

Tredyffrin Township**Minutes – March 16, 2009**

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; Robert Lamina, Vice Chairman; John DiBuonaventuro, Mark DiFelicianantonio, Judy DiFilippo, and Paul Olson. Also in attendance were Mimi Gleason, Township Manager; Thomas Scott, Assistant Township Manager; David Brill, Finance Director; Stephen Norcini, Director of Public Works; 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 Mrs. DiFilippo, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 2, 2009.

Announcements

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 20, 2009 to consider amendments to the Administrative Code.

The Valley Forge Road Bridge over the Pennsylvania Turnpike will be closed until November 2009. Detour routes will utilize Routes 422 and 202, and traffic signals located along the detour route will be retimed to accommodate the increase in traffic volume and will be monitored throughout the detour.

Old Eagle School Road will be closed until June 2, 2009 for waterline replacement by Aqua PA. During this time period, Aqua PA will also replace water lines on Laurel Lane, from Old Eagle School Road to Knox Road. The detour will utilize Croton Road and Devon Park Drive. The road will be open to local traffic, residents, school buses, and emergency vehicles, but not for through traffic. Work activity is scheduled between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The road closure and subsequent detour for Old Eagle School Road were issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Financial Report

Mr. Brill presented the Financial Report for February 2009:

Financial Performance Year-to-Date versus Budget

	YTD vs. Budget – Fav (Unf)				
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Concerns</u>	<u>Yr. Forecast</u>
General Fund	73,998	72,933	146,931	None	On budget
Sewer Utility Fund	91,937	22,954	114,891	None	On budget
Valley Creek Trunk Sewer Fund	(3,485)	12,152	8,667	None	On budget
Township Wide Expenses		111,480		None	On budget

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

	<u>Balance \$M</u>	
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Unrestricted	11.7	12.4
Restricted	41.2	42.4

Debt Position – Current with debt payments and covenants.

Mr. Kampf asked if the Township's pension contribution would be going up for 2009. Mr. Brill said the legislatures may pass new rules on what a township has to recognize for their pension plans. The current assumption is we will have to increase our pension liability from what we have funded from this year to next year of roughly \$300,000.

Mr. Olson asked if there was any way of knowing in advance what transfer tax revenue we would be receiving. Mr. Brill said he receives advance notice from the Inspection Department. For the most part, they know when there will be a large transfer occurring.

Police Report

Supt. Chambers presented the 2008 Annual Report for the Police Department. He thanked resident Kathy Clark for her assistance in designing the report. Supt. Chambers highlighted statistics for the last year. Part I crimes (serious crimes) declined 26% from 2007. Part II crimes (crimes of lesser sophistication and damage) dropped 14% from 2007. He said we are going in the right direction and hopes it continues.

Supt. Chambers said there was a significant drop in property loss from 2006 to 2008. Traffic accidents remained the same as last year. Non-reportable accidents also stayed the same. There are a total of 59 employees in the Police Department. 50 are sworn officers, and 85% of the operational force are directly involved in crime every day.

Supt. Chambers said this report is available for the public at Police Department in the Township Building, or at the Paoli and Tredyffrin libraries. It will also be put on the Township website, www.tredyffrin.org.

Fire Company Reports

There was no report for Paoli Fire Company. They have requested presenting their reports quarterly, similar to what they do for Easttown Township.

Eamon Brazunas presented Berwyn's report for February. There were 29 fire calls for the month in Tredyffrin. Berwyn took delivery of a new Pierce Arrow Pumper and it was placed in service on March 7th.

Public Works

Mr. Norcini said highlights of the Public Works report include the last snow event (hopefully) for the year, sign replacement in the Township, paving on various roads and pothole repair, inlet cleaning and repair, monitoring hydrogen sulfide levels in the Crabby Creek area, spring street sweeping program, and state inspection and repairs of Township vehicles.

Engineering Report

Mr. Burgo said work on Phase I and Phase II of the sidewalk project continues. NPDES permits have been approved by the County. The Croton Road culvert replacement project is expected to be completed in the spring. The Pugh and Old Eagle School Road drainage project is expected to begin in April.

Mr. Burgo said a lot of data is being collected on the stormwater drainage issues for the Turnpike project. We are looking at alternate methods the Turnpike could use.

Libraries

Joe Sherwood reported they are still working with contractors to complete the outstanding items that remain. He said the Grand Opening of the Children's Department on February 28th was a huge success, with over 1,000 visitors. There has been a 17% increase in usage from January to February at the library.

Mr. Olson asked how many volunteers there were at the two libraries. Mr. Sherwood said there were 6-7 regular volunteers at Paoli and 10-15 regular volunteers at Strafford.

Supervisor Liaison Reports

Mr. Kampf said the Board met in Executive Session before the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf to reappoint Nicholas Deenis and Suzy Ciccarone to three-year terms on the Zoning Hearing Board, terms to expire January 1, 2012. Motion was seconded by Mr. Olson and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf to reappoint Mary Cavallaro to a five-year term on the Municipal Authority, term to expire January 1, 2014. Motion was seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo and passed unanimously.

