

Organizational Meeting – January 7, 2008

The Organizational Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township was held on the above date at the Township Building. Board members present included Judy L. DiFilippo, Chairman; Bill DeHaven, John DiBuonaventuro, Warren Kampf, Robert Lamina and Paul Olson. Also in attendance were Mimi Gleason, Township Manager; Supt. Richard C. Harkness; Stephen F. Norcini, Director of Public Works; David Brill, Finance Director; John Farrell, Assistant to the Manager; Stephen Burgo, Township Engineer; Michael Fahey, Director of Building & Zoning; Thomas Hogan, Esq., Solicitor; and Jolene Buffman, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

Mrs. DiFilippo called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials

Judge Jeremy Blackburn administered the Oath of Office to John DiBuonaventuro, Warren Kampf, Robert Lamina and Paul Olson.

Appointment of Temporary Chairman

Mrs. DiFilippo appointed Solicitor, Thomas Hogan, Esq., as Temporary Chairman.

Appointment – Chairman for 2008

The Temporary Chairman called for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2008. Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven and seconded by Mr. Olson to nominate Mr. Kampf as Chairman for 2008. There were no other nominations. The motion to appoint Mr. Kampf as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2008 carried unanimously.

Temporary Chairman Relinquishes Gavel

Mr. Hogan relinquished the gavel to Mr. Kampf as the elected Chairman for 2008.

Appointment – Vice Chairman for 2008

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman. Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven and seconded by Mr. Olson to nominate Mr. Lamina as Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations. The motion to appoint Mr. Lamina as Vice Chairman for the Board of Supervisors for 2008 carried unanimously.

Appointment – Township Solicitor

Motion was made by Mr. Olson and seconded by Mr. Lamina, to appoint the firm of Lamb McErlane PC as Township Solicitor for 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment – Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. Olson, to appoint the firm of Gawthrop Greenwood & Halstead as Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor for 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment – Auditors for 2008

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Lamina, and carried unanimously to appoint McGladrey & Pullen as Auditors for 2008 for the General Fund, Sewer Revenue Account, Valley Creek Operating Account, Money Purchase and Deferred Compensation Plans, and Library Foundation.

Resolution Designating Providers of Emergency Services

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven and seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo to adopt a Resolution designating providers of emergency services as follows: Paoli Fire Company, Berwyn Fire Company and Radnor Fire Company to provide fire protection and rescue service; Paoli Fire Company, Berwyn Fire Company and Radnor Fire Company to provide Basic Life Support Service; Berwyn Fire Company, Malvern Fire Company, and Narberth Ambulance to provide Advanced Life Support Service; PennStar2 to provide Air Ambulance (helicopter) Service; and Police Department of Tredyffrin Township to provide police protection. Motion carried unanimously.

2008 Meeting Dates

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to adopt the 2008 Meeting Schedule.

Announcements

- A. Regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors – First and Third Monday of each month unless otherwise.
- B. Meetings of the Planning Commission – First and Third Thursday of each month unless otherwise advertised.
- C. Regular meetings of the Zoning Hearing Board – Fourth Thursday of each month providing applications are received unless otherwise advertised.

- D. Regular Meetings of the Municipal Authority – Second Tuesday of each quarter unless otherwise advertised.
- E. Regular meetings of the Park & Recreation Board – Second Wednesday of each month unless otherwise advertised.
- F. Library Board – Fourth Tuesday of each month at the Tredyffrin Public Library unless otherwise advertised. In February, June and October, the Board meets at Paoli Library.
- G. Environmental Advisory Council – Second Tuesday of each month unless otherwise advertised.
- H. Cable TV Advisory Committee – First Wednesday of each month unless otherwise advertised.
- I. Traffic Committee – Third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 a.m., unless otherwise advertised.
- J. Historical Architectural Review Board – Third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise advertised.

Resolution – Acceptance of Roads for Dedication

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Olson, and carried unanimously to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors will accept roads for dedication as provided in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance from April 1 to September 15.

