

Tredyffrin Township**Minutes – May 11, 2009**

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; 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; 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 7:35 p.m.

Appointment and Swearing in of Township Official

Mr. Kampf said Supervisor DeHaven resigned a month ago and this is the first meeting when our Home Rule Charter allows us to appoint someone to fill his unexpired term which goes until the first meeting in January 2010. Two meetings ago, representatives from the two political parties in the Township presented the name of John Shimrak as a person they and Mr. DeHaven recommended fill the unexpired term. Mr. Kampf said Mr. Shimrak served on the Board of Supervisors from 1990 to 2001, and was Chairman 1994 and 1995.

Mr. Kampf made a motion to appoint John W. Shimrak to fill the unexpired term of Mr. DeHaven, and Mr. Olson seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and all supervisors voted yes. Mr. Shimrak was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. DeHaven. Mr. Shimrak was sworn in by Jolene Buffman, Recording Secretary.

Minutes

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 4, 2009.

Announcements

The Environmental Advisory Committee will present a “Greenscaping Workshop” at the Township Building on Wednesday, May 27th at 7 pm. Save time and money, and have a greener, healthier yard. The workshop will be conducted by Steven J. Donohue, an Environmental Scientist with the EPA.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 15, 2009, to consider amendments to the Vehicles and Traffic Chapter of the Code of Tredyffrin Township.

Financial Report

Mr. Brill presented the Financial Report for April 2009:

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	(176,492)	169,263	(7,229)	Severity & duration of economic downturn	On budget
Sewer Utility Fund	(167,196)	61,970	(105,226)	None	Fav. to budget By \$0.1M
Valley Creek Trunk Sewer Fund	(693)	13,671	12,978	None	On budget
Township Wide Expenses		244,94		None	Fav. to budget By \$0.1M

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

	<u>Balance \$M</u>	
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Unrestricted	16.5	15.3
Restricted	43.9	41.7

Debt Position – Current with debt payments and covenants.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said the \$44,000 in real estate transfer taxes was the lowest seen in the last four years. Mr. Brill said he had to call the County for these numbers and they did appear to be an anomaly, not a typical month. Mr. DiBuonaventuro wondered if the figures were accurate and asked Mr. Brill to confirm them.

Police Report

Supt. Chambers said the police have been tracking burglaries in the Township, and in 2008 there were 12, with 8 residential and 4 commercial. In the same time frame in 2009, there were 16, with 8 residential and 8 commercial, a slight increase, which they are watching closely.

Lt. Giaimo reported that the recent Berwyn Victory Run was a great community event with over 100 participants. A 10-K Vanguard run was also held at Wilson Farm Park, and the Township is encouraging more events like this to be held at the Park.

Fire Company Reports

Eamon Brazunas presented Berwyn's report for April. There were 37 fire calls for the month in Tredyffrin. The fund drive is in full swing. Berwyn Fire Company is going to be honored with three awards from the Chester County EMS Council: "Clinical Save of the Year", "EMS Provider of the Year", and "EMS Service of the Year".

Paoli Fire Company did not present their report.

Public Works

Mr. Norcini said normal repair and maintenance to streets, inlets and pipes, and Township parks occurred during the month. He said resident concern at the last meeting regarding damage to the parapet on the Howellville Road Bridge over the R-5 Line resulted in the Chairman sending a letter to PennDot asking for them to respond to our requests to maintain the bridge. PennDot said via voicemail that a letter will be forthcoming. There seems to be some question over who is responsible for the bridge, but it appears that PennDot will make the repairs. All information is to be detailed in a letter to the Chairman.

Libraries

Joe Sherwood reported overall circulation increased 26% at Tredyffrin and 4% at Paoli. Teen material circulation increased 78% at Paoli and 56% at Tredyffrin. WiFi users and computer usage continue their dramatic increase over last year at Tredyffrin. Overall circulation year-to-date is up 15%. Upcoming events include the Spring Book Sale at Paoli on May 14-16, and at Tredyffrin on May 16 and 17, as well as the Summer Reading Club from June 8 to August 15. Mr. Olson complimented Mr. Sherwood on the job he is doing.

Supervisor Liaison Reports

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said the Veterans Association will be attending the Park Board meeting this week to make a presentation about installing the garrison flag at Wilson Farm Park.

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. DiFelicianantonio and passed unanimously to reappoint Sandi Gorman, Sean Moir, Bob O'Leary, and Beth Brake to three-year terms on the Sidewalks, Trails and Paths Committee; terms to expire May 1, 2012.

Mr. Kampf said the Board met in Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Miscellaneous - Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Shire Pharmaceuticals

Mr. Kampf presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Matt Cabrey, Director of Corporate Communications of Shire for their sponsorship of the Tredyffrin 2009 Summer Concert Series. He said this very popular summer concert series was essentially postponed due to lack of funding, unless contributors stepped up to the plate to help us. Shire did so in a big way by sponsoring 4 of the 5 concerts with a \$15,000 donation. Mr. Cabrey said Shire was very happy to help support the concert series.

Mr. Kampf acknowledged the local leagues that sponsored the first concert on July 9th: Conestoga Youth Lacrosse, Fast Flicks, Devon Strafford Little League, Conestoga Generals, Berwyn-Paoli Area Little League, Quixstix, and the Tredyffrin-Easttown Youth Soccer Association.

