Tredyffrin Township
Public Meeting
Minutes – November 4, 2026

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 (via Zoom), KS Bhaskar, Eamon Brazunas, Julie Gosse (via Zoom), Carlotta Johnston-Pugh, and Hans van Mol (Chair pro-tem). Also, in attendance were Township Manager William Martin; Chief Operating Officer Dean Dortone; Chief Financial Officer Joseph DiRocco; Township Solicitor Patrick McKenna; Police Captain Tyler Moyer; Director of Engineering Stephen Burgo; Director of Public Works Darin Fitzgerald; Director of Planning & Zoning Erin McPherson; Planner I Robert Emmanuel; and Recording Secretary Patricia Hoffman.

The meeting dates for the year were advertised in the 11/20/2025 issue of Daily Local and the 11/27/2025 issue of the Main Line Suburban. The meetings dates for the year were published on the Township website by 12/31/2025 and were printed in the Township's newsletter 1/31/2026. The agenda was posted on the Township website and at the main entrance to the Township Building 10/30/2026. Copies of the agenda were made available for the public in attendance at the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC HEARING
At 7:02 PM, Mr. van Mol called to order a public hearing to consider and possibly adopt Ordinance HR-500 to authorize the acquisition of an approximately 6.86 acre parcel located at 1289 Yellow Springs Road, Tredyffrin Township.

At the end of discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Bhaskar and was seconded by Mr. Brazunas to adopt Ordinance HR-500 to authorize the acquisition of an approximately 6.86 acre parcel located at 1289 Yellow Springs Road, Tredyffrin Township. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Brazunas – aye; Mr. van Mol – aye; Mr. Bhaskar – aye; Dr. Gosse – aye; Ms. Johnston-Pugh; Mr. Miller – aye. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Notes of testimony were taken by Court Reporter Arlene LaRosa.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING AND CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC MEETING
Mr. van Mol adjourned the public hearing and called to order the public meeting at 7:04 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
- In observance of Veterans Day, Township offices will be closed Wednesday, November 11.
- The 2027 Budget Open House will be held on Thursday, November 12, from 10 AM – 12 PM at the Township Building.
- Watch for the survey regarding the Township Libraries. The survey will be available to all Township residents in late November so watch the website, social media and next month's e-newsletter for a link to the survey.
- The individual Supervisor email addresses have changed from Tredyffrin.org to Tredyffrin.gov. For a short time, if you send to .org the email will be forwarded but please update your email contacts to .gov.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion made by Mr. Bhaskar, seconded by Ms. Johnston-Pugh, and passed unanimously to approve minutes of October 19, 2026.

TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

EAC Presentation
Environmental Advisory Council Member Kate Tempas provided a presentation, Gas-powered Leaf Blowers: Recommendation for Restrictions, followed by a recommendation to the Supervisors to adopt an Ordinance banning gas-powered leaf blowers in Tredyffrin Township.

Mr. Bhaskar expressed support for such an ordinance and thanked the EAC for their presentation.

Resident Lakshmi Hariharan, Wayne, expressed her support for the proposal.

Resident David Webster, Berwyn, shared information on the expenses he would incur if such an ordinance were to be adopted.

Resident and EAC member Tracy Viola thanked the Supervisors for having the presentation on the agenda and expressed her support for adopting such an ordinance.

Resident Amelia Bell, Old Forge Crossing, suggested moving forward first with Public Works to assess the process and costs of transitioning from gas-powered equipment.

Resident and EAC member Amber Levy expressed support for transitioning away from gas-powered equipment and toward electric or battery-operated equipment.

Resident and EAC member Phil Witmer shared other alternatives and positive impact to wildlife that he has seen.

2027 Budget Discussion
Mr. DiRocco introduced discussion of the 2027 budget.

Resident Mike Heaberg, Berwyn,
- Clarified the date of the budget workshop.
- Asked for and received clarification regarding the use of the funds from the SAFER Grant for Berwyn Fire Company.
- Asked for and received more information regarding the T/E Fire Commission 2027 budget and the number of personnel needed. Background information about the formation of the TEFC was provided and information on their budget workshop held on October 7 was provided.
- Shared that more details are needed regarding staffing needs/resources/expenses for the TEFC budget.
- Asked for and received information regarding the usage of reserves for the remainder of 2026 and plans for their usage in the 2027 budget.
- Asked for and received clarification regarding the strategy for usage of the OPEB Trust in 2027.
- Asked for and received the current value of the sewer utility fund. Mr. DiRocco explained the costs incurred by the Township for the flow and disposal of waste from Tredyffrin Township.
- Asked if any bond issuance was being considered for 2027 to which the response was that it was not at this time but is under evaluation.

Resident Michele Berger, Berwyn, asked that Mr. Heaberg's questions and the responses to be summarized at the Budget Workshop on November 12. She added that she supports fulling funding of emergency services and fire companies that provide service to Tredyffrin Township.

Resident Carol Clarke, Malvern, encouraged residents to attend the budget workshop and asked the Supervisors to consider providing more education for the public regarding the budget and finances.

Resident Ray Clarke (via Zoom), Malvern, asked for and received additional clarification regarding the usage of the SAFER Grant in the hiring of additional staff and how services and response times might be improved as a result.

