

Minutes – May 19, 2008

The second 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 Warren Kampf, Chairman; Robert Lamina, Vice Chairman; John DiBuonaventuro, Mark DiFelicianantonio, 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; Michael Fahey, Director of Building & Zoning; Stephen Burgo, Township Engineer; David Brill, Finance Director; Capt. Andrew Chambers; Lt. Anthony Giaimo; 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 Mrs. DiFilippo, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 5, 2008.

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the joint meeting with the Planning Commission held April 17, 2008.

Police

Captain Chambers acknowledged Officers Allen Dori and Michelle Major who received complimentary letters from residents. He also said several officers have recently received advanced degrees: Officer James Konieczny and Sgt. Taro Landis received Master's Degrees from St. Joseph's University; Sgt. William Fitzsimmons received his Master's Degree from West Chester University; Lt. Anthony Giaimo received his Master's Degree with Honors from Mountain State University; and Detective John Bailey received his Bachelor's Degree.

Financial Report

Mr. Brill presented the Financial Report for April, 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	23,023	162,917	185,940	Real Estate Market Risk	On budget
Sewer Utility Fund	131,624	16,339	147,963	Equity Invest- ment Risk	On or slightly Unfavorable
Valley Creek Trunk Sewer Fund	1,059	9,369	10,428	None	On budget
Township Wide Expenses		188,175		None	On or slightly Favorable

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

	<u>Balance \$M</u>	
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Unrestricted	19.6	17.5
Restricted	56.4	55.6

Debt Position – Current with both debt payments and covenants.

Mr. Brill said the Real Estate Tax discount period ended March 31, 2008; the face amount period ends May 31, 2008, with a penalty of 10% afterwards until liened at year end. The Sewer Utility Fee was mailed April 1, 2008; the face amount period ended May 1, 2008, with a penalty of 10% afterwards until liened on two year cycle.

Fire Companies Reports

John Beatty presented April's report for the Paoli Fire Company. There were 26 fire calls and 31 EMS calls in Tredyffrin. There were 17 false alarm calls in Tredyffrin, and they are attempting to address this problem. Their financial summary is quite positive. Mr. Beatty said they will be receiving the Task Force Recommendations and will take them quite seriously.

Eamon Brazunas presented Berwyn's report. There were 43 fire calls in the Township. There was a fire at Devon Prep with no injuries. The fire company EMS provided a stand-by ambulance for the March of Dimes Walk at Wilson Park. He reported this is EMS Week.

Public Works

Mr. Norcini highlighted some of the activities from his monthly report for street maintenance, sanitary sewer cleaning, and park repairs and maintenance. He reported on the Strafford Library construction and said it is 50% complete. Structural steel is substantially complete, the roof pan is currently being installed, and the masonry exterior walls are under construction.

Engineering Report

Mr. Burgo reported on Phase I of the Sidewalk Project. The design is almost complete and plans are under review by PennDot and the Chester County Conservation District. A few remaining easements need to be obtained. The School Board has offered funding assistance. Phase II design and engineering work has begun. We will be applying for a "Safe Routes to School" grant from PennDot. We plan to go to bid for Phase I and half of Phase II in March 2009 and begin construction in June 2009.

Mr. Burgo said the Trout Creek Study and Design Project is progressing with review and discussion of Stormwater Best Management Practices opportunities in the Trout Creek Watershed. We are waiting for PennDot HOP permit for the Croton Road Culvert Replacement Project. Preliminary design work has been completed and submitted to the Township for review and consideration of alternatives for the Pugh and Old Eagle School Road Drainage Improvement Project.

Miscellaneous - HARB awards to recognize outstanding architectural restoration of two historical properties in Tredyffrin Township

Gretchen Kiernan, Chairman of the Historical Architectural Review Board, presented a Historic Property Award to Matthew and Katherine Forestor, owners of the historic site located at 274 Anthony Wayne Drive, for the outstanding restoration of the historic house once used as General Anthony Wayne's Headquarters during the Valley Forge Encampment.

Another Historic Property Award was presented to Craig Postlewait for outstanding restoration of the historic site of Curry's General Store, circa 1840, and Tablet Post Office, circa 1881, converted for commercial use as the Cedar Hollow Design Center.

Miscellaneous - Supervisor Liaison Reports

Mr. DiFelicianantonio said a T/E School Board member participated in a discussion with Senator Andy Dinniman about competency tests the State is imposing. He thinks the School District is not in favor of them.

Mr. Olson said construction at the Strafford Library is coming along very well, and is on target for completion in October.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said the Park Board met to discuss naming the new park in Devon. Carreen Wright will follow-up with Mr. DeHaven and act on his recommendations. The Park Board is prioritizing their budget for 2009. Discussion on the 501(c)(3) designation is scheduled for the June meeting.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said at the Pension Trustees Meeting, Mr. John Spagnola of PFM Advisors, addressed a few administrative concerns. The Trustees began rebalancing the accounts for the balance of the year.

Mrs. DiFilippo said the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee met with the Citizens Committee to talk about the combined plan including the Historic Preservation portion. It was a well attended meeting with good discussion. The Steering Committee will meet again at the end of the month and continue refining the Plan before it comes to the Board of Supervisors.

Miscellaneous - Board Reappointments

Motion was made by Mr. DiBuonaventuro, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to reappoint Jack Trimmer to a five-year term on the Park & Recreation Board; term to expire April 30, 2013.

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to reappoint Trish Kreek to a three-year term on the Historic Preservation Trust.

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to appoint Beth Brake to a one-year term as an Associate member on the STAP Committee; term to expire May 1, 2009.

