

**Tredyffrin Township  
Minutes – April 19, 2010**

The second regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township for the month of April 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; Stephen Burgo, Township Engineer; Superintendent Andrew Chambers; 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 regular meeting April 5, 2010.

**Announcements**

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**Financial Report**

Ms. Gleason presented the Financial Report for March 2010:

Financial Performance Year-to-Date versus Budget

	YTD vs. Budget – Fav (Unf)			<u>Concerns</u>	<u>Yr. Forecast</u>
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>		
General Fund	229,358	473,000	702,358	Snow storm	YTD variances to budget
Sewer Utility Fund	(22,072)	72,202	50,130	None	YTD variances to budget
Valley Creek Trunk Sewer Fund	-	47,203	47,203	None	YTD variances to budget
Township Wide Expenses		1,497,213		None	YTD variances to budget

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

	<u>Balance \$M</u>	
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Unrestricted	9.2	8.8
Restricted	42.6	42.8

Debt Position – Current with debt payments and covenants.

Mr. Donahue asked how the search for the new Finance Director was coming, and Ms. Gleason said she began interviewing candidates last week, with more interviews scheduled.

### **Police Report**

Supt. Chambers said with the upcoming Census, if any residents are concerned, the Police have photographs of census takers canvassing our area. He said these census takers will be working in our area through late August.

Supt. Chambers reported that the Police have a suspect in the residential burglaries taking place in our area and should be able to clear the case soon. He said this is a result of very good work by Township detectives and neighboring police departments.

Mr. Donahue asked Supt. Chambers to explain the Needy Family Assistance program provided by the Police. Supt. Chambers said the police work with community groups, including T&E Care, and spend their own time delivering food to needy families in the Township.

### **Fire Company Reports**

Eamon Brazunas presented Berwyn's report. There were 41 fire calls for the month in Tredyffrin. He reported on residential fires in two neighboring townships, and reminded residents to make sure their smoke detectors are working and to never operate a dryer when not in the home. He said \$24,400 was raised in the Holiday Fund Drive for the fire companies.

Dan Green presented Paoli's report. There were 19 fire calls in Tredyffrin for the month. Mr. Kampf asked him when he expected construction on the fire house to be completed. Mr. Green said they expect the work to be completed in July or August, and will include renovations to part of the existing building, as well as the addition of another bay, sleeping quarters and office space.

Mr. Lamina said he spoke with Chris Polites, Chairman of Easttown Township Board of Supervisors, regarding the Fire Company Task Force and they plan to meet sometime in May to talk about funding requirements and associated issues of the task force.

### **Public Works**

Mr. Norcini some of the duties performed by the Public Works crews included repair and replacement of signs, as well as patching potholes on various Township streets. They cleaned up debris from a successful Tidy-Up-Tredyffrin Day. Crews cleaned and televised over 11,000 feet of sewer main, and mitigated two large sink holes at Wilson Farm Park, as well as on-going vehicle maintenance.

### **Engineering**

Mr. Burgo said construction of the Sidewalk Project has begun by the Daylesford Train Station and will continue westward to Conestoga Road. There are daily meetings with the contractor and residents to address concerns as they arise.

Mr. Burgo said the Route 252 – Amtrak Grade Crossing Feasibility Study started in March. The consultant team continues to meet with staff, and a Traffic Safety Audit Team has been developed to work to identify key issues.

Mr. Burgo said the Maude-Lisa-Vincent Road Drainage Improvement Project is substantially completed in the Valley Hills neighborhood. Mr. Burgo reported on a recent meeting with the Turnpike to follow-up on stormwater issues with the Trout Creek area residents, and progress will be reviewed for the next month.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro thanked Mr. Burgo and his staff for the work done on Maude, Lisa and Vincent roads. He said it clearly had an impact during the most recent rainfall.

### **Libraries**

Gretchen Chamberlain reported that despite a reduction in available service hours for 2010, total annual circulation is only down 3% compared to 2009. Volunteer service hours are up significantly compared to 2009. She said the Paoli Library is celebrating its Centennial year and offering a variety of community events, including Centennial Sundays.

### **Supervisor Liaison Reports**

Mrs. Kichline said Tredyffrin Public Access television is offering three classes on video, lighting and sound, and introduction to editing. Classes start April 29<sup>th</sup>, and are open to all Tredyffrin residents. Anyone interested should contact Gene Donahue at 610-408-3633 or send him an email at [gdonahue@tredyffrin.org](mailto:gdonahue@tredyffrin.org).

### **Valley Creek and Chester County (county-wide) Act 167 Stormwater Management Plans**

Mr. Burgo said the County has been working for four years on the Valley Creek Watershed Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan, and now has a final draft plan for all municipalities in the Valley Creek watershed. The County would like to adopt this plan in June, and get DEP approval this summer. We would have six months to make any changes to our current Stormwater Ordinance, but Mr. Burgo doesn't see any major rewriting of our ordinance.

Mr. Burgo said Tredyffrin Township has multiple watersheds. One plan for Darby Creek is already in place, which resulted in the revamped Stormwater Ordinance adopted last year. Delaware County is currently working on a plan for Crum Creek which flows into Tredyffrin. Chester County is considering a county-wide Act 167 stormwater plan to consolidate all the watersheds in Chester County. A county-wide plan would set minimum standards for stormwater management but avoid the duplication of work from multiple plans. We need to review the County's proposal and provide comments by the end of May.