Resolution – Check Issuance

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven, seconded by Mr. Olson, and carried unanimously to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the designated personnel of the Township, as provided in the Home Rule Charter and the Administrative Code, are hereby authorized to issue checks to cover the following wages and bills as budgeted without prior approval of the Board of Supervisors – (1) Payroll; (2) Personnel Benefits and Training Expenses; (3) Debt Service (Principal and Interest); (4) Equipment Rental; (5) Operation, Maintenance and Repair of Township Property and Equipment Supplies; (6) Lighting and Maintenance of Highways; and (7) Temporary investment and Transfers.

Resolution – Professional Consultants’ Fees

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven, seconded by Mr. Olson, and carried unanimously to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that fees for reasonable and necessary expenses charged by the following professional consultants for reviews or inspections for subdivisions or land developments shall be reimbursed by applicants consistent with the rates contained in their respective proposal letters for 2008 fees:

1. Spotts, Stevens, McCoy, for stormwater and general development plan reviews and inspections
2. Lamb McErlane PC for legal reviews
3. Gannett Fleming, Inc. for sewer related plan reviews and inspections
4. Orth-Rodgers Associates, Inc. for traffic related reviews

Motion was made by Mr. Olson and seconded by Mr. DeHaven to adjourn the Organizational Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman
Administrative Secretary

Minutes – January 7, 2008

The first regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township for the month of January was held on the above date at the Township Building. Board members present included Warren Kampf, Chairman; Robert Lamina, Vice Chairman; Bill DeHaven, John DiBuonaventuro, Judy DiFilippo, and Paul Olson. Also in attendance were Mimi Gleason, Township Manager; John Farrell, Assistant to the Manager; Stephen F. Norcini, Director of Public Works; Steven Burgo, Township Engineer; Michael Fahey, Director of Building & Zoning; David Brill, Finance Director; Supt. Richard Harkness; Thomas Hogan, Solicitor; and Jolene Buffman, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order

Mr. Kampf called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 17, 2007.

Announcements

Congressman Jim Gerlach will be sponsoring a “Mobile Office Day” at the Tredyffrin Township Building on Friday, January 11th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Congressman Gerlach and his staff will be available to answer questions about federal government issues, and citizens from Tredyffrin and neighboring municipalities are invited to attend.

Christmas trees can be dropped off at the Cassatt Road compost site for recycling from January 8th to the 11th, 8 am to 2 pm, and January 14th to the 18th, 8 am to 2 pm.

Miscellaneous - Supervisor Liaison Reports

Mrs. DiFilippo said she received a letter from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in Washington, DC, stating Tredyffrin has been designated as a *Preserve America* Community. Included in the package was a letter from First Lady Laura Bush congratulating the Township on our award.

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to reappoint Sean McCauley to a four-year term on the Planning Commission, term to expire November 28, 2011.

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf, and seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo, to appoint Reaves C. Lukens to fill an unexpired term on the Planning Commission, term to expire November 28, 2008. Motion passed, with Mr. DiBuonaventuro abstaining.

Miscellaneous - Discussion on Wilson Farm Park Master Plan

Mr. Norcini reviewed the 2000 Master Plan for Wilson Farm Park. All first priority items have been completed. They included park access with south and west perimeter parking; three pavilions with restrooms; athletic playing fields; civic space, a pond, trails, and some plantings. The second priority items completed included basketball and volleyball courts, the main play area and secondary play areas; a putting green, north and picnic grove parking, trails, and more park plantings. Three second priority items which were not completed were the construction of a roller hockey court; a picnic grove, and reforestation. Other items not on the Master Plan considered or planned are the construction of the Jones Log Barn, the disc golf stations, and the Garrison Flag, requested and funded by the Berwyn Veterans.

Mr. Norcini said the Board needs to decide soon on the roller hockey court and picnic pavilion as these items are tied to a Chester County grant and must be completed by October of this year.

Mr. DeHaven said he would be willing to eliminate the picnic grove and keep the roller hockey court. He thinks the EAC should be involved in the reforestation process.

