

Minutes – February 25, 2008

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 Warren Kampf, Chairman; Robert Lamina, Vice Chairman; Bill DeHaven, John DiBuonaventuro, Mark DiFelicianantonio, Judy DiFilippo, and Paul Olson. Also in attendance were Mimi Gleason, Township Manager; John Farrell, Assistant to the Township Manager; Stephen F. Norcini, Director of Public Works; Steven Burgo, Township Engineer; David Brill, Finance Director; Thomas Hogan, Solicitor; and Jolene Buffman, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order

Mr. Kampf called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 February 4, 2008.

Announcements

A public hearing is scheduled for March 3, 2008, to consider a Conditional Use application: Proposal to construct a 90,000 s.f. healthcare facility at 101 Chesterbrook Boulevard, in an HO Zoning District. This will follow the public meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Financial Report

Mr. Brill presented the Financial Report for January 2008:

Financial Performance Year-to-Date versus Budget

	<u>YTD vs. Budget – Fav (Unf)</u>			<u>Concerns</u>	<u>Yr. Forecast</u>
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>		
General Fund	(146,746)	77,028	(69,718)	Real Estate Market Risk	On budget
Sewer Utility Fund	(373,035)	49,732	(323,303)	Investment Policy	On budget
Valley Creek Trunk Sewer Fund	(1,623)	4,084	2,461	None	On budget
Township Wide Expenses		130,845		None	On budget

Cash & Investment Position - Reserves and cash flow remain healthy.

	<u>Balance \$M</u>	
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Unrestricted	12.9	14.4
Restricted	55.2	55.6

Debt Position – Current with both debt payments and covenants.

There was discussion about transfer taxes. Mr. Brill said numbers are down because of the recent decline in the real estate market, but at this time, there is no immediate concern in staying within the budget.

Fire Companies Reports

John Beatty presented January's report for the Paoli Fire Company. There were 16 fire calls and 56 EMS calls in Tredyffrin. There has been a 31% response rate for business contributions.

Earl Stahl presented Berwyn's report. There were 30 fire calls and 51 EMS calls in the Township. Three new members have completed their EMS in-house training and are now responding to calls. The first fund drive letter for fire will be going out soon.

Public Works

Mr. Norcini highlighted some of the activities from his monthly report which included four salting and plowing operations; replacing cross pipe on LeBoutillier Road; installing rubber mulch at LAD Park; booking bands for the concert series and 4th of July fireworks, and maintaining compost facilities. Mr. DiBuonaventuro complimented the Public Works crew on the great job they did on Valley Forge Mountain during the last snow event.

Engineering Report

Mr. Burgo reported on some of the Stormwater Drainage Projects:

Croton Road Culvert Replacement: Comments were provided to PennDOT on HOP permit.

Pugh & Old Eagle School Road Drainage Improvement: Township engineers will start drainage design in March. Anticipated completion date is November 2008.

Trout Creek Study & Design: Evaluation of stormwater problem areas and potential BMP Retrofit Sites continues.

Maude/Lisa & Vincent Road Stormwater Improvement: Township engineers to start drainage and BMP design in March.

Trout Creek Growing Greener Grant: Permits received from CCCD and DEP on February 15th.

Phase I – Sidewalk Project: NDES Permit submittal to CCCD anticipated in March.

PA Turnpike Projects: Anticipated work throughout 2008 for roadway widening project.

PennDOT Projects: Construction on Cedar Hollow Bridge is underway. Existing bridge will remain in service while new structure is constructed to the west. Route 422 roadway widening currently in design phase.

Stormwater Ordinance: Continuing with rewrite of Stormwater Ordinance. Next Subcommittee meeting will be held March 10th.

Miscellaneous - Supervisor Liaison Reports

Mr. DiFelicianantonio said a Paoli Library Task Force Committee has been created and will be discussing options to relocate the Paoli Library.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said the Pension Trustees met, and the three members are doing an outstanding job. He said the Park Board is working on a Mission Statement and planning document for where they will go forward in the future. There was also a discussion on the possibility of creating a 501(c)3. Mr. DiBuonaventuro said at the Traffic Committee meeting, residents of Cold Stream and Old State Road had some concerns.

