

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION**

**MINUTES – February 4, 2014**

The Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors' Work Session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Thornbury Township meeting room. In attendance were Supervisors Bob Anthony, Chairman; Jim Benoit, Vice-Chairman; Mike Gallagher, William Reilly, and George Stasen. Also in attendance were Kathy Labrum, Township Solicitor; Brody Bovero, Township Manager; and Teresa DeStefano, Secretary.

**I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. NOISE ORDINANCE**

Bob Anthony started the discussion by acknowledging that Aristidis Christakis prepared an outline draft of an ordinance. Kathy Labrum also presented sample ordinances from other Townships for review.

Kathy Labrum mentioned the start time as 6 am for landscaping may be a little early.

Brody Bovero noted that whatever times are put in this ordinance will affect the whole township not just commercial business.

The discussion continued with reviewing the presented ordinances from other townships and trying to make it be acceptable for the residents and the township.

Ed Travis inquired about the fireworks that Penn Oaks sets off for weddings what is the process they follow.

Ari stated that currently all fireworks are being set off on the Thornbury Delaware County side of the golf course.

**2. SMALL SCALE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES ORDINANCE**

Kathy Labrum started the discussion mentioning that if the Township wants to pass an ordinance what other townships and the COG had done is have the telecommunication to be put in the right of way on existing poles. If the township doesn't have poles they will create one.

Bob Anthony suggested that the township states in the ordinance that we could work with them on the placement of them.

Jim Benoit inquired if they could be disguised to be more adaptable to the neighborhood.

Kathy Labrum noted yes you can.

Brody Bovero noted that in the draft ordinance it can be required to be on township property if feasible instead of resident property since it is a public space. Also the township could charge rent for these structures.

Bob Anthony inquired if we wait for the model ordinance from the COG or do me move forward with drafting our own.

Bob asked if now a resident could contact them directly and put one on their property. Without out an ordinance they can.

The discussion continued with suggesting if the structures could be disguised by putting it on a chimney or on an existing structure. Kathy Labrum will take all input from tonight meeting and create a draft ordinance to be discussed at our next work session; Bob will attend the next COG meeting and see what price they want for their model ordinance and if reasonable we can buy it and that would enhance our draft ordinance.

## **II. OTHER MATTERS:**

Bob Anthony noted that the township received a letter from the Williamson Trade School declining to be able to do the job.

Jim Benoit suggested that he would be interested in do the repairs, since it isn't a large job and would take the lead on this. Jim outlined the process that would be needed to address the roof.

George Stasen was concern about the Historical Preservation Commission upset on the propose solution since they presented their solutions to the Board.

Bob Anthony noted that this Board doesn't want to ignore what the HPC presented but wants to restore the Springhouse to make it look as much to its original construction.

Bob Anthony suggested that Jim Benoit work with the HPC and come up with a cost and present it to the Board at the next work session.

Jim Benoit inquired want is the amount before you have to go out to bid.

Brody Bovero noted that if it's between \$10,200 to \$19,000, the township has to get 3 quotes. Under \$10,200 legally you don't have to get quotes, but the township does just to make sure they are getting the best price out there.

Bob Anthony wanted to present Brody Bovero with the plaque in application of all his hard work and dedication to the residents and the Township. The Board, the staff

and all the residents have enjoyed working with him. The Township is sorry to see him leave and wish you all the best.

**III. ADJOURNMENT:**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Destefano, Secretary