Tami Schofield, Chair of the Park and Recreation Board, said the Master Plan has been underway a long time and has proven to be flexible. She said there is no need for the picnic grove, but the Park Board is recommending building a maintenance garage, making improvements to the Shire pavilion, and constructing the roller hockey court.

Libby Brinton said she agreed with Ms. Schofield, but would like the park to stay fairly passive. Tim Lander of the Open Land Conservancy encouraged the Township to keep a natural environment in the park. Mitsie Tolland reminded the Board that the frisbee golf course was put in the park on a trial basis, and if it is put in permanently, it will change the ambiance of the area.

Mr. Lamina agreed with Ms. Schofield about the picnic pavilions, and said that rather than create a new space for the roller hockey court, Staff should explore the concept of using another park. He also supports the Jones Log Barn and the Garrison Flag.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said he was not ready to make a decision tonight, and wanted to find out what it will take to maintain the facilities we are proposing.

There was discussion about modifying a basketball court to double as a roller hockey court. There was also a discussion on asking the County if the grant money can be used for a different park, or for other items such as reforestation in the park. Mr. Kampf asked Staff to explore these items with the County to see if they are flexible; to get an idea of the kind of demand we would have for a skating rink or hockey rink; and to look at using an existing basketball court for a skate park.

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Miscellaneous - Non-uniformed Employees Money Purchase Plan Technical Amendment

Mr. Brill said the federal Pension Protection Act of 2006 requires the vesting period for the Township's government version of a 401(k) plan be reduced from five years to three years, and this change must be made by ordinance.

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Lamina, and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing on Monday, January 28, 2008, to consider an amendment to Chapter 39 of the Township Code to change the vesting period from five years to three years.

Miscellaneous - Approval of consultant to perform fire and ambulance study for Tredyffrin and Easttown townships

Mr. Farrell said the Task Force formed to determine an appropriate funding level for new capital contributions from Easttown and Tredyffrin Townships to the fire companies, reviewed five proposals and interviewed two firms. The Task Force recommends TriData, a Division of System Planning Corporation, to perform this study. Their proposal was priced at \$45,355, and one-third of this will be paid by Easttown Township.

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to approve the selection of TriData to perform a funding study, at an amount not to exceed \$30,237.00.

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven, seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo, and passed unanimously to adopt an Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement between Easttown Township and Tredyffrin Township for the purpose of cooperatively performing intergovernmental powers and duties.

Miscellaneous - Adopt a resolution reducing/eliminating Police Officers' contributions to the Police Pension Plan for the year 2008

Mr. Brill said this resolution is a requirement of the present Act 30 which amended Act 600. It is part of the current contract with the Tredyffrin Township Police Department. Mr. Brill said each officer makes contributions annually at the rate of 5% of his compensation except for officers hired on or after January 1, 1999, where 3% of their compensation goes into a separate fund to defray the cost of their retirement.

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven, seconded by Mr. Olson and passed unanimously to adopt a resolution reducing/eliminating Police Officers' contributions to the Police Pension Plan for the year 2008.

Escrows

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. DeHaven, and passed unanimously to release \$4,243.00 from The Bancorp Bank to APEX Constructors, Inc., covering site improvements at The Preserve at Valley Forge, Sentinel Trail Drive; balance remaining \$39,227.00.

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New Matters – Board

Mr. DeHaven made a recommendation that Staff locates a consultant to review the benefits, equipment, and staffing of the Police and Public Works Departments to make sure the departments are up-to-date. Mrs. DiFilippo said we have a compensation study in our budget which could address some of these questions. Mr. Kampf said the Personnel Committee will consider this.

New Matters – Citizens

Margaret van Naerssen read a statement about negative campaigning in the community.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Public Hearing - Consider and adopt an Ordinance fixing rates of taxation for the year 2008

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. DeHaven, seconded by Mr. Olson and passed by a vote of 5-1, to adopt an ordinance fixing rates of taxation for the year 2008. Mr. DiBuonaventuro voted no.

Complete notes of testimony were taken by Arlene LaRosa, Court Reporter, and are on file at the Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman
Recording Secretary