brill presented the Cash/Investment Report for April 2007:

General Fund	\$ 9,402,525
Capital Reserve Fund	2,134,238
General Reserve Fund	<u>8,868,435</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds	\$20,405,198

Special Revenue Funds	\$ 1,793,961
Debt Service Funds	3,136,429
Capital Projects Bond Funds	21,916,262
Sewer Utility Fund	27,251,392
Valley Creek Trunk Sewer Fund	<u>1,255,122</u>
Total Restricted Funds	\$75,758,364

Mr. Brill said the EMS Tax is being collected in-house this year, and we are ahead of collections taken in prior years.

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. Kampf, seconded by Mr. DiFelicianantonio, and passed unanimously to approve the Financial Reports for April 2007.

Police Report

Supt. Harkness thanked the Board and members of the community for coming out to the Police Memorial Service on May 8th. At that time, Officer Allen Dori was named "Officer of the Year".

Supt. Harkness reminded citizens the police are pursuing aggressive drivers on Lancaster Avenue and the Route 202 corridor, along with drivers not wearing seat belts. Also, school is still in session, and drivers are reminded it is illegal to pass a school bus. Drivers face a 90 day suspension of their license if they are ticketed.

Public Works Report

Mr. Norcini said crews continue the sweeping program on Township roads, along with repairing pot holes and various road repairs. Wilson Farm Park work included mulching, cleaning and maintaining restrooms, mowing, fertilizing, and irrigating. The Library Parking Lot and Expansion Program is substantially complete. There will be a pre-bid meeting for the Paving Program next Wednesday, and a pre-construction meeting for the Municipal Building Roof replacement this week.

Mr. Drucker asked the status of the All-Abilities Playground. Mr. Norcini said a meeting was held today at the park and the location was selected. Simone Collins will provide a free layout of the playground. The sub-committee chose the structures and colors, and an order will be placed by the end of next week for the equipment.

Mr. Kampf asked about the status of the intersection at Westover Park. Mr. Norcini said we have budgeted for the design of this intersection this year. We will put together a bid package next year based on the Master Plan received. Construction should begin in 2009.

Stormwater Report

Mr. Burgo said five proposals have been received and reviewed for the Trout Creek Watershed Study. A recommendation will be made to the Board at the June 18th meeting.

An RFP has been issued for the design of two stream bank stabilization sites on Trout Creek, associated with the Growing Greener Grant. Stream clean-up day and tree blockage removal will be scheduled in the near future.

Stormwater design is in process for the Croton Road Storm Drainage Project. Design work will begin this summer on the Maude/Vincent Road Stormwater Drainage Project.

A TCDI grant will be awarded to the Township for \$100,000 for future Phase II design/engineering for the Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project.

The Township continues to work with the Turnpike on the Service Plaza project. The Turnpike said they would do stormwater management.

PA DEP held a meeting last week about Realen's stormwater plans for the development of the Valley Forge golf course. The meeting was attended by many Tredyffrin residents, staff, and representatives from the Board of Supervisors.

Fire Companies Report

Jim Curran presented Paoli Fire Company's report. There were 27 fire and 52 EMS calls in Tredyffrin for the month. Their net income is \$9,369 favorable for the month; \$23,802 favorable for the year. Their fund drive began the end of April and early returns show they are ahead of previous years.

Kirk Pederson presented Berwyn Fire Company's report. There were 36 fire calls in Tredyffrin for April. Their net income is \$57,185 favorable for the month and \$108,559 favorable for the year. Their fund drive returns are coming in, but only from one in four residents.

Mr. DeHaven thanked the fire police for their assistance in the Berwyn Victory Run. He urged residents to support their fire companies.

Miscellaneous - Supervisor Liaison Reports

Andy Stern requested the Board of Supervisors restore the bridges at Crabby Creek Park. He said it had always been an open passageway, but in 1980, heavy Township equipment damaged the bridges while putting in a sewer system, and they were never restored. He said we need bridges for safety reasons, and 32 residents have signed a petition in favor of having the bridges replaced. Mrs. DiFilippo said we will put this before the Finance Committee for its consideration, and appreciate the neighborhood concern. Mr. DeHaven agreed with Mr. Stern's comments, and said he feels it is the Township's responsibility to replace the bridges.

Mrs. DiFilippo said in regards to the All-Abilities Playground, the money in our budget for the expense of this playground is being paid by a County grant, as well as money raised for the grand opening of Wilson Farm Park. She said this should be a wonderful new addition to our park.

Mr. Kampf said at the Planning Commission on May 17th, the developer for the Turnpike attended to hear comments from neighbors. Most were related to the size of the structure, the reconstruction being proposed and the lighting. No decision was made by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Kampf said the Turnpike is going to close the Neshaminy rest stop which makes our rest stop the last one in Pennsylvania. He would like the Board to notify the Turnpike Commission to reconsider since our site is fairly small and a long way from the border of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Mr. Kampf said the Planning Commission discussed the zoning map for properties along Route 30 in Daylesford as part of the Paoli ordinance changes, and voted to recommend the Board use the same boundary for the new district as exists today in the SPDD.

