

**Tredyffrin Township
Minutes – December 20, 2010**

The second regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township for the month of December 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 Thomas Scott, Assistant Township Manager; Stephen Norcini, Director of Public Works; Stephen Burgo, Township Engineer; Timothy Klarich, Finance Director; Superintendent Andrew Chambers; Thomas Hogan, Solicitor; Lt. Anthony Giaimo, and Jolene Buffman, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order

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

Mr. Lamina expressed condolences to Ms. Gleason and her family on behalf of the Board and Staff on the loss of her mother.

Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 6, 2010.

Financial Report

Mr. Klarich presented the Financial Report for November 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	18,051,724	17,774,751	276,973
Sewer Utility Fund	5,023,217	4,167,190	856,027
Valley Creek Trunk Sewer Fund	<u>2,914,820</u>	<u>2,138,227</u>	<u>776,593</u>
Township Wide Expenses	25,989,761	24,080,168	1,909,593

Mr. Klarich said for the month of November, we saw good activity on real estate taxes in the amount of \$141,000, and we will be ahead of budget in that area. The LST tax will be short of budget for the year, but not significantly. Building permits are strong for the month by over \$153,000. We are ahead of budget by almost \$400,000.

Police Report

Supt. Chambers reported on a recent carjacking in the Township, as well as neighboring Radnor Township. He encouraged residents to be aware of their surroundings at all times. He said our Police Department receives about 70-80 calls each day from dog bites to carjacking.

Fire Company Reports

John Beatty presented Paoli Fire Company's report. There were 17 fire calls for the month in Tredyffrin. He said he was pleased with the membership mailing, receiving 31% from residents and 20% from businesses for a total of \$124,540. He reported on a two-alarm fire in Malvern on December 9, causing extensive damage, and injury to two residents and a Paoli Fire Company volunteer fireman, Lt. Jay Wustner. Lt. Wustner suffered extensive injuries to his feet when he fell from the 2nd story building.

Eamon Brazunas presented Berwyn Fire Company's report. There were 32 fire calls in the Township. He reported on a fire at 55 Miller Avenue where there were no injuries. He said chimney fires are occurring more frequently now because of the cold weather, and reminded residents to have their chimneys cleaned.

Mr. Lamina said it is reassuring to our community that our first responders are on the job for us 24/7.

Public Works

Mr. Norcini gave an update on the Berwyn-Paoli Bridge emergency repair. He said the guiderails will be installed tomorrow. If all goes well this week, the bridge will be open before Christmas.

Engineering

Mr. Burgo said the Sidewalk Project is almost 100% complete, and we have been very active in getting Township reimbursement from PennDot.

Mr. Burgo said the Feasibility Study for the Route 252-Amtrak Grade Crossing project is nearly completed, and a presentation will be made to the Board of Supervisors in January. The public meeting held on December 8, was well attended with good community input.

Mr. Burgo said the Crabby Creek Stormwater Project is 100% complete.

Libraries

Mr. Sherwood thanked the Library volunteers for the 4,400 hours donated so far this year. He said in January, there will be a complete listing of 2011 programs scheduled for the Township libraries.

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 said the Tredyffrin-Easttown Emergency Fire Board met this month to discuss budget formatting, the radio repeater, and the potential fire marshal in Tredyffrin and Esttown. The Board moved to identify the execution process for the fire marshal. A report will be available in two months.

Swedesford Road Open Space Bridge Repair

Mr. Norcini said sealed bids had been received to repair the existing bridge at the Swedesford Road Open Space, and the lowest qualified bid was \$84,655. At the December 6, 2010 meeting, the Board asked the Park Board to determine whether to move forward on this repair. Mr. DiBuonaventuro read from the Park Board meeting minutes and their decision was that if this money was available, it would be better spent on other projects, and one item to be considered would be a guard rail for safety. Mr. Lamina said when the Township purchased this parcel of land with restricted topography, it was to be open space for perpetuity. He said the question is whether we are going to maintain it and provide access for those who want to enjoy it. He asked if the bridge was safe for pedestrian access. Mr. Norcini said currently the bridge is closed to vehicular traffic, but from a pedestrian standpoint, it is adequate structurally. Mr. Olson said he was opposed to spending public money to repair the bridge. Mr. DiBuonaventuro said he agreed with Mr. Olson that there are better ways to spend this money, but said we could go to the Park Foundation and work through their process.