Proposed Data Center Zoning Ordinance Amendments Presentation
Mr. Emmanuel provided a presentation regarding a proposed Zoning Ordinance for Data Center development in Tredyffrin Township. He reviewed the background arising from the issues, concerns, benefits, considerations, and potential zoning ordinance recommendations.

Mr. Bhaskar clarified the types of data centers and noted that Tredyffrin Township doesn't have the space that would be needed for most data centers. He provided information regarding data center power/utility needs, noise, and air quality.

Resident Sandy Forbes, Berwyn, suggested adding a clause for an escrow to cover possible decommissioning needs.

Ms. Berger asked for and received information on the conditional use approval process and an explanation regarding the difference between a conditional use approval and a variance.

Resident Karen Mara, Donna Lane, asked for and received information on how settled the case law is regarding data centers, the response being that the case law is fairly settled at this point.

It was noted that the proposed ordinance will be providing guiderails where none exist at this time for data center development withing the Township.

Mr. van Mol noted that the Township is working as proscribed by Pennsylvania State Law regarding data centers.

Act 247 Ordinance Amendments Review
Motion made by Mr. Bhaskar, seconded by Ms. Johnston-Pugh, and passed unanimously to authorize Planning Commission and Chester County Act 247 Review of proposed Data Center Zoning Ordinance amendments.

Rules of Order of Public Meetings
Mr. van Mol opened a discussion regarding a possible Resolution proscribing the Rules of Order for a public meeting. He reviewed how public meetings are currently handled and expressed the opinion that more parliamentary rules are needed for managing public meetings.

Ms. Johnston-Pugh expressed support for such a resolution that would provide more structure around public meetings.

Mr. Brazunas asked for and received clarification regarding what guidelines can legally be established.

Mr. Miller asked for and received clarification regarding any differences that would be seen in future meetings if such a resolution were adopted.

Ms. Berger provided information on the meeting procedures used by the School District for their public meetings.

Mr. Heaberg shared that he would not support such a resolution that would include time limits or number of comments or questions that members of the public could pose.

Resident Anne Murphy asked that any resolution not include the requirement that questions be submitted in advance of a meeting.

Mr. Webster shared that he would not support such a resolution that would impose limitations.

District Court 15-1-02 Possible Elimination
Mr. van Mol stated that the Township received notification that a petition was filed to the Court Administrator of Pennsylvania proposing eliminating District Court 15-1-02 and realigning Magisterial Districts 15-2-03, 15-4-01, and 15-4-03. For Tredyffrin Township, all Tredyffrin and Easttown business with the court would move to District Court 15-4-01. The period for comments from the Townships is open at this time.

Mr. Bhaskar stated that he would need to do further reading on the subject before forming an opinion.

Mr. Brazunas asked for the Township Police Department opinion to which the Captain replied that they do not oppose the consolidation and that it would be better for their officers because District Court 15-4-01 is closer to the Township Building, reducing travel time for officers. Ms. Johnston-Pugh agreed with this.

Ms. Mara shared that she does not support this consolidation and questioned the data provided by Chester County.

Resident Neil Mara, Donna Lane, expressed his opposition to the consolidation and expressed concerns with access to justice.

Sewer Pump Station Security Upgrades
Motion made by Mr. Brazunas, seconded by Mr. Bhaskar, and passed unanimously to authorize security upgrades for three sewer pump stations at a COSTARS cost of $37,133.53.

Mr. Bhaskar stated that he clarified any concerns he had about the upgrade with the vendor

Sale of Used Vehicles
Motion made by Ms. Johnston-Pugh, seconded by Mr. Bhaskar, and passed unanimously to approve the bids for the sale of the following used vehicles through GovDeals.com:

1.	2006 Ford F350 XL	$3,750.00
2.	2008 Ford F350 XL	$2,925.00
3.	2015 Ford Explorer	$2,700.00
4.	2015 Dodge Charger	$2,125.00

Act 537 Plan Special Study
Motion made by Mr. Brazunas, seconded by Ms. Johnston-Pugh, and passed unanimously to approve the Act 537 Plan Special Study for the Sewer Pipe Upgrade behind 501 Swedesford Road.

Mr. Bhaskar asked for and received clarification regarding the project.

Capital Purchase – Police Vehicles
Motion made by Mr. Bhaskar, seconded by Mr. Brazunas, and passed unanimously to authorize capital purchase of police vehicles for 2027 from Chapman Auto Group at COSTARS pricing as follows:

1 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV	$60,447
2 Ford Police Interceptor Utilities	$47,782/vehicle

NEW MATTERS
Board
Mr. Brazunas asked for an update on the culvert repair at Bay Colony and Swedesford to which Mr. Burgo responded that PennDOT has been notified and is aware that there is a depression in the area that needs remediation.

Mr. Brazunas shared concerns regarding the exit ramp from southbound 202 onto Rte. 252 with regard to flooding and debris in the roadway during and after heavy rain. Mr. Martin noted that there are similar issues throughout the Township with PennDOT roads and more discussion is needed with our local representatives regarding PennDOT/District 6 maintenance.

Mr. van Mol announced that the Township joined Chester County in their yard sign recycling program. He noted that there will be two collection boxes at the Township Building through November 16.

Citizens
Resident Arlene Talley noted the extreme cold in Keene Hall and asked that something be done about the running air conditioning.

NEXT MEETING
The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, November 16.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hoffman
Recording Secretary