Mrs. DiFilippo said a few members of the Stormwater Ordinance subcommittee met last week, and another meeting is scheduled in March. She said the Fire Company Task Force is underway. The committee members met with consultants, and the consultants have been to the fire companies for evaluation and discussion with fire company personnel. Possible recommendations may be available to the Board in June. Mrs. DiFilippo said the Comprehensive Plan Committee will meet Wednesday, February 27th, and the meeting is open to the public. She said she has been asked to sit on an Easttown Township committee for improvements to the Devon Train Station.

Mr. DeHaven the Turnpike Commission sent a letter to the Township Manager regarding our request for the addition of sidewalks to all crossings over and under the Turnpike, as part of their Milepost 320 to Milepost 326 reconstruction in Tredyffrin Township. They agree that the safety of pedestrians is a top priority and will be meeting with the Township to determine the appropriate safety measures to be implemented.

Mr. Kampf said the Board met in Executive Session January 28, February 4 and February 25, 2008 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Miscellaneous - Discussion of the intersection of Swedesford and North Valley Roads, and the proposed roundabout for that intersection

Mr. Burgo said this intersection has been discussed many times in the past, and residents have expressed their concerns. Traffic Planning and Design, Inc. (TPD) were hired to come up with alternatives, and the single-lane roundabout was considered the most desirable for this intersection.

TPD was directed to assess the feasibility of a roundabout at this intersection. Mr. Don Jacobs of TPD gave a brief overview of the proposed roundabout. The advantages of this roundabout were discussed and included:

- Incoming traffic yields to vehicles already in the roundabout, and yields to pedestrians in the pedestrian crossing areas
- Low circulatory speeds – a design speed of 15 mph
- Traffic calming – all vehicles must slow to 15 mph to traverse the roundabout
- Lower frequency of crashes and lower severity for crashes that do occur.

Mr. Lamina asked what the estimated cost of the project would be. Mr. Jacobs said there were multiple components and actual construction and inspection costs, but he estimated \$1.6 to \$1.7 million in construction costs plus 10% more for inspection. Mr. Lamina said with Township costs, the project would run about \$2 million.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro asked how many cars could the roundabout handle at peak hours. Mr. Jacobs said a single-lane roundabout could handle 1,100 to 1,200 cars during the peak hours.

Several residents spoke against the roundabout and making any changes to the intersection. A number of residents felt that nothing should be done until work on Route 202 is completed. Ms. Gleason reminded the residents that work on this section of Route 202 will not be completed until 2013. Many residents felt this was a safe intersection, and cited police accident statistics.

There were also several residents speaking in favor of the roundabout, and urged the Board to go forward. Many residents felt that a serious accident could occur at anytime, and the Board should take steps now to prevent future accidents.

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. DiBuonaventuro and seconded by Mr. DiFelicianantonio to stop work on the Swedesford and North Valley Roads project. A vote was taken, and the motion carried with a vote of 5-2, with Mr. DeHaven and Mrs. DiFilippo voting no.

Miscellaneous - Receive bids for stone aggregate

Mr. Norcini said this is the annual bid for stone aggregate to be used for various Public Works projects throughout the year.

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to receive bids for stone aggregate on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Miscellaneous - Receive bids for equipment rental

Mr. Norcini said this is the annual bid for rental of equipment the Township does not own, to be used throughout the year.

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. DeHaven, and passed unanimously to receive bids for equipment rental on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Miscellaneous - Receive bids for Superpave

Mr. Norcini said this is material used by our Public Works personnel to repair potholes throughout the Township.

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. DeHaven, and passed unanimously to receive bids for Superpave on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Escrows

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to accept a Subdivision & Land Development Agreement, and an Escrow Agreement in the amount of \$27,324.86 between Mark Farley and Tredyffrin Township, covering site improvements at 423 Old Eagle School Road (Lot #3), Wayne.

New Matters – Board

Mr. DeHaven thanked T-span for filming the Board of Supervisors' meetings, and said they are always looking for volunteers.

New Matters – Citizens

Frank LaFrazia of Sullivan's Bridge Condominiums in Chesterbrook spoke of the poor conditions of a retaining wall which he believes to be on Township property or pump station property. He is requesting the Township rectify the problem. He said a survey indicates the wall is on pump station property. Mr. Kampf asked if he knew who built the wall, and he said he did not know.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman
Recording Secretary