

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

The second regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township for the month of September 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; 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 regular meeting of September 13, 2010.

Announcements

The Tredyffrin Township Historic Preservation Trust will be sponsoring the 6th Annual House Tour on September 25, 2010 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., rain or shine. Tickets may be purchased on-line at www.tredyffrinhistory.org.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 4, 2010 to consider amendments to the Parks Ordinance.

The Sidewalk Subcommittee seeks residents' input about walkways and bike lanes. A survey is available on the Township's website (www.tredyffrin.org) and a public meeting will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2010 in the Township building.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 18, 2010 to consider amendments to the Streets & Sidewalks Chapter and the Vehicles & Traffic Chapter of the Township Code regarding regulations during snow storms.

Financial Report

Mr. Klarich presented the Financial Report for August 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	12,215,321	9,161,657	3,053,664
Sewer Utility Fund	4,759,190	3,692,130	1,067,059
Valley Creek Trunk Sewer Fund	<u>1,765,725</u>	<u>2,029,665</u>	<u>(263,940)</u>
Township Wide Expenses	18,740,236	14,883,452	3,856,784

Mr. Klarich said property taxes are in line with expectations. Transfer taxes are up, and licenses and permits are up. Investment earnings are down dramatically as a result of the financial markets and returns on our investment.

Police Report

Supt. Chambers reported on a recent armed robbery in Upper Merion Township, and the suspect matched the description of a bank robber at the Citizens Bank in Easttown Township in August. There was also an attempted robbery at Malvern Federal Bank in Easttown Township this month.

Supt. Chambers said he attended a memorial service for Ernest Eadah, an area resident and philanthropist.

Fire Company Reports

John Beatty presented Paoli Fire Company's report. There were 19 fire calls for the month in Tredyffrin. He reported that total membership returns from residents since the May mailings are 25% and 16% from businesses. A second mailing will go out the end of September. November 13th will be Community Day at the Paoli Fire Company from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., followed by a ceremony.

Eamon Brazunas presented Berwyn's report. There were 33 fire calls for the month in Tredyffrin. He reported on a house fire on Valley Forge Road which resulted in injuries to the resident and a fire fighter. Mr. Brazunas explained the procedures in place regarding utilities if there is a fire in an occupied building.

Public Works

Mr. Norcini said the Public Works Department personnel have painted intersection markings, patched potholes, and repaired inlets in various Township roads. Crews inspected 169 manholes, and processed 212 PA One Call requests. He said they are trying a new chemical in the Mt. Pleasant area to address an odor complaint from six residents.

Engineering

Mr. Burgo reported that the Route 252 Amtrak Bridge Project is currently underway. Work continues on the Feasibility Study for the bridge and intersection. The first draft of the report is expected to be finished by the end of October. He said good feedback has been received from residents and another public meeting will be held in October to update residents.

Mr. Burgo said bids for the Crabby Creek Stormwater Project are due on September 29th. Storm sewer upgrades are proposed on sections of Hilltop, Friendship, Daylesview and Robins Lane. Work should be underway by the end of the year.

Libraries

Mr. Sherwood said volunteer service hours are up significantly compared to 2009. Upcoming events at the Paoli Library include Centennial Sundays and the Centennial Author Series, as well as many activities for children. The Fall Author Series at the Tredyffrin Library begins October 7, and there are events scheduled for children and teens throughout the fall.

Select architect for Tredyffrin Public Library renovations

Mr. Sherwood said staff could not come to an agreement with the first architect selected due to contractual issues, so after further review, the evaluation team recommended that Kimmel-Bogrette Architecture+Site, Inc. be selected to perform the professional architectural services for the TPL renovation project.

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to select Kimmel-Bogrette Architecture+Site, Inc. to perform the professional architectural services for the TPL renovation project.

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 Emergency Services Task Force met last week, and will be meeting every other month to discuss operating issues and coordination needed if a major incident occurs. This meeting focused on communication and interoperability.

2011 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Pension Plans

Mr. Klarich said the MMO for both the Non-Uniform and Police Pension Plans will be presented to the Finance Committee and subsequently to the full Board. He expects it to be similar to the one presented last year.

Reject bids for Public Works Project #16-9, "Gulph & Richards Road Storm Sewer Installation"

Mr. Norcini said three bids were received via the e-bidding site, PennBid, and all were over the budgeted funds allotted for this project. He does not feel that re-bidding the project will produce enough in savings to bring it within budget, and the timing may place us into the next calendar year. He requested that the bids be rejected and the funds allocated be used to purchase material and subcontractor for curbing, with the Public Works Department constructing the project.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro asked what the budget was for the project, and Mr. Norcini said our budget was in the \$40,000 range. He said it will probably cost Public Works in the \$25,000 to \$30,000 range to complete this job.

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. Olson to accept Mr. Norcini's recommendation to reject all bids and allow the Public Works Department to complete this project. The motion passed with Mr. Kampf recusing himself from the vote.

Award contract for Public Works Project #15-9, "Forrest Lane Storm Sewer Installation"

Mr. Norcini said four bids were received via the e-bidding site, PennBid, and the lowest qualified bidder was Wexcon, Inc., in the amount of \$45,125.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. Olson, to award the contract for Public Works Project #15-9, "Forrest Lane Storm Sewer Installation" to Wexcon, Inc. in the amount of \$45,125.00. The motion passed with Mr. Kampf recusing himself from the vote.

Award contract for Public Works Project #9-10, "2010 Superpave Street Resurfacing"

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina to award a contract for Public Works Project #9-10, "2010 Superpave Street Resurfacing". Mr. Olson seconded the motion.

Mr. Norcini said there were no qualified bidders within budget for this program and requested the Board to reject the bids and allow him to receive new bids which would be awarded at the October 4th Board of Supervisors meeting.

Mr. Lamina amended his motion to accept the recommendation by Mr. Norcini to reject bids associated with Public Works Project #9-10 and to rebid this project. Mr. Olson seconded the motion.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro asked if the mileage would be reduced on the new bid, and Mr. Norcini said he would keep the list the same and have two roads as "add/alts".

At the end of discussion, motion passed with Mr. Kampf recusing himself from the vote.

New Matters – Board

None

New Matters – Citizens

George Bierker, resident of Glen Hardie, discussed a letter he had sent to the Police Department in April. Mr. Hogan said criminal law was beyond the purview of this Board, and they could not comment.

Laurie Elliot asked if Township parks were sprayed with any pesticides. Mr. Norcini said the Township does not use fertilizers or herbicides at its parks or playgrounds and would provide her with a list of the products used.

Bill Madden, resident of Country Gate, thanked the Board for their support in maintaining Country Gate Open Space. He said this is very important to the community.

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman
Recording Secretary