Mr. Kampf asked if the changes for the Valley Creek plan would affect any homeowners. Mr. Burgo said only one technical standard would have to be changed and that would be for the 10-year storm event. This would be the only increased standard for a homeowner seeking a stormwater and grading permit. Ms. Gleason said the Valley Creek plan is being led by the Chester County Water Resources Authority who recognize that our current stormwater

management ordinance is very strict, and recognizes our Township Engineer's experience. There would be some minor changes to be in compliance.

**Labor Agreement between Tredyffrin Township and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, District Council 88, Local 317**

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, and seconded by Mr. Olson, to approve a Labor Agreement between Tredyffrin Township and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, District Council 88, Local 317, for the period January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011.

Ms. Gleason said we have been in negotiations since late last year with the AFSCME bargaining unit. Some changes were made to the contract because the employees moved into our health care plan which will save us money, and changes were made in the Public Works Department which will give us more flexibility in work situations and offer opportunities for advancement. Mr. Lamina thanked Ms. Gleason and everyone involved for the countless hours they spent, and he believes this is a good agreement for the Township and the employees.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

**Received bids for Public Works Project #6-10, "Street Light Maintenance Contract"**

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, and seconded by Mr. Olson, to receive bids for Public Works Project #6-10, "Street Light Maintenance Contract". Mr. Norcini said outsourcing of our street light maintenance eliminates expenditures for special equipment as well as hiring certified electricians. At the end of discussion, the motion carried.

**Receive bids for Public Works Project #7-10, "Sanitary Sewer Replacement at various locations within the Township"**

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, and seconded by Mr. Olson, to receive bids for Public Works Project #7-10, "Sanitary Sewer Replacement at various locations within the Township". Mr. Norcini said sanitary sewer lines need to be repaired or replaced at Briar Road, Lancaster Avenue, Karen Lane, Chestnut Lane and North Valley Road. At the end of discussion, the motion carried.

**Subdivisions – Final Subdivision Plan – Jenkins lot line change: Minor subdivision for 1550 Mill Road**

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, and seconded by Mr. Kampf, to approve a Final Subdivision Plan – Jenkins lot line change: Minor subdivision for 1550 Mill Road. Mr. Scott said the existing lot will be divided into two lots. A smaller parcel north of LeBoutillier Road will be deed restricted so that no structures can be built on it. The Planning Commission recommended approval. At the end of discussion, the motion carried.

**New Matters – Board**

Mr. Lamina said the Board met prior to the public meeting in Executive Session and will do so at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

**New Matters – Citizens**

Pattye Benson read a statement to the Board expressing her confusion on how the Supervisors could solicit donations from local businesses and individuals to fully fund the fire companies because the Township had decreased the size of its 2010 contribution. She said in 2008, a local company offered to help the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust move the Jones Log Barn at Wilson Farm Park, but the Board told the Trust they could not accept this company's offer because the company was seeking land development approval from the Township. She wondered why the Trust was not permitted to accept an in-kind offer, but the Supervisors could openly and publicly solicit. Mr. DiBuonaventuro said he did vote to reject the offer to the Trust for precisely the reasons stated, but did not know about the solicitations for the fire company. He said if he did know about it, he would have had the same position as he did with the company's offer and would not have been a part of it or condoned it. Mr. Olson said he worked very hard knocking on doors for donations for the fire companies. Mr. Kampf said he recalled the advice of our solicitor that we not accept the offer to do land development work on our park when a supervisor sitting on the Trust's board was involved with the process. He said there is a difference in individual supervisors making requests of businesses and individuals in the Township to fill a stated need for the fire companies, and this doesn't make it "pay to play".

A resident asked about funding for the fireworks, and Mr. Lamina said the fireworks were also funded privately by a generous corporate sponsor.

A resident asked if anything can be done about the stormwater runoff from Wilson Farm Park and across Route 202. Mr. Burgo said this is a tributary to the Valley Creek and it does have a large drainage area, including Route 202. Some facilities in Wilson Park were created to try to control the runoff and the Valley Creek Restoration Partnership is considering future sites within Wilson Farm Park for a stormwater BMP. There is no simple fix that would solve the erosion seen within the stream channel. Watershed-wide solutions are required to reduce stormwater flows into the creek.

Dariel Jamieson said there are two opportunities coming up for people who care about Valley Creek. On April 26<sup>th</sup>, the Chesterbrook Civic Association will make a presentation about the efforts throughout the community with the Friends of Valley Creek. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, the Friends of Valley Creek will discuss conservation projects. Both meetings will be held at the Township Building.

Eamon Brazunas thanked the Board on behalf of the three fire companies for the funds which covered the shortfall that occurred in the budget. He said he was pleased the Supervisors committed to restore the cut in the 2011 budget. The three fire companies look forward to working with the Supervisors and getting benchmarks in place this year.

Carol Clark asked if there was an agreement to restore funding to the fire companies. Mr. Lamina said there was no formal agreement because the Budget process has not begun yet. Mr. DiBuonaventuro said there was a commitment by the Board that in the 2011 budget process funding would begin at the 2009 level. Mr. Kampf said in the end, there was no public commitment, but he feels the Board is likely to do it.

Carol Clark and Dariel Jamieson spoke in support of Mrs. Benson's comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman  
Recording Secretary