Tredyffrin Township Public Meeting Minutes – Marcy 17, 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 (via Zoom), Matt Holt, Carlotta Johnston-Pugh, and Murph Wysocki. Also, in attendance were Township Manager William Martin; Chief Operating Officer Joseph DiRocco; Township Solicitor Patrick McKenna; Police Chief Mike Beaty; Director of Planning & Zoning Erin McPherson; Township Engineer Stephen Burgo; Director of Public Works Darin Fitzgerald; 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 3/13/2025 and at the main entrance to the Township Building 3/13/2025. Copies of the agenda were made available for the public in attendance at the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

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

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Wysocki, and passed unanimously to add William "Bill" DeHaven to the Township's Wall of Honor. Bill served as a member of the Police Department from 1967 - 1996 and as a Supervisor from 2001 - 2009. Bill passed away in December 2024.

SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER

Judge John Bailey presided over the swearing in of new Police Officer Ian Richardson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Property owners are reminded that annual stormwater inspections and reports are due on or before April 1, 2025. The Township has received a number of reports from property owners, and we thank those who have already submitted their reports and remind others of the upcoming April deadline for the 2025 inspection reporting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Dr. Gosse, seconded by Mr. Wysocki, and passed unanimously to approve minutes of the February 18, 2025 public meeting.

TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

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

Supervisor Liaison Reports

The Supervisors provided reports for the following meetings:

- Dr. Gosse reported on the Historical Commission meeting held on March 13. The next meeting is scheduled for April 10.
- Dr. Gosse reported on the Environmental Advisory Council meeting held on February 25. The next meeting is scheduled for March 25.
- Mr. Wysocki reported on the Pension Trustees meeting that was held on February 26. The next meeting is scheduled for May 14.
- Mr. Wysocki reported on the Planning Commission meeting that was held on February 20. The next meeting is scheduled for March 20.
- Mr. Wysocki reported on the Library Board of Trustees meeting that was held on February 27. The next meeting is scheduled for March 27.
- Motion made by Mr. Wysocki, seconded by Mr. Holt, and passed unanimously to reappoint Galen Day, Kris Robie, Raffi Terzian and Diane van Mol to the Park & Recreation Board
- Motion made by Mr. Wysocki, seconded by Mr. Bhaskar, and passed unanimously to appoint Praveen Chelli to the Library Board of Trustees
- Motion made by Ms. Johnston-Pugh, seconded by Mr. Wysocki, and passed unanimously to appoint Ed Sweeney to the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate member

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

Resolution – Proclimation – National Libraries Week

Motion made by Mr. Bhaskar and was seconded by Ms. Johnston-Pugh to adopt Resolution 2025-10 proclaiming National Libraries Week.

Mr. Bhaskar expressed his support of this Resolution and acknowledged the library staff and trustees.

After discussion, a roll call vote was taken: Mr. Holt – aye; Dr. Gosse – aye; Mr.Wysocki – aye; Ms. Johnston-Pugh – aye; Mr. Bhaskar – aye; Mr. Miller – aye. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Reapportionment Committee Update

Doug Anestad provided an update on the work of the Reapportionment Committee and introduced the section on the Township website for data developed by the Committee. The link is: https://www.tredyffrin.org/boards/board-of-supervisors/reapportionment-committee

Charter Review Committee Update

Mr. Martin reported that the Charter Review Committee met on December 16 (kick-off meeting), January 23 and February 27 (article review meetings). A red-line draft of the Home Rule Charter will be developed.

Mr. Holt asked about requiring in the Charter that one supervisor be from a minority party to which the response was that the Committee did discuss that and felt it was an unnecessary requirement in the Charter.

Resident Richard Kunin asked for provision for public participation in the process to which the response was that a public open house will be scheduled for a presentation of the draft document and to allow for public discussion.

Resident Art Zadrozny expressed support for the need for public input.

Advertise – SW Project Upper Weadley/Woodcrest/Willis

Motion made by Ms. Johnston-Pugh, seconded by Mr. Wysocki, and passed unanimously to authorize staff to advertise and receive bids for the Willis/Woodcrest/Upper Weadley Stormwater Basin and neighborhood drainage improvement Project.

Change Order – Contention Lane Bridge

Motion made by Ms. Johnston-Pugh, seconded by Mr. Wysocki, and passed unanimously to approve Change Order #1 for the Contention Lane Bridge project from Lancaster County Timber Frame for replacement timber curbing at a cost of \$3,800.

Stormwater Grant Partnership Project

Motion made by Ms. Johnston-Pugh, seconded by Mr. Bhaskar, and passed unanimously to approve a Partner Letter of Support and permission for the Township Engineer to participate in a steering committee for the Villanova University/ University of Sheffield, UK proposed ICARUS – Inflow Control and Retention in Urban SuDS Stormwater Grant.