Pattye Benson said the land was partially funded by grant money from Chester County, and it should be a safe environment for the public and should be accessible. She was also concerned there was no parking available and that there is a safety issue involved.

Mr. Lamina said he would like to revisit this either through the Park Foundation or other capital projects. He said it was not the Boards' intention to make this area any less safe for the community.

Motion was made by Mr. Olson to reject all bids received for the Swedesford Road Open Space Bridge Repair, Public Works Project #10-10. Motion was seconded by Mr. DiBuonaventuro and passed unanimously.

Tredyffrin Township Public Works Project #11-10 – HVAC Bid

Mr. Norcini said bids were received through PennBid, e-bidding service, and the lowest qualified bid was \$258,200 from Donald E. Reisinger. He recommended rejecting the bids and not rebidding the project.

Mr. Norcini said our HVAC controls don't operate properly, and ductwork is inadequate. Mr. DiBuonaventuro agreed we should do more diligence.

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. Olson to reject all bids associated with Public Works Project #11-10.

Dariel Jamieson agreed with rejecting the bids but wondered where the money was coming from for this project. Mr. Lamina said this has been a capital project. Mr. Norcini said the rooftop units were replaced two years ago. Any items in 2010 would be from the operating budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt 2011 Budget

Mr. Klarich said the changes made to the Preliminary Budget included adding \$15,000 to the donation to the Radnor Fire Company and creating a fund of \$25,000 for a fire inspection program. The HVAC expenditure will come off, and the Old Eagle School Traffic Signal Project will be offset by a grant application.

Mr. Lamina proposed authorizing hiring 2 or 3 summer workers to work in the parks and Public Works in the amount of \$7,500 to be funded out of the general reserve.

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. Olson to adopt the final 2011 Tredyffrin Township budget as described by Mr. Klarich with a amendment that the sum of \$7,500 be added from the General Reserve for summer hires for the Public Works Department. A roll call vote was taken and all members voted yes except for Mr. Kampf who voted no.

Escrows

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. Olson to release \$231,049.84 from Bank of New York Mellon to Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, covering site improvements at 1001 Chesterbrook Boulevard/Penn Medicine at Valley Forge; balance remaining \$167,016.85. Motion passed with Mr. Kampf recusing himself.

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. Olson to release \$60,525.38 from Bank of New York Mellon to Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, covering site improvements at 1001 Chesterbrook Boulevard/Penn Medicine at Valley Forge/off-site sidewalk and trail; balance remaining \$13,234.18. Motion passed with Mr. Kampf recusing himself.

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to release \$13,568.93 from Sovereign Bank to Eadah Enterprises, covering site improvements at 901 Lancaster Avenue; balance remaining \$0.

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to release \$31,102.03 from Bryn Mawr Trust Company to Grove Avenue Village, LLC, D'Agostino Builders, coverig site improvements at 319 East Conestoga Road, Strafford; balance remaining \$0.

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to accept a Maintenance Agreement from Grove Avenue Village, LLC, D'Agostino Builders, and a Maintenance Bond from Lexon Insurance Company in the amount of \$31,102.03 covering site improvements at 319 East Conestoga Road, Strafford.

New Matters – Board

Mr. Lamina said the Board delegated land development authority to the Planning Commission many years ago, and it has been questioned whether we want to have this practice continue going forward. In order to have further dialog, he would like to have a public hearing. He asked Mr. Hogan to draft a change to the ordinance having the Planning Commission make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors rather than approving the land development plans themselves.

Mr. Lamina made a motion to submit to the Planning Commission for their further consideration an amendment to give the Board of Supervisors the authority for approval or denial of a land development agreement, and to schedule a public hearing for February 28, 2011 to discuss this change in land development approval. Mr. DiBuonaventuro seconded the motion.

Allen Yockey asked why we would have a public hearing for this. Mr. Lamina said there have been discussions during the year whether this is something the Board wants to do. He said Tredyffrin may be the only township in Pennsylvania where the Board of Supervisors doesn't have land development authority. He would like to go back and find out why we delegated this authority in the first place.

At the end of discussion, motion passed with Mr. Kampf voting no.

Mr. Kampf said he has been a supervisor for seven years and tonight is his last public meeting. He said he is resigning effective tomorrow, December 21, 2010, because he has been elected to serve as State Representative for the 157th District of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He thanked the citizens, the Chairman and members of the Board of Supervisors with whom he served for seven years. Mr. Lamina thanked Mr. Kampf for his service and said he looks forward to working together in the future.

New Matters – Citizens None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman
Recording Secretary