

### **Minutes – March 17, 2008**

The second regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township for the month of March was held on the above date at the Township Building. Board members present included Warren Kampf, 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 7:30 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 March 3, 2008.

#### **Announcements**

The Historic Preservation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan will be presented to the public at the Historic Architectural Review Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 19th at 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on April 28, 2008 to consider amendments to the Town Center zoning district to limit parking uses and prohibit fourth story height bonuses for properties abutting single-family residential zoning districts.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on April 28, 2008 to consider amendments to Chapter 195, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Township Code.

#### **Financial Report**

Mr. Brill presented the Financial Report for February 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	(160,492)	32,266	(128,226)	Real Estate Market Risk	On budget
Sewer Utility Fund	(624,716)	98,466	(526,249)	Equity Investment Risk	On budget
Valley Creek Trunk Sewer Fund	466	7,936	8,402	None	On budget
Township Wide Expenses		138,669		None	On budget

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

	<u>Balance \$M</u>	
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Unrestricted	12.7	12.9
Restricted	55.1	55.2

**Debt Position** – Current with both debt payments and covenants.

Mr. Brill said the Real Estate Tax discount period ends March 31<sup>st</sup>, the face amount period ends May 31<sup>st</sup>, and there is a 10% penalty for payments after that date. The Sewer Utility Fee will be mailed to residents on April 1<sup>st</sup>, with the face amount period ending May 1<sup>st</sup>, and a 10% penalty for payments made after that date.

**Fire Companies Reports**

John Beatty presented February's report for the Paoli Fire Company. There were 17 fire calls and 53 EMS calls in Tredyffrin. State grants in the amount of \$32,070 were received. The actual net operating income for the month is a loss of \$14,460.00. Mrs. DiFilippo asked if they made similar presentations to Willistown Township, and Mr. Beatty said no, but if asked, they would be more than happy to.

Eamon Brazunas presented Berwyn's report. There were 40 fire calls and 57 EMS calls in the Township. He reported on an apartment fire at Home Properties in Devon on February 29<sup>th</sup>. Multiple residents were trapped on balconies and rescued. Radnor and Paoli Fire Companies assisted. Rip Tilden spoke of the teamwork involved in containing this fire and rescuing the residents and their pets.

Mr. DeHaven asked if there should be safety rules posted in apartment complexes. Mr. Brazunas said the fire companies should get together with the Township and apartment property managers to set up some rules and evacuation plans.

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf that the Board of Supervisors expresses gratitude to all fire fighters and EMS personnel who brought the Home Properties fire to a successful conclusion. Mr. DeHaven seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Public Works**

Mr. Norcini highlighted some of the activities from his monthly report which included two salting and plowing operations; preparing for a rain event on March 8<sup>th</sup>; repairing potholes on various streets; installing rip rap at outfall from Walker Road; maintaining Mill Road and Cassatt Road compost sites; and preparing fields at Wilson Farm Park.

**Engineering Report**

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

Pugh & Old Eagle School Road, and Maude, Lisa & Vincent Roads Drainage Improvement: Projects are moving ahead and starting the design process.  
Croton Road Culvert Replacement Project: Still waiting for PennDot HOP permit.

Phase I Sidewalk Project: Township comments were provided to the consultant team, and submission of NPDES Permit Plans to Chester County Conservation District expected this week.

PA Turnpike Projects: Turnpike continues to finalize bridge replacement plans for Valley Forge Road and Mill Road bridges.

Stormwater Ordinance: Subcommittee meeting was held March 10<sup>th</sup>. A draft will be ready for the April 8<sup>th</sup> EAC meeting.

### **Miscellaneous - Supervisor Liaison Reports**

Mr. DiFelicianantonio and Mr. DiBuonaventuro attended a meeting of the Paoli Library Relocation Task Force, and said it was a very positive meeting.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said at the Park Board meeting, the Chairman appointed a committee to look into obtaining a 501(c)3 designation, and preparing a proposal for the Board to review. There was a unanimous vote to recommend a location for the Garrison Flag and Veterans Memorial in Wilson Farm Park. Mr. DiBuonaventuro congratulated Mr. DeHaven, who was the driving force behind this project and asked that the Board of Supervisors discuss the location at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Kampf, and passed unanimously to reappoint Bonnie Marcus Bennett to a three year term on the Environmental Advisory Council, term to expire February 8, 2011.

Mrs. DiFilippo said the Tredyffrin Township Historic Preservation Trust is sponsoring a fundraiser on April 4<sup>th</sup>, "In the Mood – Jazz on the Porch & Dancin' in the Barn", hosted by the Cedar Hollow Design Center in Malvern. There is more information on the Historic Preservation Trust website.

Mrs. DiFilippo said Schuylkill Township will be doing a feasibility study for a trail that will connect Schuylkill Township to the Schuylkill River Trail, and will include a portion of Tredyffrin Township. They have asked us to write a letter of support for their application.

Mr. Olson said the Strafford Library construction continues to move forward. Although there were some delays due to the heavy rains recently, we still anticipate the completion date in October.

Mr. DeHaven said the EAC submitted their 2007 Accomplishment Report, and Planning Initiatives for 2008. He said they were a very hard working group and congratulated them and their Chairman for the two fine reports.