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Motion was made by Mr. Kampf to reappoint Sarah Ahmann-Kligman and Chris Minshall to three-year terms on the Environmental Advisory Committee, terms to expire February 8, 2012. Motion was seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf to reappoint Dana Zdancewicz to a three-year term on the Cable Television Advisory Committee, term to expire January 1, 2012. Motion was seconded by Mr. Olson and passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous - Receive bids for Box Hill Pump Station General and Electrical Construction

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf, seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo and passed unanimously to receive bids on Monday, April 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. for Public Works Department Project #4-09, Box Hill Pump Station Electrical Construction, and Project #5-09, Box Hill Pump Station General Construction.

Miscellaneous - Receive bids for Stone Aggregate, Bituminous Concrete and Equipment Rental

Mr. Norcini said stone aggregate and bituminous concrete are the materials used by the Public Works throughout the year for various projects. The equipment rental bid covers items used occasionally for equipment the Township does not own.

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf, seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo and passed unanimously to receive bids on Monday, April 13, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. for Public Works Department Project #9-09, Stone Aggregate; Project #10-09, Bituminous Concrete; and Project #11-09, Equipment Rental.

Miscellaneous - Cancel public hearing for amendments to the Historic District Ordinance

Ms. Gleason said once the HARB and staff began looking at this ordinance, they saw it would be a bigger project than originally thought. Staff is requesting to cancel the public hearing scheduled for April 6th to allow more time to bring this ordinance up to today's standards.

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf to cancel the public hearing for amendments to the Historic District Ordinance on Monday, April 6, 2009. Motion was seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo and it passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous - Resolution for the Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Gleason said this was a loose end missed when the Board adopted the Comprehensive Plan. It needs to be formally adopted by resolution as required by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. The resolution does not alter anything in the plan already adopted by the Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf to adopt a resolution as drafted for the 2009 Comprehensive Plan. Motion was seconded by Mr. Olson and it passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous - Discussion of Conestoga, East Conestoga, and Upper Gulph Roads intersection

Mr. Norcini said last year our consultant, Orth Rodgers, came up with six alternatives for this intersection. We went through the process of public meetings which culminated in the Board selecting the “T” intersection design. PennDot informally viewed, not reviewed, these six intersections. Upon formal submittal to PennDot, they denied our permit for that intersection and came up with a subsequent alternative, a three-way stop. A request for stop signs, without reconfiguring the intersection, had been previously denied by PennDot.

Mr. Norcini said we are now back to square one with PennDot. He would like to present the new draft at the Traffic Committee meeting on Wednesday, followed by notifying surrounding homeowners, and presenting the draft at a future Board of Supervisors meeting.

Mrs. DiFilippo asked if this was a new design, and Mr. Norcini said it was. Mr. DiBuonaventuro said if the original design is no longer on the table, what additional expenditures would we have to approve for this to move forward? Mr. Norcini said we are not incurring any additional costs from the proposed figures from Orth Rodgers, at this time.

Mr. Kampf said the consensus is go to the Traffic Committee with PennDot’s plans and set up meetings, with notice to neighbors, where they can come in and make comments.

Miscellaneous - Revision of Application for *Efficient Growth for Growing Suburbs Grant Program*

Mr. Scott said we were informed last week we did not have a firm commitment from Willistown Township to file a joint application for the EGGs Program, and staff has had to file a single application in a reduced amount of \$60,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf to apply for the *Efficient Growth for Growing Suburbs Grant* as Tredyffrin Township alone. Motion was seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo and it passed unanimously.

New Matters – Board

None

New Matters – Citizens

Guy Ciarrocchi, resident of Virginia Avenue and former Supervisor, addressed the Board with a concern about a newly erected Township sign on Friendship Drive and Route 252. He said residents of Friendship Hills would like the sign removed. He said Friendship Hills had an informal agreement with the Township over the last ten years to take care of that intersection,

including cleaning and planting, and they have worked hard to make the intersection look nice. They think the sign detracts from the intersection, and they were disappointed they weren't notified this sign was to be erected. Several other residents from Friendship Hills echoed Mr. Ciarrocchi's sentiments, and added that the sign was a safety hazard. Mrs. DiFilippo asked if the sign met the setbacks required by the Township, and Mr. Norcini said it conforms to Township regulations.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said the original plan was to locate this sign at North Valley and Route 30, but it would have been too close to the Veterans Memorial. The next location was next to Friendship Park on Township property. This was also part of a three-sign program, putting one in the east, middle and west sections of the Township. The signs were approved in the 2008 budget. Mr. DiBuonaventuro suggesting putting the sign in Wilson Farm Park and reconsidering the resident notification system.

Ms. Gleason said the sign cost \$6,400, and half of that cost will be reimbursed by our insurance company because one of the purposes would be to notify residents of road closures and safety issues.

Mr. Lamina said he was disappointed we did not communicate with the neighbors and the Board as to where the sign would go. He agreed we should find a more suitable location. Ms. Gleason said the purpose of the sign was another way to help residents find out what is going on in the Township.

Motion was made by Mr. Olson to remove the sign and put it in storage until we find another location. Mr. Lamina seconded the motion.

Mrs. DiFilippo said this type of sign is seen on Paoli Pike in East Goshen Township and advertises its public meetings. The sign is something new in the area, and she does not think it is totally unacceptable. Mr. Kampf said signs that give notice of township meetings are not a bad idea.

At the end of discussion, Mr. Olson amended his motion to find another location for the sign by December 31st. Mr. Lamina seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Public Hearing - Consider amendments to the Stormwater Ordinance

At the end of discussion, the public hearing was continued to April 6, 2009.

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