Tredyffrin Township Public Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2025

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township was held on the above date at the Tredyffrin Township Building and via Zoom. Board members present included Chair David Miller, Vice Chair Julie Gosse, KS Bhaskar, Sharon Humble, Carlotta Johnston-Pugh (via Zoom), and Murph Wysocki (via Zoom). Also, in attendance were Township Manager William Martin; Chief Operating Officer Joseph DiRocco; Township Solicitor Patrick McKenna; Police Lieutenant Jim Slavin; Director of Planning & Zoning Erin McPherson; Township Engineer Stephen Burgo; and Recording Secretary Patricia Hoffman.

The meeting dates for the year were advertised in the 12/27/2024 issue of <u>Daily Local</u> and the 1/5/2025 issue of the <u>Main Line Suburban</u>. The meetings dates for the year were published on the Township website by 12/31/2024 and were printed in the Township's newsletter 1/31/2025. The agenda was posted on the Township website 8/14/2025 and at the main entrance to the Township Building 8/14/2025. Copies of the agenda were made available for the public in attendance at the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER CONDITIONAL USE HEARING

At 5:30 PM, Mr. Miller called to order the continuation of a hearing to consider the Conditional Use Application of Islamic Society of Greater Valley Forge, on Behalf of North American Islamic Trust. The properties are 958 N. Valley Forge Road and 966 N. Valley Forge Road. The Applicant is the owner of 958 N. Valley Forge Road and is the equitable owner of an 0.40 acre portion of 966 N. Valley Forge Road, which is owned by Devon 50, Inc. The parcels are located in the R-1 Residential District of the Township. The Applicant seeks conditional use approval pursuant to §208-45.C (IO – Institutional Overlay Districts, Use regulations) of the Tredyffrin Township Zoning Ordinance to permit a religious use on the property, in conjunction with an existing mosque and related facilities on the adjacent parcel, and any other such relief deemed necessary by the Board of Supervisors.

The hearing was closed at 6:26 PM.

Notes of testimony were taken by Court Reporter Arlene LaRosa.

CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC MEETING

Mr. Miller called to order the public meeting at 7:00 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

 In observance of Labor Day, Township offices will close at 2 PM on Friday, August 29, and will be closed Monday, September 1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Bhaskar, seconded by Dr. Gosse, and passed unanimously to approve minutes of the July 21, 2025, public meeting.

TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

Mr. Miller stated that the Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Supervisor Liaison Reports

The Supervisors provided reports for the following meetings:

- Mr. Bhaskar reported on the Library Board of Trustees meeting held on July 24. The next meeting is scheduled for August 28. He noted that the December 4 meeting has been rescheduled to November 20.
- Mr. Bhaskar reported that the next meeting for the Environmental Advisory Council is scheduled for August 26.
- Ms. Johnston-Pugh provided an Arts Commission update. The next meeting is scheduled for September 4.
- Mr. Wysocki reported on the Pension Trustees meeting held on August 13. The next meeting is scheduled for November 12.
- Mr. Miller reported on the Zoning Hearing Board held on July 24. The next meeting is scheduled for August 28.

More information for these meetings can be found on the Township website in the minutes for each meeting.

Audit Presentation

Joe Manfre (via Zoom) from Barbacane Thornton provided a presentation of the audit completed for 2024. The presentation is part of the packet of materials for this meeting and can be found on the Township website.

Letter of Engagement – 355 Chase Road

Motion made by Ms. Johnston-Pugh, seconded by Dr. Gosse, and passed unanimously to ratify executing the engagement letter between Strategic Solutions and Tredyffrin Township for zoning expertise consultation services associated with the condemnation proceeding for 355 Chase Road (Picket Post).

Capital Purchase – Police Vehicle

Motion made by Mr. Bhaskar, seconded by Ms. Humble, and passed unanimously to approve capital purchase of Police Vehicle to replace a vehicle that was rendered totaled after an accident. After insurance reimbursement, the cost for the vehicle and upfit will be at a cost of \$35,963.

Escrow Release

Motion made by Ms. Humble, seconded by Dr. Gosse, and passed unanimously to approve the final escrow release for 958 Mt. Pleasant in the amount of \$33,342.23, conditioned upon full payment of all outstanding reimbursable invoices from the Township.

Account Agreement/Financial Security Agreement - TESD

Motion made by Mr. Bhaskar, seconded by Ms. Humble, and passed unanimously to approve the Account Agreement between Tredyffrin Township, Tredyffrin-Easttown School District and the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) for Conestoga High School athletic fields project.

Grant Application

Motion made by Mr. Bhaskar, seconded by Ms. Johnston-Pugh, and passed unanimously to approve proposal from Bowman to assist Township staff with an application for a Green Light Go Grant to upgrade signal light equipment along Lancaster Avenue in Paoli.

Stormwater O&M Agreement – YSC Sports

Motion made by Ms. Humble, seconded by Dr. Gosse, and passed unanimously to approve the Stormwater Best Management Practices Operations and Maintenance Agreement for YSC Sports LP, PECO, and Tredyffrin Township

Resolution – Valley Forge Sewer Authority

Motion made by Ms. Humble and was seconded by Mr. Bhaskar to adopt Resolution #2025-15 regarding reimbursement of the Township's capital contributions in the event of a future sale of the assets of the Valley Forge Sewer Authority. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken: Ms. Humble – aye; Dr. Gosse – aye; Mr. Bhaskar – aye; Ms. Johnston-Pugh – aye; Mr. Wysocki – aye; Mr. Miller – aye. The Resolution was adopted with a 6-0 vote.

NEW MATTERS

Board

None

Citizens

Resident Roland Johnson, Paoli, asked for and received clarification for the work being completed in Wilson Farm Park, specifically the sealing of the pathways.

Mr. Johnson asked for and received clarification for the current costs to acquire the 355 Chase Road property, noting that the final valuation has not yet been received and the property owner may appeal once the valuation is received. He also received an overview of the next steps/process for proceeding.

Resident Margaret van Naerssen shared her concerns regarding AI and its use in transcription for writing police reports.

Resident Ray Clarke thanked Mr. Johnson for his questions and clarification regarding 355 Chase Road (Picket Post).

Resident Hans van Mol thanked the Board for adopting Resolution 2025-13 supporting funding for Septa. He provided an update that the fifth version of the legislation for transit funding across the state passed in the State House of Representatives and is now before the State Senate.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hoffman Recording Secretary