

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES - July 16, 2013**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Bob Anthony at 7:02 P.M. in the Thornbury Township meeting room. In attendance were Supervisors Bob Anthony, Chairman; Jim Benoit, Vice Chairman; Mike Gallagher, and Bob Miller. Brody Bovero, Township Manager; Kathy Labrum, Solicitor; and Teresa DeStefano, Township Administrator were also in attendance. An executive session was held before the regularly scheduled meeting to discuss real estate and litigation matters. There were two signed-in guests.

**II. POLICE REPORT – Chief Bernot**

Chief Bernot mentioned that the information for the Police Academy is now posted on their web site and it begins September 4. The only cost for participants will be \$27.00 for the certification for CPR.

Chief Bernot gave a brief overview of police activity in the Township during the month of June. She also mentioned that the criminal activity has been focused on the retail sites.

Chief Bernot also mentioned that they are still reviewing the noise from the fireworks displays at the Penn Oaks Country Club.

Brody Bovero noted that other Townships have a Special Events Ordinance to address this issue.

**III. MANAGERS REPORT**

**2013 Road Paving**

Brody Bovero noted that the Cricklewood Road Paving Project was completed today. He will be doing the final inspection tomorrow.

**Sanitary Sewer**

A total of 16 residences have been connected to the College Hill Sewer System, thus far. There are two others who are either in the permitting or construction process, and one residence in the application process.

The Federal EPA Grant has \$40,817 remaining. The EPA grant will cover 55% of the cost of the pump and the installation of the pump. Brody will send out a letter to the College

Hill residents who have not yet connected to the system asking if they are interested in connecting. If not, we will just close out the Grant.

### **Squire Cheyney Farmhouse and Barn**

Brody Bovero stated that he began to set up the bidding requirements, and a sale date for the properties. Also, he will be setting up the web site so that people can view the properties on line.

### **Squire Cheyney Park – Phase 1 Project**

We will be submitting the Chester County Soil Conservation District Application tomorrow.

### **Stormwater**

Brody Bovero assigned a structural engineer from LTL Consultants to inspect a 48-inch masonry culvert under South Concord Road at Timberline Trail. It has been several years since it was last inspected. The report will be discussed at the August work session.

### **Township Website**

The migration of data, and the development of the new website is almost complete.

### **Road Maintenance**

East Goshen Township donated the equipment, and the services of a couple of their employees, to move our salt bin in preparation for the installation of a roof on the salt bin. We would like to thank East Goshen for their willingness to help us out, at no cost to Thornbury.

## **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **A. June 18, 2013 Meeting**

**Jim Benoit made a motion to approve the June 18, 2013 minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Miller. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

## **V. AGENDA BUSINESS**

### **1. PUBLIC INPUT SESSION: DRAFT ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE KEEPING OF SMALL ANIMALS ON LOTS LESS THAN 5 ACRES.**

Bob Anthony mentioned that the Board has talked about this topic several times and wanted to open the topic for public comment, unless any Board member has a comment.

Bob Miller questioned the 50 ft. setbacks requirement from the resident's property line.

The Board discussed how to accommodate those residents that cannot meet those setbacks. The discussion continued with changing the wording in the ordinance to allow relief from that requirement by obtaining written approval from the current neighbor.

Brody Bovero noted that in Section A sub-paragraph 3 on fencing we should add “fixed or moveable”.

Sandi Conn inquired why we are eliminating roosters and do you need a permit to have one.

Brody Bovero noted it needs a zoning permit.

Barbara Iacovelli questioned why there is no lot minimum and why did this topic come up.

Brody noted that we have had complaints.

The discussion continued with concerns about the waste and why other small animals were taken out.

**2. AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 56: ANIMALS, ADDING PROVISIONS FOR THE KEEPING OF SMALL DOMESTIC FOWL**

**Bob Miller made a motion to authorize advertisement for the adoption of ordinance to amend Chapter 56: Animals, adding provisions for the keeping of small domestic fowl, with the added section b, as stated by Kathy Labrum. The motion was seconded by Jim Benoit. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Barbara Iacovelli inquired about the trimming of the rights-of-way, since it has been a very wet summer and the undergrowth is massive.

Brody Bovero stated that it is scheduled, but the weather created a backlog.

Maddie Scheerer voiced her concern about the sale of the Squire Cheyney House and Barn and how these properties should be protected. She is working with Cheyney University and tries to rehab the properties. Maddie suggested doing a Preservation Subdivision. Maddie also stated that she has a website for the Barn and House and has around 1,000 followers who are also very upset about the sale of the properties without protection.

Barbara Iacovelli also asked how this property is going out to bid, since this property is a gem to the Township.

Brody Bovero mentioned that it will have a facade easement.

Bob Miller noted that the Board has had many meetings on this subject. Anything you want to say to us, put it in writing.

**VII. APPROVAL OF 4 FUNDS BILL LIST, \$120,514.56 – Bob Miller**

Bob Miller presented the April bill lists as follows:

- General Fund                      \$110,403.31
- Capital Fund                        \$375.00
- Escrow Fund                         \$4,580.00
- Open Space Fund                  \$1656.25
- Open Space Fund – Supp.        \$3,500.00

**Bob Miller motioned to approve the bill list for \$120,514.56. Mike Gallagher seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brody Bovero  
Township Manager/Secretary