

**Tredyffrin Township
Minutes – March 7, 2011**

The first 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 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; Superintendent Andrew Chambers; Thomas Hogan, Solicitor; and Jolene Buffman, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order

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

Announcements

The Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 21, 2011, to 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.

Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mrs. Richter, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 28, 2011.

Supervisor Liaison Reports

Mr. DiBuonaventuro revisited his request made at the last meeting to have public safety reports presented monthly. He requested that it include both fire and police reports. Mr. Olson was in agreement, and Ms. Gleason said the fire companies and police department reports could be added to the agenda each month.

Presentation of recommendations for improvements to Route 252 around Route 30 in Paoli

Dave Thurnherr of Bergmann Associates, the firm hired to look at the Route 252 Amtrak bridge near the Route 30 corridor and East Central through this intersection, presented the findings of their report and recommendations. Mr. Thurnherr said the main issue was back-ups at this intersection. A traffic count was taken, and they found that in the future, at least 3-4 lanes travelling south bound on Route 252 would be necessary, and 2 lanes north bound would be necessary, as well as sidewalks on either side of the bridge to truly alleviate congestion. Bridge replacement as a long term solution is very important. Rehabilitation of the bridge is not proposed because they cannot fit an additional lane southbound, and removal of the pier in the bridge would be as costly as full replacement, and doesn't provide sufficient width for future conditions. The long-term recommendations would cost \$54.7 to \$66 million.

Mr. Thurnherr discussed the short-term opportunities. He said the #1 priority was the left turn on Route 252. They recommended improving sight distance by adjusting curb lines, evaluating signal timing and adding a new turn arrow. The #2 priority was addressing the confusion caused by merging Route 252 traffic southbound. The #3 priority was improving limited sight distance at Maple Avenue. They recommended relocating the fence, and installing pavement markings, restriping and curbing. Other issues identified included the speed of traffic on Route 30 and the left turn lane. They recommended signal timing modifications.

A resident from Maple Avenue wondered when this project would be completed. Mr. Burgo said the time frame for short-term improvements could take 1 ½ to 2 years. These improvements could include pedestrian crossings, curbing, lane realignment and additional enhancements.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said money for the long-term improvements that represent the widening of the Route 252 bridge is not available, but for the short-term improvements grant money is available which we would coordinate with PennDot. Ms. Gleason said Tredyffrin received a federal grant of \$1.2 million to begin studying and work on improvements. She would like authorization to move forward and work with PennDot to get money for design and permitting for short-term improvements. Federal funds will pay for 80% of the costs. A small portion of the grant was used to pay for the Feasibility Study.

Andy Wilson of the Paoli Business Authority encouraged the supervisors to move ahead if the money is available. Several residents from Paoli expressed their concerns with the Maple Avenue intersection if additional lanes are added. Ms. Gleason said adding northbound lanes are part of the long-term plans. She said we will be able to tweak the plans during the short-term to make it easier to get out to Route 252.

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. DiBuonaventuro to give staff the authority to move forward to the next steps for consideration on these items, and Mr. Donahue seconded the motion. Ms. Gleason said staff would work with PennDot to free up the next portion of the grant, and to line up consultants for design and permitting. Mr. Olson called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Local Services Tax Withholding Agreement for U.S. Postal Service

Motion was made by Mr. Olson that the letter prepared relative to the Local Services Tax Withholding Agreement be passed. Mrs. Kichline seconded the motion.

Mr. Hogan said under federal law, in order for us to withhold the Local Services Tax, we have to enter into an agreement with the Department of the Treasury. It is a legal requirement, and must be signed by the Chairman and Township Manager. Mr. Olson asked how much money this tax brings into the Township. Ms. Gleason said approximately \$20,000.

At the end of discussion, motion carried unanimously.

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Receive proposal for professional services for design and permitting regarding modifications to the Valley Creek Trunk Sewer “R” Line

Mr. Norcini said twenty-six sewer lines within the Valley Creek Trunk Sewer require modification to have their capacity increased.

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mrs. Richter, and passed unanimously to receive proposals for design and permitting regarding modification to the Valley Creek Trunk Sewer “R” line.

Receive sealed bids for the maintenance of traffic signals

Motion was made by Mr. Olson and seconded by Mrs. Richter to receive sealed bids for the maintenance of traffic signals.

Mr. Norcini said the Township annually receives separate bids for the maintenance of traffic signals and street lights, and this year he would like to combine them as many firms bid on both projects.

Mr. Olson amended his motion to include street lights; Mr. DiBuonaventuro seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

New Matters – Board

Mrs. Richter said reported cases of lyme disease are on the rise, with Chester County reporting the highest number in the Commonwealth. She has invited Douglas Fern of Lyme Disease Awareness to speak at the next Board meeting on March 21st.

New Matters – Citizens

Lou Morales of Paoli congratulated the Public Works Department for the excellent job of cleaning up the snow and ice this season. Mr. Norcini said he would pass this on to his crew.

Bob Zimmerman of Friendship Drive, Paoli, said he recently contacted the police about an incident on his property, and within two minutes the first officer arrived, quickly followed by the second officer, who determined there was no threat to the Zimmerman’s. He commended the police force for their rapid response and thanked them.

Craig Nowacki read the following letter to the Supervisors:

To: Tredyffrin Township Supervisors, Township Manager, Township Engineer

The residents of Salem Way, Indian Run Road and Yellow Springs Road named below write regarding the PA Turnpike’s (Turnpike) 2010 Stormwater Plan (Plan), which includes locating a very large drainage basin on the Yasgur and Jean properties at Yellow Springs Road – Basin 2A, in the Plan.

We believe that:

1. The Plan creates a very great danger of causing substantial damage to our properties, and possibly our health, and will greatly reduce the value of our homes; and
2. Members of the Turnpike's Design Roundtable, including, but not limited to, persons affiliated with Tredyffrin Township, who were supposed to represent the interests of these residents, failed to do so.

We also:

1. Request to be notified promptly by the Township when the Turnpike seeks approval by the Township Engineer of the Plan; and
2. Request the Board of Supervisors to direct the Township Engineer to refrain from issuing any permit necessary to implement the Plan, or approve the Plan, sooner than 45 days after the notice referred to above is sent to the residents named below via certified mail.

The planned slip ramps at Route 29 and the related widening project, which requires approval of a stormwater plan, will benefit: (a) thousands of motorists and (b) the Township, by relieving some congestion on local roads. In addition, the slip ramps will generate substantial revenue for the PTC. The heavy burden of the Plan, however, will be borne by a relatively few, mostly long time, residents.

Gayle and David Slaybaugh
 Joyce and Craig Nowacki
 Harriet and Laurence Morgan
 Thomas Kellog
 Katherine and Edward McGovern
 Noreen and Mark Richardson

Barbara and Robert Siemons
 Suzanne and Stephen Kline
 Carol and Jeffrey Webber
 Elisa Rodgers and Brian Vargo
 Ren Xie and Haison Tan
 Kevin Shinal

Nancy and Richard McElroy
 Michelle and Jay Desjardins
 Lorrie and Franklin Pennell
 Amanda Miller
 Roberta Manapace
 Kiera Norwacki

Ms. Gleason said that PECO will be installing an 85 ft. tall pole at their substation in Paoli on Route 252 north to install Smart Meters.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Public Hearing – Consider approving a transfer of a liquor license from another municipality in Chester County

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. DiBuonaventuro, seconded by Mr. Olson and passed unanimously to approve a liquor license transfer from another municipality in Chester County.

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