

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES – August 19, 2014**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Bob Anthony at 7:00 P.M. in the Thornbury Township meeting room. In attendance were Supervisors Bob Anthony, Chairman; Jim Benoit, Vice-Chairman, George Stasen and William Reilly. Kathy Labrum, Solicitor; Jacqui Guenther, Manager; and Teresa DeStefano, Township Administrator, were also in attendance.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. POLICE REPORT – Chief Bernot

The Chief stated that phone scams are getting more frequent and residents should be aware. Residents should contact the police department if they feel they have been a victim of any scam or fraud. The Chief also mentioned that the Police Academy will begin again right after Labor Day more information to follow.

The Chief also noted that on August 1, 2014 there was a fatal crash in the township and the investigation revealed that the accident was due to medical reasons.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Charles Proctor, counsel for township resident Jack Ferguson, gave a brief overview and pictures of the water invading Mr. Ferguson's property and the West Chester Soccer Club.

John Cunningham, counsel for the West Chester Soccer Club, stated that the club is aware of the problem and is willing to work with Mr. Ferguson to resolve the issue.

**V. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2014-2:
Act 167 Stormwater Management**

Bob Anthony opened the hearing for the adoption of Ordinance 2014-2, Act 167 Storm Water Management.

Jacqui Guenther noted that this ordinance has been discussed several meetings and has been in front of the Planning Commission. This ordinance is being mandated by the DEP, which is an unfunded mandate. The Planning Commission passed it on to the Board under protest.

Kathy Labrum noted the public advertisement was published in the Daily Local News on the July 23, 2014 and August 8, 2014 as Exhibit 1.

Bob Anthony solicited public comment. There were no public comments.

Bob Anthony solicited Board comment.

Jim Benoit noted that is not in agreement with this ordinance.

Bob Anthony closed the hearing.

Bob Anthony motioned to approve the adoption of Ordinance 2014-2: Act 167 Stormwater Management. The motion was seconded by Jim Benoit. All were in favor. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 15, 2014 BOS Meeting

Bob Anthony made a motion to approve the July 15, 2014 BOS Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Jim Benoit. Bob Anthony, Bill Reilly and Jim Benoit were in favor. George Stasen abstained. Motion carried.

B. August 5, 2014 Work Session

Bob Anthony made a motion to approve the August 5, 2014 WS Minutes. The motion was seconded by Jim Benoit. Bob Anthony, Jim Benoit and George Stasen were in favor. Bill Reilly abstained. Motion carried.

VII. MANAGERS REPORT

Jacqui Guenther gave an update on the Comcast Franchise Agreement.

Jacqui Guenther stated that the Ply-Mar has begun working on the walking Trail at the Squire Cheney Park and that she is working with the HPC on the interpretive signs for the park.

Jacqui Guenther noted that the Township has received notice from Holly Harper of the Natural Lands Trust that they will agree to transfer the \$10,000 PECO Green Region Grant to the Squire Cheney Walking Trail Project.

Jacqui Guenther attended the Zoning Hearing Board met on August 12, 2014 and two cases were heard.

Jacqui Guenther stated that the 2014 Road Project work is now complete and the Township saved \$20,000 on this project.

Jacqui Guenther mentioned that Tanguy Road has been closed and repair the pipeline is being performed.

Jacqui Guenther stated that enrollment for the Neighborhood University has begun. Information has been put on the Township's website and interested residents may now register for the course. Jacqui Guenther will be presenting a course on municipal finance and taxation on September 18, 2014.

Jacqui presented the Manager's Report to the Board, a true and correct copy of which is attached.

VIII. AGENDA BUSINESS

A. Snow & Ice Removal Contract Award

Jacqui Guenther noted that there was just one bidder, since the bid package required to many large trucks. Jacqui recommended that the Township reject this bid and re-bid this contract with revised truck requirements.

Bob Anthony motioned to reject the current bid for the Snow and Ice Removal Contract on the Township roads only and directed the Township Manager to revise the bid packet and re-advertise the bid packet. The motion was seconded by Jim Benoit. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Town Center Snow & Ice Removal Contract Award

Jacqui Guenther noted that there was just one bidder.

Bob Anthony motioned to reject the current bid for the Snow and Ice Removal Contract at the Town Center and directed the Township Manager re-bid and re-advertise the bid packet. The motion was seconded by Jim Benoit. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Township LOGO Contest

Jacqui Guenther stated that this was discussed at the last Work Session and made the changes as directed by the board.

Bob Anthony motioned to approve the Township LOGO contest as presented. The motion was seconded by Jim Benoit. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. MS4 Statement

Residents should not overwater their lawn. Remember to water during the cool times of the day and not to let water run into the storm drain. Also, residents should cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard and into local water bodies. Residents should vegetate bare spots in their yard to prevent soil erosion.

VIII. APPROVAL OF ALL FUNDS BILL LIST, \$86,830.70 – William Reilly

William Reilly presented the August bill lists as follows:

• General Fund	\$ 78,035.92
• Capital Fund	\$.00
• Liquid Fuels Fund	\$.00
• Open Space Fund	\$ 8,794.78
• Sewer Fund	\$.00

William Reilly presented the August bill list for a total of \$86,830.70.

Kia Seelaus asked if she could see some of the receipts for the bills from the bill list.

Kathy Labrum responded that she needs to just fill out a right to know form and the Township will pull the bills.

Bill Reilly motioned to approve the bill list for \$86,830.70. Bob Anthony seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Bevilacqua, on behalf of the WCU Soccer Club, presented two drawings, one of the driveways into the soccer club and the other from Google maps. Mr. Bevilacqua is also concern about the water and is willing to work with the Township and Mr. Ferguson to correct the problem.

George Stasen inquired just what does the Soccer Club and Mr. Ferguson want from this meeting.

Dan Kennedy noted that the Soccer Club didn't purchase the property since the Township suggested that they buy it to install a walking trail around it and would lease the property back to WCU Soccer Club.

X. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqui Guenther
Township Manager