

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES –January 28, 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; William Reilly, Mike Gallagher and George Stasen. Brody Bovero, Township Manager; Kathy Labrum, Solicitor; and Teresa DeStefano, Township Administrator, were also in attendance. Two executive sessions were held before the regularly scheduled meeting one on Thursday 1-23-14 to discuss personnel matters and before the meeting tonight to discuss real estate matters, litigation and personnel matters. There was one sign gues.

George Stasen was sworn in as newly elected member of the Thornbury Township, Chester County Board of Supervisors by Judge William Kraut.

**II. POLICE REPORT – Chief Bernot**

Chief Bernot mentioned that there have been a few incidents through the month, a few retail thefts from the Giant, also several DUI arrests.

Chief Bernot gave a brief overview of the police traffic safety unit for Township.

**III. MANAGERS REPORT**

Brody Bovero presented the Ambulance and EMS annual report for last year. There were a total of 109 calls for the year.

- 91 Medical Emergencies
- 13 Vehicle Accidents
- 82 Transported
- 27 Non Transported

The average response time to the scene was 11.2 minutes.

**Squire Cheyney House & Barn Property**

The Township has received the sign agreement of sale from Mr. Murphy and the process is moving forward.

**Road Maintenance**

This winter we had several storms. The Board will need to keep watch of the budget amount for plowing. The roads will continue to be salted and plowed we will just need to make some adjustments through the rest of the year if we exceed the budget.

**Squire Cheyney Park – Phase 1 Project**

The Park project is moving forward the township is finalizing the paper work with the contractor. The project is still on schedule to start this spring.

### **Recycling Reports**

The Township is now receiving the recycling reports from the hauler and should be completed by February. The program keeps track of the tonnage and then submits their reports to the township and we receive from the State grant money.

### **Stormwater**

The Act 167 stormwater ordinance revision process will continue to move forward. The Board will have to replace Dr. Gast to be part of the subcommittee to work with Jim Jordan from the Planning Commission.

## **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **A. December 17, 2013 Meeting**

**Jim Benoit made a motion to approve the December 17, 2013 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mike Gallagher. Jim Benoit, Bob Anthony and Mike Gallagher were in favor. Bill Reilly and George Stasen abstained. Motion carried.**

### **B. January 6, 2014 Re-Organization Meeting**

**Bill Reilly made a motion to approve the January 6, 2014 Re-Organization Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Jim Benoit. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

## **V. AGENDA BUSINESS**

### **1. ADJUSTMENT TO 2014 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL PENSION OBLIGATION**

Brody Bovero stated that the approved amount based on the 2013 annual pension report was \$4,291. Due to an error the amount the Board approved last month was \$19.00 less than the amount calculated. In order to adjust the 2014 MMO we need to submit \$19.00, the approved amount will change from \$4,291 to \$4,310.

**Bob Anthony motioned to approve the adjustment to the 2014 MMO for \$19.00 which is changed from \$4,291 to \$4,310. The motion was seconded by Jim Benoit. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

### **2. RESOLUTION 2014-4: ESTABLISHING WINTER COMPENSATION RATE FOR TOWNSHIP ROADMASTER**

Bob Anthony mentioned that this resolution is to recognize the Road Master during the winter months. This individual works full time but still works day and most

night keeping the township roads safe. This resolution will be on the reorganization meeting very January so future board can reverse this process.

**George Stasen motioned to authorize the adoption of Resolution 2014-4 establishing winter compensation rate for the Township Roadmaster. The motion was seconded by Bill Reilly. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**3. WEST CHESTER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP ORDINANCE TO MANAGE LOCALIZED WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES.**

Bob Anthony stated that at the last COG meeting the issues was raised regarding a new development related to localizing telecommunication facilities. They are similar to cell phone towers. The COG members have discussed the possibility of working together with the Cohen Law group to provide each municipality with proper regulation of such facilities.

George Stasen suggested that we see what other municipalities put together and is effective then we can copy the model ordinance.

Brody Bovero said that's a great idea but you run into the risk since you don't know how they tweak it.

Bob Anthony suggested that the Board waits to see what the COG bring back and see if the group discount is enough or we could go it alone.

George Stasen suggested that we wait until they get the proposal and see what the COG bring back. George remarked could the township pass an ordinance just to have it in place and then can always amend it.

The Board and the Solicitor discussed the way to proceed with this issue. Bob Anthony noted that this item will be on our February Work Session for more discussion. Bob also asked Kathy Labrum to look into the process and make an adjustment to it so the ordinance would work for the Township.

Bob Anthony suggested that the Board wait to see what the COG has at the next meeting and then we can move forward.

George Stasen also suggests we wait and see.