Mr. DeHaven said he recently attended the T/E School Board Facilities meeting where the most recent finalized plan for the sidewalk project around the high school was presented. The cost breakdown was also discussed at the School Board meeting.

Mr. Kampf announced the retirement of Supt. Richard Harkness, and thanked him for his seven years of service to the community. His retirement is effective March 28, and at that time Captain Andy Chambers will be Acting Superintendent of Police. Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven to appoint Captain Andy Chambers as Acting Superintendent of Police as of March 28,

2008. Mr. Olson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Kampf said the Board is considering how to go about obtaining a permanent replacement for the Superintendent, and he will announce that decision as soon as it is made.

**Miscellaneous - Presentation by Kirk White, U.S. Geological Society, on the Trout Creek Watershed**

Mr. Kirk White, hydrologist for the U.S. Geological Society, made a PowerPoint presentation on channel issues of the Trout Creek Watershed. He said the watershed encompasses 8.85 square miles, with 75% of it in Tredyffrin Township. Most of the streams have tight turns and rip rap, which create a constant battle in the channel. The objective has been to move water through the system as quickly as possible by hardening, straightening and smoothing to accommodate the flows, causing degradation.

In the watershed, the uplands collect most precipitation sediment, high energy water is transported downstream, and lost capacity results in frequency of flooding. To create bank stabilization, we must know the difference between a “fix” and a “band-aid”. As far as run-off management is concerned, property owners must properly maintain existing detention basins to ensure proper function.

Some suggestions concerning bridges included: keeping bridge openings clear of sediment and debris; collecting data to quantify stream flow within the basin; promoting consideration of channel morphology in bridge design; identifying/tracking sources of debris; and installing structures.

Overall suggestions included educating the public to the significance of BMP’s; encouraging maintenance of stormwater basins; enlisting the cooperation of PennDot and the Turnpike in stormwater management, and protecting and ensuring vegetation buffers. He concluded by saying, “It took years for the basin to reach its current state, the “fix” will be no different”.

Mr. Olson asked if there were any legal ramifications of a stream going through a resident’s property. Mr. White said he understood that the State owns the stream corridor and the homeowner owns the bank.

In response to a question, Mr. White said rain barrels are very beneficial, but rain barrels aren’t the total answer because they can only hold a limited amount of rainwater.

**Miscellaneous - Conditional Use Application: Proposal to construct a 90,000 s.f. health care facility at 1001 Chesterbrook Boulevard in the HO Zoning District**

Mr. Kampf said we conducted a public hearing with a court reporter at our meeting on March 3, 2008. Mr. Hogan said all that is required tonight is a vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo, and passed unanimously to approve a Conditional Use Application: Proposal to construct a 90,000 s.f. health care facility at 1001 Chesterbrook Boulevard in the HO Zoning District.

**Miscellaneous - Receive bids for signage at the Tredyffrin Public Library**

Mr. Norcini said as part of the Library expansion project, new signage is proposed to be installed throughout the interior and exterior of the building. The design of the signage was done by Cloud, Geshan and Associates through Bohlin, Cywinski, Jackson, the architects for the library addition.

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to receive bids for signage at the Tredyffrin Public Library, Public Works Project #1-08, on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

**Miscellaneous - Schedule a public hearing to amend Chapter 163, Sewers, Utilities and Sewage Disposal, to comply with the Upper Merion Township Sewage Treatment regulations**

Mr. Norcini said we have an agreement with Upper Merion Township in regards to sewage treatment, and the regulation of the sewage being treated, at their treatment plants. This ordinance will amend the current language and add new definitions to comply with their regulations.

Motion was made by Mr. DiBuonaventuro, seconded by Mr. DeHaven, and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing on Monday, April 7, 2008, to amend Chapter 163, Sewers, Utilities and Sewage Disposal, of the Township Code, to comply with Upper Merion Township Sewage Treatment regulations.

**New Matters – Board**

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said he attended a Paoli Transportation Center Project meeting in February, and it is clear that this project is the most important transportation project in the region. The developer is putting forth great effort to make the project acceptable to the entire community. When completed, the project will improve local roads and encourage foot traffic to local business. Last week the State decided to remove \$1 million from the project. The Township just returned \$1.8 million to the State for the Swedesford and Upper Gulph Roads intersection project. Mr. DiBuonaventuro said we formally requested PennDot to return the \$1 million taken from the Paoli project.

Mr. DeHaven agreed. He said staff has worked long and hard on the plan and citizens have given us a lot of positive feedback. He asked citizens, civic groups and associations from Tredyffrin and Willistown Townships to contact county, local representatives, and Senators to insist we get our money back. Ms. Gleason said the Delaware Valley Planning Commission said this money is going to go to state bridges.

Mrs. DiFilippo agreed with Mr. DeHaven and Mr. DiBuonaventuro. She said this has been the County's number one transportation project for a number of years.

Mr. Kampf said the Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

**New Matters – Citizens**

Pete Goodman said an Earth Day Celebration is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by Cabrini College, Tredyffrin EAC, and the Valley Creek Restoration Partnership. It will be held at Crabby Creek Park from 9 am to 1 pm. There will be a habitat project, a rain garden project, ceremonial tree planting, a stream rehabilitation project, and tours.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman  
Recording Secretary