Change Order – Glenn Avenue Pump Station

Motion made by Mr. Wysocki, seconded by Dr. Gosse, and passed unanimously to approve Change Order #1 from MGK Industries Inc. for the Glenn Avenue Pump Station project at a cost of \$15,727.

Sale of Alcohol – 2025 Community Events

Motion made by Mr. Wysocki, seconded by Dr. Gosse, and passed unanimously to authorize dates for alcohol sales for Township Community Events in 2025 including Movie Nights, Summer Concert Series, and Community Day.

Ms. Johnston-Pugh clarified that the sales are provided by outside vendors.

Serving of Alcohol – Library Events

Motion made by Mr. Bhaskar, seconded by Dr. Gosse, and passed unanimously to authorize serving of alcohol at three events at the Tredyffrin Public Library in 2025 including Book Buzz (4/8), Donor Reception (5/16), and Adult Par-Tee (11/7).

Library Cleaning Services

Motion made by Mr. Bhaskar, seconded by Dr. Gosse, and passed unanimously to authorize the 2025 Library Cleaning Contract to CleanNet of Philadelphia at a cost of 52,048/year.

Ms. Johnston-Pugh clarified that these services were for both libraries.

Resident Roland Johnson asked for and received the response that there were six bidders and the range of the bid costs.

Contract Payment Extension – Berwyn Fire Station Project

Motion made by Ms. Johnston-Pugh, seconded by Mr. Wysocki, and passed unanimously to authorize the contract payment extension associated with the Berwyn Fire Station - Core States Construction Administration at a cost of \$27,375, which represents the 75% portion applicable to Tredyffrin Township.

Upgrade – Sally Port Door

Motion made by Dr. Gosse, seconded by Mr. Wysocki, and passed unanimously to approve proposals for Sally Port door upgrades at a cost from Jaydor of \$39,149 and Higgins Electric for \$3,600, bringing the total for the project to \$42,749.

Ms. Johnston-Pugh asked how old the current doors were to which the response was that they are original to the building which was completed in 1995.

Sanitary Sewer Root Control

Motion made by Mr. Wysocki, seconded by Dr. Gosse, and passed unanimously to approve proposal from Duke's Root Control for sanitary sewer line services at a cost of \$73,136.80.

Advertise Public Hearing – 355 Chase Road

Motion made by Ms. Johnston-Pugh, seconded by Mr. Wysocki, and passed unanimously to authorize advertisement of a public hearing on Tuesday April 1, 2025 at 7 PM for a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors to consider and possibly enact an ordinance to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire all or a portion of the real property located at 355 Chase Road (UPI No. 43-5-32.3A) for a public park for recreation for use by the general public.

It was noted that the language in the draft Ordinance required revision, therefore, a new public hearing date was required.

Mr. Holt provided an overview of how this issue arose, shared criticism of the developer of this property, and expressed concern for the costs that will be incurred by the Township and the taxpayers.

Mr. Zadrozny thanked the Supervisors for their efforts and expressed frustration with the situation.

Resident Carole Clarke asked for more details of the investigation into the property and the developer and the cost of acquisition. The assessment is not yet available.

Resident Ray Clarke asked for an analysis for all options for this property and expressed concern for any open-ended liability to the Township.

Mr. Kunin expressed support of the Supervisors consideration of this effort.

Resident Jennifer Kay expressed support for the ordinance.

Resident Ray Carpenter expressed support for the ordinance.

Advertise Public Hearing – Commercial Vehicle Parking

Motion made by Ms. Johnston-Pugh, seconded by Mr. Wysocki, and passed unanimously to authorize advertisement of a public hearing on Monday, April 21, 2025, to consider and possibly adopt an ordinance for prohibiting Commercial Vehicles and Trailers on public streets.

Ms. Johnston-Pugh thanked the Chief and his staff for their work on this and for listening to residents' concerns.

Advertise Public Hearing – Zoning Amendment

Motion made by Mr. Wysocki, seconded by Mr. Holt, and passed unanimously to authorize advertisement of a public hearing on Monday, April 21, 2025, to consider and possibly adopt zoning ordinance amendment to allow the conversion of existing office buildings to a multifamily dwellings in the Limited Industrial (LI) District.

NEW MATTERS Board None

Citizens

Mr. Kunin asked for and received additional information regarding the root control in the sanitary sewer system.

Mr. Clarke noted that the Pension Trustees section on the website was missing some minutes from previous meeting to which Mr. Martin replied that they would be updated the following day. (Post meeting follow up – completed)

Resident Richard Stratton shared his concerns for his neighbor's out-of-control bamboo and encroaching onto his property at 1411 Berwyn Paoli Road. He is concerned that it could be a fire-hazard in dry conditions. He asked that the Supervisors consider an ordinance banning bamboo to which Dr. Gosse reported that there are other Townships with such ordinances.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for April 21, 2025.

There is a special Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for April 1, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hoffman Recording Secretary