

**Tredyffrin Township
Minutes – October 18, 2010**

The second regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township for the month of October was held on the above date at the Township Building. Board members present included Robert Lamina, Chairman; Paul Olson, Vice Chairman; John DiBuonaventuro, Philip Donahue, Warren Kampf, Michelle Kichline and Evelyn Richter. Also in attendance were Mimi Gleason, Township Manager; Thomas Scott, Assistant Township Manager; Stephen Norcini, Director of Public Works; Superintendent Andrew Chambers; Lt. Anthony Giaimo; Thomas Hogan, Solicitor; and Jolene Buffman, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order

Mr. Lamina called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the Financial Workshop of September 18, 2010, as amended.

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 4, 2010, as amended.

Announcements

The Sidewalk Subcommittee is seeking input via a survey on the Township's website (www.tredyffrin.org). Hard copies of the survey are available at the Township Building, Tredyffrin Public Library and the Paoli Library.

The Cassatt Road Leaf Site will be open Monday through Friday until December 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. with the exception of November 11, 25 and 26. Through the generosity of a volunteer, it will be open on the following weekend dates: October 30, November 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Financial Report

Mr. Klarich presented the Financial Report for September 2010:

Financial Performance Year-to-Date versus Budget

	<u>YTD vs. Budget – Fav (Unf)</u>		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund	15,520,498	12,697,360	2,823,139
Sewer Utility Fund	4,776,966	3,836,847	940,119
Valley Creek Trunk Sewer Fund	<u>2,910,759</u>	<u>2,061,400</u>	<u>849,359</u>
Township Wide Expenses	23,208,223	18,595,607	4,612,616

Mr. Klarich said there is an overall favorable variance to the General Fund of approximately \$500,000, and he is projecting an overall surplus for the year for the General Fund. The Real estate transfer tax has a favorable variance and will possibly get even larger. A program has been initiated to target companies that are not complying with our Local Services Tax, and a mailing will go out this week to these firms. Licenses and permits continue to have a favorable variance.

Police Report

Supt. Chambers said the Township has been plagued by thefts from vehicles, especially in the middle sector of the Township and the Paoli area. He said late on the night of October 13th and into October 14th another bout of thefts occurred. Officer Dan McFarland stopped a car which turned out to be stolen and the contents were suspicious. With the arrest of the driver, a lot of the thefts have been cleaned up. Supt. Chambers said the detectives have also been investigating burglaries in our area, and this ring of burglaries has been solved.

Fire Company Reports

Andy Worth presented Paoli Fire Company's report. There were 21 fire calls for the month in Tredyffrin. He reported that total membership returns from residents since the May mailings are 27% from residents and 16% from businesses for a total of \$106,173. November 13th will be Community Day at the Paoli Fire Company from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., followed by a ceremony.

No one attended from Berwyn Fire Company because they had been called out to a fire. Mr. Lamina said Berwyn held a very successful Fire Prevention Open House on October 15th, and on October 23rd, they will hold a fund raiser at the Spa Car Wash on Rt. 30 and Bridge Avenue in Berwyn.

Public Works

Mr. Norcini reported that the Berwyn-Paoli Bridge had substantial damage to its parapet wall and abutment following Tropical Storm Nicole. Our engineers recommended closing the bridge to traffic until repairs can be implemented. We are in the process of getting an estimate for the cost of repairing the bridge, and it will be closed until further notice.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said Chester County declared Tropical Storm Nicole an emergency and wondered if this made us eligible for disaster relief funds for the repair of the bridge. Ms. Gleason said our engineer is going to prepare a report for us to give to the County. She didn't think Chester County had met the financial threshold for reimbursement, but there may be a chance we can be compensated.

Engineering

Mr. Norcini reported that the Sidewalk Project is substantially completed with the exception of final seeding of lawn areas, trees/shrub replacements, signs, crosswalks and pavement markings, as well as a punch list of items given to the contractor. The completion date has been extended to November 3, 2010.

Mr. Norcini reported that a draft report for the Route 252 Amtrak Grade Crossing feasibility study is expected in November. A Traffic Safety Assessment draft report is also expected in November.

Mr. Norcini said the construction on the Crabby Creek Stormwater Project will begin in late October and end prior to December 31, 2010.

Libraries

Mr. Sherwood said despite a reduction in available service hours for 2010 of 15%, compared to 2009, total circulation is down only 6%. He said funding will be reduced by 14% from Pennsylvania, but increased by 8% from Chester County. He discussed several programs coming up in the fall at the Library.

Supervisor Liaison Reports

Mr. Lamina said the Board met in Executive Session prior to the public meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro reported that the Tredyffrin-Easttown Emergency Services Board met last week, and received the Paoli Fire Company budget. This completes the two fire company budgets. He said everything the Board expected was presented and everything should go smoothly for November.

Mr. Olson made a motion to appoint Jennifer Whip to fill an unexpired term on the Library Foundation, term to expire June 11, 2010. Mrs. Richter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Olson made a motion to reappoint Michael Ford, James Heinzen and William Pentz to three-year terms on the Library Board of Trustees, terms to expire October 18, 2013. Mrs. Richter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Kichline reported on the Sidewalk Subcommittee's public meeting held on October 7th. There were discussions on proposed areas in the Township for sidewalk and bike paths, and citizens comments received were mostly in favor of many of the projects. The next meeting will be held November 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building.

Award contract for Public Works Project #R9-10, "Superpave Street Resurfacing"

Mr. Norcini said four bids were received via the e-bidding site, PennBid, and the lowest qualified bidder was Joseph E. Sucher and Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$455,701.10.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said since this rebid includes ½ mile net loss of paving, what roads would not be included? Mr. Norcini said since the bid price was under-budget, we may be able to do all of the roads on our list.

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Motion was made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. Olson, to award the contract for Public Works Project #R-9-10, "Superpave Street Resurfacing" to Joseph E. Sucher and Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$455,701.10. The motion passed unanimously.

Schedule a public hearing on December 6, 2010 to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance creating an Historical Commission

Ms. Gleason said the Planning Commission spent some time looking at updating our historical preservation regulations, and thought it was time to start the Board of Supervisors portion with a public hearing.

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to schedule a public meeting on December 6, 2010 to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance creating an Historical Commission.

Escrow

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Olson and passed unanimously to accept a Land Development Agreement and a Financial Security Agreement between Valley Forge Educational Services, and a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$439,600.00 from Wells Fargo Bank, covering site improvements at 1777 North Valley Road, Paoli.

New Matters – Board

Mr. DiBuonaventuro recognized T&E Care on their successful event last Saturday night which was attended by over 150 people from both municipalities. He said they raised a large amount of money to do good things for our citizens.

New Matters – Citizens None

Public meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Public Hearing – Consider an ordinance amending the Park Ordinance providing new leash regulations, use and operation of vehicles in Township parks, request for field/facilities usage permits, and requests for Park Board approval for installation of sporting equipment or plantings

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. Olson to adopt the ordinance as amended. A roll call was taken and all members voted "yes", except Mr DiBuonaventuro who voted "no". Motion passed.

Complete notes of testimony were taken by Elaine Parrish, Court Reporter, and are on file at the Township Building.

Public Hearing – Consider an ordinance amending the Streets & Sidewalks Chapter and the Vehicles & Traffic Chapter of the Township Code regarding regulations during snow storms

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Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman
Recording Secretary