

Minutes – May 7, 2007

The first 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, 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 7:38 p.m.

Mrs. DiFilippo said the Board met in Executive Session which began at 6:45 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters.

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Motion was made by Mr. Kampf, seconded by Mr. Keffer, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 16, 2007.

Announcements

On Monday, May 14th, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection will hold a public meeting about the stormwater plans for the proposed development at the Valley Forge Golf Course. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 1st Avenue, King of Prussia.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a continued public hearing on Monday, May 21, 2007, to consider 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.

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

Miscellaneous - Supervisor Liaison Reports

Motion was made by Mr. DiFelicianantonio, seconded by Mr. Drucker, and passed unanimously to reappoint Jack Edson and Tami Schofield to 5-year terms on the Park and Recreation Board, terms to expire April 30, 2012.

Mr. Kampf said the Planning Commission met in Workshop Session last week. On the agenda was the proposed changes to the rest stop along the turnpike. The Planning Commission put special emphasis on the lights they intend to install, and the height and glare of the building. There was further discussion of the Pitcairn property located across from the Township Building in Chesterbrook Corporate Center. Both of these items will be discussed at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Financial Report

Mr. Brill indicated the following from the Executive Summaries of the Financial Report for March 2007:

- Overall, we are \$2.1 million favorable to Budget within the General Fund
- Overall, we are \$69 thousand favorable to Budget within the Sewer Utility Fund
- Overall, we are \$97 thousand favorable to Budget within the Valley Creek Fund

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

General Fund	\$ 8,103,361
Capital Reserve Fund	2,128,066
General Reserve Fund	<u>8,719,112</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds	\$18,950,539
Special Revenue Funds	\$ 1,198,413
Debt Service Funds	3,136,429
Capital Projects Bond Funds	21,815,991
Sewer Utility Fund	25,286,646
Valley Creek Trunk Sewer Fund	<u>1,299,277</u>
Total Restricted Funds	\$71,687,295

Mr. Kampf asked if it were correct that because of the large real estate transfer collections so far this year, we have reached our Budget by the first quarter of 2007. Mr. Brill said that was correct.

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. Drucker, seconded by Mr. Lamina, and passed unanimously to approve the Financial Reports for February and March 2007.

Miscellaneous - Approve a Resolution adopting the Valley Forge Sewer Authority's Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Update as an amendment of Tredyffrin Township's Act 537 Plan

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven and seconded by Mr. DiFelicianantonio to approve a Resolution adopting the Valley Forge Sewer Authority's Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Update as an amendment of Tredyffrin Township's Act 537 Plan.

Mr. Norcini made a power-point presentation which provided background information on the Township's Sanitary Sewer System, and the Valley Creek Trunk Sewer System. He said Tredyffrin does not treat sewage; we convey it to one of our treatment plants, which includes the Valley Forge Sewer Authority STP; Matsunk STP and Trout Run STP in Upper Merion Township, and the Philadelphia STP. Wastewater from the Paoli Basin discharges into the Tredyffrin Public Sewer, then into the Valley Creek Trunk Sewer, and ultimately into the Valley Forge Sewer Authority STP.

The Valley Creek Trunk Sewer serves all or portions of Tredyffrin, Easttown, East Whiteland and Willistown townships, Malvern Borough and the Valley Forge Sewer Authority. Tredyffrin Township is the steward of the Valley Creek Trunk Sewer and performs operations and maintenance on it. Each of the partnering municipalities pays a portion of the VFSA budget based on their estimated flows.

An update to the Township's Act 537 Plan is required to cover the proposed expansion of the Valley Forge Sewer Authority, and will be reviewed by the DEP. All of the municipalities served by the VFSA are required to approve a resolution. Mr. Norcini provided estimated figures for upgrade and expansion costs. Mr. Drucker asked if our contribution would come from a bond issue. Mr. Norcini said it probably would come out of the reserve built up from tapping fees. Mr. Lamina said it appears we have adequate reserves to cover our obligation. Mr. Norcini said the Municipal Authority is aware of the large expenses looming, but it is the Board's decision where to obtain the money needed for these upgrades. Mr. Brill said there is \$18-19 million in the Sewer Utility Fund, and we are in a good position.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous - Receive bids for 2007 Superpave Resurfacing Program

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven and seconded by Mr. Keffer to receive bids for the 2007 Superpave Resurfacing Program, Public Works Project #7-09, on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at 10:00 a.m..

Mr. Norcini said for the 2007 resurfacing program, we are proposing to pave approximately 5.9 double lane miles of Township streets. Roads have been grouped in an area targeted for paving. The increase in funds for paving we have received have gone a long way this year. Mr. Norcini said we have 106 miles of Township roads that don't wear the same, and the ultimate goal is to pave 10.6 miles of road per year.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous - Appoint Judy DiFilippo to a second three-year term on the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven and seconded by Mr. Lamina to appoint Judy DiFilippo to a second three-year term on the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust.

Mrs. DiFilippo said the by-laws of the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust require two of the members of the Trust must be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Lamina complimented Mrs. DiFilippo on the efforts underway for the Tredyffrin 300.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Escrows

Motion was made by Warren Kampf, seconded by Mr. Lamina, and passed unanimously to release \$182,076.25 from Wilmington Trust of Pennsylvania to F. Brian Forcine, covering site improvements at 1875 Church Road, Malvern; balance remaining \$60,109.00.

New Matters – Board

Mr. Drucker asked about the status of the all-abilities playground. Mr. Norcini said he was having the final meeting with the equipment supplier and members of the Park Board. He also received great input from the mother of a special needs child. The project is on schedule and will be ready by the Tredyffrin Birthday Party at Wilson Farm Park.

Mr. Lamina reminded the community of the Primary Election on May 15th and the special question on the ballot asking to accept or reject the personal .6% personal income tax to reduce property tax, as part of Act I of Pennsylvania law. He said the School Board appointed Tax Study Commission recommended voting “no” to this question. He encouraged voters to get more information on the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District website www.tesd.net.

Mr. DeHaven mentioned the Berwyn Victory 5K Run on May 12th. It will be a big community event held in Johnson Park in Berwyn.

New Matters – Citizens

Bill Hudome of 1880 Swedesford Road asked about the recent circle design for Swedesford and North Valley Roads. He understood that the Great Valley Association wanted to hold off on any design of reconstruction at this intersection until they could review it further. Ms. Gleason said we had our engineers sketch out a “round-about” for PennDOT to review. We are tentatively scheduled to present it at the June 18th meeting. Mr. Hudome said he was in favor of keeping this project on the TIP list, but not spending anymore money until it is determined how the Route 202 corridor will affect this intersection. Mrs. DiFilippo said the Township has spent little taxpayer money; it is just a sketch.

Joe Piernock said he agreed with Mr. Hudome, and that adding anymore traffic on Swedesford Road would be totally irresponsible.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Public Hearing - Consider and adopt an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to revise the use regulations in the Professional (P) and Limited Industrial (LI) zoning districts

At the end of the public hearing, motion was made by Mr. DiFelicianantonio, seconded by Mr. Lamina, and passed unanimously to adopt an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to revise the use regulations in the Professional (P) and Limited Industrial (LI) zoning districts.

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