**4. DISCUSS RESTORATION STANDARDS FOR THE SQUIRE CHEYNEY FARM SPRINGHOUSE**

Bob Anthony open the discussion to the Historical Preservation Commission members that we in attendance to point out the concerns for the restoration of the Springhouse.

Chris Lang noted that the Springhouse is part of the history of Cheyney and is a central piece of the landscape of the area. It is a large Springhouse with a stream that wraps around the building and that makes it significant part of the Squire Cheyney Park.

Chris inquired if the funds and grant money that was received for the park was any of that set aside for the restoration of the Springhouse.

Brody Bovero noted that it wasn't since the Township originally was going to sell the Springhouse.

Chris continued his discussion that the HPC has been requesting that the Township protects this structure and with the weather it should be immediate. He also suggested that Dale Frens submitted a proposal in the amount of \$2,500 for documentation of the building with measured drawings.

Kris Walker noted that if you ever want to receive funding the Township would need measured drawing of the structure.

Bob Anthony inquired about the condition of the stone and mortar of the structure.

Chris Lang said the most serious problem currently is the roof and the openings. Chris also provided pictures of the Springhouse.

Michelle Thackrah brought samples of the material that is recommended to be used for the roof. Michelle's and Dale Frens recommend putting a cedar shake roof on the building and not the title, since title is large and heavy.

Brody Bovero inquired if the HPC would accept a better scale of title would that be acceptable.

Michelle Thackrah said yes if the scale had some age to it but the HPC's first choice would be cedars shake shingles.

Kris Walker as a historic home owner you have to fundamentally have to first stabilize and then move into restoration.

Bob Anthony again wants clarification on what would need to be done to the stone and mortar.

Michelle noted that you have to scrape out the old mortar between the stone and then put in new mortar.

George Stasen asked about the drawings and inquired if architect have a line item for the cost.

Brody Bovero mentioned that the Township received an estimate of \$75,000 for the stabilization of the Springhouse.

George Stasen suggested that we have a fund raiser to fund the project.

Chris Lang suggested that the Township could should money that is in the open space fund since it was earmark for open space.

Maggie Scheerer noted that she agrees with the Historic Preservation Commission that the Springhouse should be preserved. On the matter of the roof the Township really needs to find a contractor that has worked with the Ludowici title material.

Bob Anthony inquired if there is anything the Township would do to the Springhouse that would take it off the National Register.

The discussion continued, Maggie also mentioned that there is not it will always be on the register. Maggie then mentioned that no one was upset about the Squire Cheyney House being restored.

John McIlhenny stated that the drawing are very important and should be done right away and then you can make a judgment about the roof and what material to use. The length and shingles and the roof rafts.

Bob Anthony wanted to thank everyone for coming tonight and helping the Board to understand the issues with the Springhouse. The Board has to balance the Historic Preservation, verse the cost verses timing verses stabilization. The Board wants to move quickly to protect the structure with the tarp.

**5. APPOINT TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATOR EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 6, 2014**

Bob Anthony noted that Brody Bovero will be leaving the Township to take a position in Syracuse Utah as the City Manager. Bob noted that they are very lucky to have him and his last day will be February 5<sup>th</sup>. The Board needs to appoint a temporary administrator to oversee the day to day activity.

**Bob Anthony motioned to appoint Bob Antony as temporary administrator effective February 6, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mike Gallagher. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Comment

**VIII. OTHER MATTERS**

Mary Zurawski presented and read two letters to the Board, one submitted by herself and the other from Beverly Egbert. The letters are on file at the Township.

Mary Zurawski inquired why she wasn't notified that she wasn't re-elected.

Bob Anthony apologized that you were not contacted and thought you were notified. The commission's appointments are not a life time appointment, the reappointment was not political or a lack of respect. That is not the case this Board is thankful and respects everyone that volunteers for the Township.

Brody Bovero took responsibility for not contacting Mary after the reorganization meeting, since it wasn't final at that time of the meeting if she would be reappointed for if the Board had someone else in mind.

Mike Gast also wanted to comment on the letters that where read tonight, Mike feels that the Board has made an error, since the Township has lost two very dedicated volunteers who are knowledgeable and hard working.

**IX. APPROVAL OF 4 FUNDS BILL LIST, \$161,859.00 – William Reilly**

William Reilly presented the January bill lists as follows:

- General Fund \$ 149,541.85
- Capital Fund \$ 1,000 .00
- Liquid Fuels Fund \$ .00
- Open Space Fund \$ 1,630.75
- Sewer Fund \$ 8,686.00
- Supplemental Bill List \$ 1,000.00

William Reilly presented the January bill list for a total of \$161,859.00

**Mike Gallagher motioned to approve the bill list for \$161,859.00. Jim Benoit seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**Jim Benoit motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mike Gallagher seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Brody Bovero  
Township Manager/Secretary