

Tredyffrin Township**Minutes – December 1, 2008**

The first 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 Warren Kampf, Chairman; Robert Lamina, Vice Chairman; Bill DeHaven, Mark DiFelicianantonio, John DiBuonaventuro, Judy DiFilippo, and Paul Olson. Also in attendance were Mimi Gleason, Township Manager; Stephen F. Norcini, Director of Public Works; David Brill, Finance Director; Stephen Burgo, Township Engineer; Superintendent Andrew Chambers; Thomas Hogan, Solicitor; Lt. Anthony Giaimo; and Jolene Buffman, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order

Mr. Kampf called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. DeHaven, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 17, 2008, as amended.

Announcements

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at the second meeting in January 2009 to consider amendments to the Stormwater Ordinance.

Miscellaneous - Supervisors Liaison Reports

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to reappoint Ed Sweeney and Victoria Snyder to 4-year terms on the Planning Commission; terms to expire November 28, 2012.

Mr. DeHaven said the Board appointed him civilian liaison and due to illness, he was unable to attend the last meeting where there was a vote on a tax increase and removal of employee benefits. He said the removal of employee benefits will affect 50 or so civilian employees. He said if you average the salaries from the highest paid to the lowest paid, you are talking about \$35-40,000. He opposes the removal of these benefits. There are other ways to balance the budget and he suggested increasing all fees the Township charges for every service, such as building permits, inspections, etc. by 10% or more. He asked Ms. Gleason to look into where fees can defray expenses and we can be on par with surrounding townships. He said our Township employees are the first line of representation people get when they come in. He said there are good people working for the Township and they did not deserve the disrespect shown last week, and the Board's action has planted a seed for terrible labor unrest in the Township.

Mr. DiFeliciantonio said he was 100% in agreement with Mr. DeHaven, and he voted no at the last meeting.

Mr. Olson said he voted for the Preliminary Budget and to freeze salaries of non-agreement people, and that saving \$93,000 is important. Mr. Lamina said he stands behind his motion. Mr. DeHaven said this Township has been operating staff-wise “bare bones” for several years, and the tax increase proposed would only cost residents \$2 per month.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said the new 501(c)(3) Park and Recreation Foundation has identified the nine Board members and are ready to appoint officers. They include: Kathy Hyatt, President; Ray Hoffman, Vice President; William Richter, Secretary; and Kurt Misialek, Treasurer. The remaining members are Wendy Bleczinski, Sandon Herzlich, Erik Karlsson, Kathy Nadel, and Phil Reitnour. The proposed Foundation Board is presented to the Supervisors for “advice and consent”. Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. DeHaven and passed unanimously to support the nine identified individuals for the Park and Recreation Foundation.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro submitted the Traffic Safety Committee Action List, and said we continue to complete these items. He said the Preemption Device has been surveyed for the intersection of North Wayne and Upper Gulph Road, and we are awaiting approval. Lt. Giaimo said Devon State Road has smooth surface issues, and we are requesting PennDot review the road and take steps to make it safe. Mr. DiBuonaventuro said this is a priority.

Mr. Kampf asked to have the Traffic Safety Committee Action List put on the Township website.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro asked residents to visit the Chester County Ready Notify PA website. This system does everything in the proposal he submitted last month for the Citizens Alert Notification System except for voice notification. This system is free to us and is paid for by Homeland Security. Residents can add their information to be notified during a major crisis or emergency. The website address is www.chesco.alertpa.org.

Mr. Kampf said the Board met in Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

Miscellaneous - Presentation of citations to Berwyn Fire company members William Butler and the family of the late Henry “Zeke” Pyle

Eamon Brazunas, Vice President of the Berwyn Fire Company, introduced State Representative Carole Rubley. Rep. Rubley presented a citation to the widow of Henry “Zeke” Pyle, who joined the Berwyn Fire Company in 1945. Rep. Rubley introduced Barbara McIlvaine Smith, who presented a citation to William Butler, who joined the Berwyn Fire Company in 1941.

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Mr. DeHaven made a motion to adopt a resolution honoring William Butler and the late Henry Pyle by the Tredyffrin Township Board of Supervisors for their many years of service to the residents of Tredyffrin Township. Mr. Olson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous - Receive bids for bridge replacement at Crabby Creek Park, Public Works Project #10-08

Mr. Norcini said we are requesting bids for the replacement of the existing bridge at Crabby Creek, with a pre-engineered concrete structure as manufactured by ConSpan, or approved equal.

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo and passed unanimously to receive bids for bridge replacement at Crabby Creek Park, Public Works Project #10-08.

Miscellaneous - Certification of Appropriateness – Construction of a cell tower within 250 ft. of Historic Resource #26 at 1250 Old Lancaster Road, Second Blue Ball Inn

Ms. Gleason said T-Mobile proposes the installation of a cell tower on a property located at 1410 Russell Road, within 250 ft. of Historic Resource #26, at 1250 Old Lancaster Road. The HARB has approved the plans for the construction of this cell tower.

Motion was by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Lamina, and passed unanimously to approve a Certification of Appropriateness – Construction of a cell tower within 250 ft. of Historic Resource #26 at 1250 Old Lancaster Road, Second Blue Ball Inn.

Escrows

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo, and passed unanimously to release \$13,423.00 from Allegiance Bank, NA to Strategic Realty Investments LLC, covering site improvements at 1008 Upper Gulph Road; balance remaining \$0.

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to release \$5,909.17 from Susquehanna Patriot Bank to Gary Robert LLC, covering site improvements at 354 & 356 North Fairfield Avenue, Devon; balance remaining \$0.

New Matters – Board

None

New Matters – Citizens

Tom McCarey asked the Township to rethink using traffic calming because he said it increases auto emissions which affects people with asthma.

Robert Scott had some questions about the Township balance sheet and what our assets were. He also asked if we complied with CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report), and Mr. Brill said we currently have not adopted the requirements of CAFR in our Audited Financial Statements – it is elective. Our audited Financial Statements do comply with all of the mandatory requirements set by the Generally Accepted Accounting Principals and the Government Accounting Standards Board. He said our cash position is on our website, and he would supply Mr. Scott with any additional information he wanted.

Ron Silver said the lighting at the Wilson Farm Park basketball court is interfering with the community. He said glaring light comes from this court to Newport Village which is a half mile away. He thought the lights might be improperly installed. Mr. Norcini said he would go to the park at night and make any adjustments to these lights that are required. Mr. DiBuonaventuro said these lights were supposed to turn off, and Mr. Norcini said he would check to see if the timer is functioning properly.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Public Hearing - Consider adoption of a new Comprehensive Plan

At the end of discussion, it was decided to continue the public hearing to consider adoption of a new Comprehensive Plan to the second meeting in January 2009.

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

Public Hearing - Consider amendments to the Institutional Overlay Zoning District

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to consider amendments to the Institutional Overlay Zoning District.

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