Miscellaneous - Public Works Project #10-08, Crabby Creek Bridge Replacement

Mr. Norcini said three bids were received on April 29, 2009, and the lowest bidder was JJD Contracting at \$174,282.50, which was over the budgeted amount for this project. Even with the lowest bidder reducing their price with the elimination of the stone façade on the bridge, they were still over budget. Mr. Norcini provided the Board with four options which included rejecting the bid and canceling the project for 2009; installing a pre-engineered pedestrian bridge; installing a pipe through the creek, paving a path over the pipe and installing barriers in lieu of a handrail; and rejecting all bids and cancelling the project. He recommended rejecting the current bids and choosing option 2, installing a pre-engineered pedestrian bridge.

Mr. DiFelicianantonio asked what kind of delay would occur putting in the pedestrian bridge. Mr. Norcini thought it would push back the project about three months, possibly into 2010. Mr. DiFelicianantonio asked if there would be a façade on the pedestrian bridge, and Mr. Norcini said no façade, only concrete abutments which would have a facade. He said we are also looking at a fiberglass bridge. Mr. DiBuonaventuro suggested waiting to make a decision until after the Park Board meeting this week.

There was a discussion about emergency vehicles accessing the area. Supt. Chambers said he can't recall ever having to take an emergency vehicle in that area, and Lt. Giaimo concurred. Mr. DiBuonaventuro received a message from Chief Petersen of the Berwyn Fire Company that he had no problem with the pedestrian bridge.

Mr. Olson was in agreement with Mr. Norcini and suggested following through. Mr. Kampf said since it is already delayed, we ought to keep it on track, but agreed it should be presented to the Park Board for their input. Mr. DiBuonaventuro wondered if there was any value to rebidding the original bid, and Mr. Norcini said he did not think so at this point. He said the costs incurred in the bidding process would be \$3,000 to \$4,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf to reject bids for Public Works Project #10-08, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf to solicit bids for the installation of a pre-engineered pedestrian bridge, Public Works Project #13-09, subject to the conditions that this will go to the Park Board on Wednesday, May 13th, for their input. Motion was seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo and passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous - Award contract for Public Works Project #12-09, 2009 Superpave Resurfacing Program

Mr. Norcini said six bids were received on May 5, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. The lowest qualified bidder was Allan A. Myers in the amount of \$813,097.60.

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Olson and passed to award the 2009 Superpave Resurfacing contract to Allan A. Myers in the amount of \$813,097.60. Mr. Kampf abstained from the vote.

Miscellaneous - New volunteer page on Township website

Ms. Gleason introduced the new volunteer page on the website. It is part of a concerted effort to get volunteers to assist with Township events. The page is set up to make it easy for people to find activities of interest such as helping at Community Day, 4th of July, or environmental projects.

Miscellaneous - Resolution to apply for the 2009 Exelon Schuylkill River Watershed Restoration Grant for funding of stormwater improvements in Trout Creek

Mr. Scott said this grant is being requested to partially fund the construction of stormwater improvements in Teagarden Park.

Mr. Shimrak asked who determined there were stormwater runoff issues at the creek at that location. Ms. Gleason said we have been studying Trout Creek for several of years, and last year the engineers we hired recommended this area for our first project. There are much larger projects near Route 202 that we will look at over the next 4-5 years. Mr. DiBuonaventuro asked what the overall cost of the project would be, and Ms. Gleason said \$200,000, and we are applying for \$80,000. The remainder will come from bond funds.

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. DiFelicianantonio, and passed unanimously to adopt a resolution to apply for the 2009 Exelon Schuylkill River Watershed Restoration Grant for funding of stormwater improvements in Trout Creek.

Miscellaneous - Support for continuing USGS gauges in Trout Creek watershed

Ms. Gleason said about two years ago, Chester County agreed to work with USGS to install gauges in several locations in Trout Creek on our behalf to start gathering more data about the health of the watershed. Chester County is feeling a budget crunch for their 2010 budget and asked for Tredyffrin Township support to split the cost of \$10,000 per year or to help offset it. Mrs. DiFilippo asked how many gauges were involved and Ms. Gleason said there were four in different locations. Mr. Olson asked if the Township has received any helpful information from the gauges. Ms. Gleason said we have received data but it is too early in the data collection to have any tangible benefit. We are looking down the road to other projects in the next couple of years where we should be able to see if there are noticeable changes in data.

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf to authorize the Township to commit to \$1,500 to Chester County to support continuing USGS gauges in the Trout Creek watershed. Motion was seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo and the motion passed. Mr. Shimrak abstained.

Miscellaneous - Schedule a public hearing on Monday, June 15, 2009 to amend Chapter 163, Sewers, Utilities and Sewage Disposal, of the Code of Tredyffrin Township

Mr. Norcini said one of the sewage treatment plants going into the Valley Forge Sewage Authority is changing some of its definitions and parameters as far as treatments, and we need to adopt them.

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing on Monday, June 15, 2009 to amend Chapter 163, Sewers, Utilities and Sewage Disposal, of the Code of Tredyffrin Township.

Miscellaneous - Resolution to standardize the Policy and Procedures for Federal Aid Project Consultant Selection for projects receiving federal aid

Ms. Gleason said this is part of the process to begin seeking consultants to do a feasibility study for the Route 252 bridge in Paoli. Because we will receive federal funding for the feasibility study, we have to follow the Policy and Procedures from PennDot.

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. DiBuonaventuro, and passed to adopt a resolution to standardize the Policy and Procedures for Federal Aid Project Consultant Selection for projects receiving federal aid. Mr. Shimrak abstained.

Escrows

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Olson and passed unanimously to release \$11,808.00 from DNB First to LeBoutillier Road Associates/Toad Hall Associates LP, covering site improvements at the intersection of Mill Road and LeBoutillier Road for the Highgrove Subdivision; balance remaining \$292,195.15.

New Matters – Board

None

New Matters – Citizens

None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman
Recording Secretary