

**Tredyffrin Township  
Minutes – March 21, 2011**

The second regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township for the month of March 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, Michael Heaberg, 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; Timothy Klarich, Finance Director; 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.

**Announcements**

On April 4, 2011, representatives from PennDOT and the PA Turnpike Commission will update the community about the widening of Route 202 and the new turnpike slip ramp at Route 29. Construction for both projects starts in March.

**Minutes**

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 7, 2011, as amended.

**Police Report**

Supt. Chambers gave an update on crime statistics of the Township for the first two months of 2011. He said our area is showing a slight increase, with assaults, total burglaries, total drug offenses and driving under the influence all up. We have had three times the number of burglaries for the same time period in 2010. However, we are down in overall property loss.

Mr. Olson complimented the Police Department for a quick response to an incident which recently occurred at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. He reported that one of the parishioners collapsed, and the response time for Officer Robert Reynolds to arrive at the church was 2 ½ minutes, with the Berwyn Fire Company emergency team quickly following.

**Engineering Report**

Mr. Burgo reported that the Valley Creek Act 167 Plan and requirements have now been adopted by both the Chester County Planning Commission and the PA Department of Environmental Protection. The Township will have until August 3, 2011 to review, revise and approve any additional requirements to our existing stormwater ordinance.

Mr. Burgo reported on some of the capital projects in and around the Township by other organizations which included the PA Turnpike widening and reconstruction; the Route 29 slip ramp which will begin in this month; and the Route 202 widening between North Valley Road and the Route 30 Bypass with groundbreaking scheduled for April 1, 2011.

Mr. Burgo said the Mill Road Bridge is scheduled to close March 21, and Township staff continue to meet and coordinate with the Turnpike team on emergency and non-routine response access during the bridge outage period.

### **Fire Companies Report**

Earl Staub presented Berwyn Fire Company's report. He said there were 25 fire calls in Tredyffrin for the month. He reported on a carbon monoxide alarm call which saved the lives of the residents on Exeter Road, and a call to investigate a chimney blown off the top of a building at 600 W. Swedesford Road.

Jim Curran presented Paoli Fire Company's report. There were 11 fire calls in the Township. He said 33% of membership returns have been received from residents and 21% received from businesses, with an average return of \$72.29. He noted the average amount of donation is down about 10%.

### **Supervisor Liaison Reports**

Mrs. Richter reported that the Planning Commission approved plans for a lot line change to the Boy Scout's facility on Valley Forge Road, and they also discussed tonight's public hearing regarding giving the Board of Supervisors the authority for approval or denial of a land development plan.

Mrs. Richter reported that the Park and Recreation Board announced that sponsorship banners will be hung on the stage at Wilson Farm Park for the duration of the summer concert series. Trout Unlimited will be constructing and maintaining a rain garden at Wilson Farm Park. The Park Foundation is gathering information for wireless hook-ups and surveillance cameras for the pavilions at Wilson Farm Park. Cylax (Youth Lacross) has requested to install safety nets behind the TESSA field this spring.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said with the Mill Road Bridge closure there are still two access ways to Summerhill for emergency responses. Residents should not be concerned because of the weight restriction on the bridges because fire apparatus are exempt.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro reported that there were complaints of debris falling on Route 252 in the south bound lane north of East Central Avenue. Mr. Norcini said Code Enforcement have contacted the property owners and advised them that they have some responsibility for the debris that comes off their trees onto the road. Verizon has also been notified because they have the power lines along that stretch of the road.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said parking problems have been reported on Chesterbrook Boulevard at the Valley Forge Middle School, and in the area in front of the school. Lt. Giaimo said the Police have temporarily extended the No Parking Zone in front of the school and will continue to monitor the area.

Mr. Scott said Township Staff are beginning to review the streetlight plan to find out from residents if we have the proper number of streetlights and if they are at the optimum locations. He said the Township has over 1,800 street lights at 1,700 locations. Staff is working with Public Works and the Police to address traffic and pedestrian safety, and how the Township can save money on our PECO billings.

### **Writ of Special Election to fill a vacancy in the office of the Board of Supervisors**

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. Olson to adopt a Write of Special Election to fill a vacancy in the office of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Hogan said this is the last step in the process required by the Township's Home Rule Charter and the Pennsylvania Election Code caused by the resignation of Mr. Kampf. The vacancy was temporarily filled by Mr. Heaberg. A special election to fill the vacancy will be held on May 17, as part of the primary election in Chester County as provided under the Pennsylvania Election Code.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

### **Presentation by Lyme Disease Awareness of Southern Pennsylvania**

Douglas Fearn of Lyme Disease Awareness discussed what Lyme Disease is, and how it is carried and transmitted. He said the Northeast portion of the United States has the highest percentage of Lyme Disease. Pennsylvania has been the number one state in the last three years, and Chester County has a very high rate of cases reported, He said Lyme Disease is commonly misdiagnosed, and there is no immunity from a tick bite. Deer maintain the tick population. Lyme Disease is treated by antibiotics which will help 90% of the people infected.

Mr. Fearn said we are coming into the most dangerous part of the year for Lyme Disease. He said prevention is the key and he explained what residents should do to protect themselves. More information can be found on their website – [www.LymePa.org](http://www.LymePa.org).

Mr. Donahue requested that this presentation be put on the Township's website, and the information shown on the Township cable television channel.

### **New Matters – Board**

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said Conestoga High School will host a student/faculty basketball game on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> to support Jay Raffetto, a Conestoga alumuni who was severely injured in Afganistan.

**New Matters – Citizens**

Pete Goodman said the Open Land Conservancy will hold their annual meeting on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Presbyterian Church in the Great Valley at 8:00 p.m. David Sewak will discuss Marcellus shale drilling, and the public is invited to attend.

Pete Goodman said on March 31<sup>st</sup>, Valley Forge Trout Unlimited will hold their annual trout show at the Valley Forge Middle School at 7 pm. The featured presenter is Ed Engle.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

**Public Hearing – Discuss an amendment to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance giving the Board of Supervisors the authority for approval or denial of a land development plan**

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Kichline and seconded by Mr. Donahue to terminate the public hearing and maintain land development authority with the Planning Commission, and for the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and Township Staff to address the current process and modernize it. Motion carried by a vote of 4-2 with Mr. Olson and Mrs. Richter voting no. (Mr. Lamina left the public hearing early and did not vote.)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman  
Recording Secretary