Mr. Drucker, Traffic Committee liaison, said Sgt. Giaimo was successful in getting two grants from PennDOT, “Buckle Up Pennsylvania” for \$10,000; and “Smooth Operator” for \$11,000. These grants will allow the police to have extra patrols to reinforce seat belts, and help counteract road rage. Mr. Drucker said there are new permits required for street closures, and to check the Township website for more information.

Mr. DeHaven said at the Sidewalk, Trails and Paths meeting, two types of paving were discussed for our new sidewalks – pervious and impervious. He said the Township should take the lead in using pervious around the schools. Mr. Burgo this may be the one of the best locations to use this type sidewalk, but we have to take into consideration its long-term maintenance. Our consultants are tasked with finding out if this will fit into our project.

Mrs. DiFilippo said all the Tredyffrin 300 banners have been installed in the Township, along with the “Tredyffrin Welcomes You” signs which define the borders of the Township. Mrs. DiFilippo and Pattye Benson have been introducing the T300 trailer to various organizations in the Township, and it has been well received.

Miscellaneous - Award contracts for the Tredyffrin Public Library Renovation and Expansion Project:
Public Works Project No. 3-07 – General Contractor;
Public Works Project No. 4-07 – Electrical Prime;
Public Works Project No. 5-07 – Mechanical Prime (HVAC);
Public Works Project No. 6-07 – Plumbing Prime

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf and seconded by Mr. Lamina to award contracts for the Tredyffrin Public Library Renovation and Expansion Project.

Mrs. DiFilippo said for several years we have been planning for the expansion and addition of the library at Strafford. Ms. Gleason said the lowest bidders for each prime for the base bid are:

General Contractor – Newport Construction	\$2,920,000
Plumbing prime – Apex Plumbing, Inc.	284,000
Mechanical (HVAC) prime – B&S Sheet Metal	477,708
Electrical prime – Silas Bolef	<u>659,000</u>
Subtotal, prime contractor’s base bids	\$4,340,708

Ms. Gleason said we had three different “add/alts”, if sufficient funding was available:

Add/alt #1 – Large meeting room	\$220,075
Add/alt #2 – Children’s library door	5,100
Add/alt #3 – Mechanical Controls upgrade	<u>43,200</u>
Subtotal – definite add/alts	\$267,375

An additional “add/alt” for a “green roof” is under consideration because a donor pledged \$50,000 for this addition. However, this would only cover about a quarter of the new roof, and the Capital Campaign needs \$60,000 more to fund the entire green roof. Staff and the Capital Campaign volunteers are exploring funding options. Ms. Gleason said a green roof lasts longer than a regular roof and benefits from a heating and cooling perspective.

Pete Goodman, Valley Creek Restoration, said the green roof is a good idea, and his group will work with the Township to find the additional money needed. Mr. DiFelicianantonio, Mr. DeHaven, and Mr. Lamina all supported the green roof.

At the end of discussion, an amended motion was made by Mr. Drucker, seconded by Mr. DeHaven, and passed unanimously to award contracts to the lowest bidders to include the “add/alts” as discussed, including the green roof expenditure.

Escrows

Motion was made by Mr. Drucker, seconded by Mr. Lamina, and passed unanimously to accept an Escrow Agreement in the amount of \$22,713.35 between APEX Constructors, Inc. and Tredyffrin Township, covering site improvements at the Preserve at Valley Forge, Lot #3.

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf, seconded by Mr. Lamina, and passed unanimously to release \$5,955.00 from National Penn Bank to Valley Forge Center for Advanced Reproductive Technology, LP, covering site improvements at 945 Chesterbrook Boulevard; balance remaining \$17,560.25.

Motion was made by Mr. Drucker, seconded by Mr. Lamina, and passed unanimously to release \$47,049.19 from First Financial Savings Bank PASA to Shamona Ridge Partners, covering site improvements at the Wembly Court Subdivision; balance remaining \$0.

New Matters – Board

Mr. DiFelicianantonio noted most candidates’ signs from the primary election have been taken down, and asked candidates to remove remaining signs as soon as possible.

Mrs. DiFilippo said Wilson Farm Park's landscape architects, Simone Collins, recently received the Special Recognition Award from the Pennsylvania/Delaware Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, for their plan for the layout of the park.

New Matters – Citizens

Anita Lawson addressed the announcement of the June 18th meeting to discuss plans for the realignment of North Valley and Swedesford Road. She reminded the Board of the petition signed by residents who wanted nothing to happen to this intersection until the Route 202 project was completed to see what the traffic demands will be at that intersection. Ms. Gleason said the best case scenario was that the Route 202 expansion would be completed by 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Public Hearing - Conditional Use application: Proposal to install a driveway in the Flood Hazard District at 499 Timber Lane, Devon, in an R-1 Residence District.

Hearing was continued to December 3, 2007.

Public Hearing - Consider and adopt an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to create the Town Center District and Transit District in Paoli; amend the Zoning Map to define boundaries for those districts; to eliminate the Special Paoli Development District; and to amend the Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance to add streetscape regulations.

At the end of the public hearing, the hearing was continued to June 18, 2007.

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