Miscellaneous - Refunding of Tredyffrin Township Municipal Authority Highway Bonds

Mr. Michael Wolf, Managing Director of Boenning & Scattergood, Inc., said that at a special meeting of the Municipal Authority held tonight at 7:00 p.m., the Municipal Authority voted to approve a resolution to refund the outstanding 2002 Guaranteed Highway Revenue Bonds. Mr. Wolf said Moody's rating reaffirms the Township's Aaa rating, which is the highest rating given. Tredyffrin Township is one of only three Townships in Pennsylvania to receive this rating, with Lower Merion and Upper Merion being the other two.

Mr. Wolf said this is the 10th bond issue he has done for Tredyffrin. Over that time, Tredyffrin has saved more than \$3.6 million. This is the second best ever done on refunding, with the Township receiving 6.4% of refunded principal which is twice the level most municipalities set as a minimum target. The Township will save \$1.3 million over the life of the bond due to reduced debt service payments. The net present value benefit after the Authority's cash contribution of \$736,000, is \$329,845. The weighted average of all the coupon rates is 3.22%, and these bonds can be refunded one more time in five years.

Mr. Timothy Frey of Saul Ewing said adoption is the official action that needs to be taken by the Township to approve the refunding and authorize the Township to enter into a Guaranty Agreement.

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. Olson to adopt Ordinance HR-372 refunding Tredyffrin Township Municipal Authority Highway Bonds and authorizing a Township Guaranty. A roll call was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DiFelicianantonio	Yes	Mr. Kampf	Yes
Mr. DiBuonaventuro	Yes	Mrs. DiFilippo	Yes
Mr. Lamina	Yes	Mr. Olson	Yes

Miscellaneous - Resolution to accept the DCNR grant for funds covering the Swedesford Road open space improvements

Mr. Farrell said this resolution is required by DCNR to receive a grant to cover the Swedesford Road open space improvements.

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Lamina, and passed unanimously to approve this resolution.

Miscellaneous - Award contract for Tredyffrin Public Library Signage – Public Works Project #1-08

Mr. Norcini said two sealed bids were received on May 14, 2008. Agnew Sign Company, Inc. had the low bid in the amount of \$39,683.49, and he recommended awarding the contract to them.

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo, and passed unanimously to award the contract for Public Library Signage to Agnew Sign Company, Inc., in the amount of \$39,683.49.

Miscellaneous - Discussion about draft 2009 Transportation Improvement Program for federal highway

Ms. Gleason said the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission has released the draft of the 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for public comment. Projects included in the draft that impact Tredyffrin include the Paoli Transportation Center (\$3 million total in 2011-2012; Chester Valley Trail (\$25 million in 2009-2011), and US 202/Section 300 expansion – (\$78 million in 2011-12 with \$97 million in later fiscal years.) Ms. Gleason said the good news is there is funding for Route 202/Section 300, and the bad news is that it only partially funds the project and involves further delay.

Mrs. DiFilippo said the Section 400 expansion of Route 202 was so successful because there was a public/private partnership involved. To spend money to just resurface the highway is not the way to go. She said we should have some kind of informal talk with commercial owners and our neighbors in East Whiteland.

Mr. Lamina asked what were the construction costs for Section 300? Ms. Gleason said in the vicinity of \$200 million. PennDot is saying there will be full funding in years 5 to 8 of the long-term highway funding plan, but it is quite easy for that money to go away.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro agreed we need to get other municipalities with us in this project, along with legislators and County planning. Mrs. DiFilippo said the TMA of Chester County and East Whiteland have been very supportive; we just need to get everyone in one room to discuss it.

Ms. Gleason suggested sending comments to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission to officially go on record advocating for more support for the Route 202/Section 300 expansion. She said she would contact East Whiteland, and Mr. DiBuonaventuro suggested getting Willistown to partner with us, also.

At the end of discussion, Mr. Kampf said the Board will give their endorsement to send out a letter to the DVRPC requesting completion of this project.

Miscellaneous - Approve an agreement for audio and visual upgrades for Keene Hall

Mr. Farrell said Township staff spoke with four consultants on audio and visual upgrades for Keene Hall. A proposal was received from Applied Video Technology, Inc. for \$60,859.00, which is under budget, available via State contract, and has all the components we wanted. They can also have the work completed by July.

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to approve an agreement with Applied Video Technology, Inc. for \$60,859.00 for audio and visual upgrades to Keene Hall.

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Escrows

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Lamina and passed unanimously to accept a Subdivision & Land Development Agreement and an Escrow Agreement in the amount of \$221,795.04, between Carnuntum Associates, L.P. and Tredyffrin Township, covering site improvements at 700 West Lancaster Avenue, Devon.

New Matters – Board

Mr. Lamina said the 112th Devon Horse Show and Country Fair will be held from May 22nd to June 1st to benefit the Bryn Mawr Hospital. It also contributes to our local economy. More information can be found at www.devonhorseshow.org.

Mr. Kampf said Rob Miller, our elected auditor, is given a modest compensation, and has decided to donate it to the Township for the benefit of the residents. A letter thanking Mr. Miller has been sent to him.

New Matters – Citizens

Mr. Tom McCarey, a resident of Daylesford Hills, spoke against flat top speed humps. Ms. Gleason said he is referring to two raised crosswalks that are part of our Sidewalk Project. The two major crossings are on Old Lancaster Road, to help make it safer for children to cross. Mr. DiBuonaventuro said there has never been a problem or delay in responses from a fire truck or ambulance caused by speed humps in his first-due fire district. Lt. Giaimo said flat top speed humps, or speed tables, are approved traffic controlled devices.

Mr. Robert Haver, Chairman of the Municipal Authority, thanked the Township Staff for bringing the bond refunding to a successful conclusion. He said it helps the Township look better to the business community.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman
Recording Secretary