

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES –August 20, 2013**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Bob Anthony at 7:00 P.M. in the Thornbury Township meeting room. In attendance were Supervisors Bob Anthony, Chairman; Mike Gast, 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 and after the regularly scheduled meeting to discuss real estate and litigation matters.

**II. POLICE REPORT – Chief Bernot**

Chief Bernot mentioned that on September 4<sup>th</sup> the Police Academy will begin and the only cost incurred by participants will be \$27.00 for the CPR certification. Also, on October 26, 2013, WEGO will team up with The Giant Food Store for a “Take Back Drugs” campaign.

Chief Bernot gave a brief overview of the month of July activity in the Township. She also mentioned that the criminal activity has decreased this month. She also gave a brief update of police traffic enforcement activity in the Township.

Chief Bernot stated that the amount of traffic enforcement services that the Police had provided to the township over recent months significantly exceeded the amount contracted for, and that the other participating townships’ representative had expressed concern over this. Discussions then took place over why the higher amount of traffic enforcement services has been provided and how the amount of services could be brought down closer to the amount contracted for. The Board discussed with Chief Bernot the hours of traffic safety and patrolling the Township gets per day and how that scheduled time is calculated.

Chief Bernot suggested that looking at the PPU’s will show more specifics about how, where, when and on what the additional services were being delivered. Also, the chief stated that all the calls of complaints that come in are recorded in a spreadsheet and that when calls came in about speeding, the police would do traffic speed studies to determine the extent of speeding.

Bob Miller noted that such studies are really not WEGO’s job, as the township will determine when it is appropriate to do traffic studies and, in such cases, the township will work with their engineers to do them. Also, the township had not requested the additional traffic enforcement services and that we should be able to work together to get back down to the contracted service levels.

It was agreed that Chief Bernot and Brody Bovero would work together to determine the appropriate processes for handling traffic and to determine how to

bring the levels of traffic enforcement services into line with the levels contracted for.

### **III. MANAGERS REPORT**

#### **2013 Road Paving Schedule**

The Cricklewood Road paving project is complete. The project was bid at \$136,174.80 and the final cost was \$134,125.60. Brody Bovero wanted to thank Mike Conrad and Yerkes Associates.

Brody asked the Township Engineer to provide a cost estimate for the 2014 Paving Project by September 1<sup>st</sup>. The planned project for 2014 is Deer Pointe Road.

#### **Sanitary Sewer**

A final letter has been sent to those residents of College Hill that are not connected to the sewer. The Township is currently offering, through the EPA grant, to cover 55% of the grinder pump and installation costs. The deadline to be connected to the system is September 30th, due to the expiration of the grant.

Mike Gast wanted to thank Brody Bovero and the Township staff for all their hard work on the College Hill Sewer Project.

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

The informational website is approximately 75% complete. It can be viewed at [www.squirecheyneyhouseforsale.com](http://www.squirecheyneyhouseforsale.com). There is a lot of information on the website and Brody will be posting more information as it is received.

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

The Park is scheduled for construction next spring. The next step is to submit an application to the Zoning Hearing Board, since the Township will need a variance to begin.

#### **Stormwater**

Brody contacted neighboring Townships to see if they have equipment that can be used to investigate the 15” pipe connection in the Township’s culvert on South Concord Road at Timberline Trail. We received help from East Goshen Township and video in the pipe indicated that the pipe is not owned by the Township.

Brody Bovero wanted to thank East Goshen Township for again helping the Township, with no cost to us.

Brody attended the County-Wide Act 167 Stormwater Management meeting hosted by Chester County Water Resources. They provided an overview of the mandated stormwater ordinance amendments that must be made by January, 2014. We will be receiving assistance from Yerkes Associates to modify the Township’s current ordinance in order to comply with the Act.

Brody suggested that that Board put together a subcommittee, since the new ordinance needs be adopted by January.

Mike Gast volunteered and also suggested that Jim Benoit would be a good candidate for the committee, since he is in the construction business. It was also suggested that the Chairman of the Planning Commission recommend a member of the Commission to participate on the subcommittee.

#### **Road Maintenance**

The salt bin roof structure has been completed.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **A. July 16, 2013 Meeting**

**Bob Miller made a motion to approve the July 16, 2013 minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Anthony. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

#### **B. August 6, 2013 Work Session**

**Mike Gast made a motion to approve the August 6, 2013 minutes as amended by Mike Gast. The motion was seconded by Bob Miller. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

### **V. AGENDA BUSINESS**

#### **1. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON ORDINANCE 2013-1: SMALL DOMESTIC FOWL**

**Tabled**

#### **2. CONTRACT AWARD FOR TOWN CENTER WALKWAY REPLACEMENT**

Brody Bovero reported that the Township received three bids for the job.

The bids are as follows:

John J. Brady Inc	\$9,880
Al Cicchinelli Concrete	\$5,855
Philip Tinari & Son	\$4,800

The cost for this project was not budgeted in the Capital Fund. Brody requested that the Board approve this as an expense from the Capital Fund since it is a long-term improvement.

**Mike Gast made a motion to authorize \$4,800 from the Capital Fund for the Town Center Walkway Replacement. The motion was seconded by Bob Miller. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

### **3. CONTRACT AWARD FOR TOWNSHIP ELECTIC SUPPLIER**

Brody noted that this was discussed at the work session. On December 31st, our electricity contract with Exelon will expire. They have provided new rates for 2014 with a 1, 2, or 3 year contract. The savings is about 20%

**Bob Miller made a motion to sign up for the 3 year contact with Exelon. The motion was seconded by Mike Gast. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

### **4. AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO OBTAIN APPROVALS NECESSARY FOR THE SUBDIVISION OF THE WALN RUN PARK PROPERTY**

Brody Bovero noted that the Board has had discussions on the sale of the Waln Run Park property. The park will be a two (2) lot subdivision, the north lot will contain six (6) acres and the south lot will contain 9.5 acres. The Township will be selling the 9.5 acres.

Chris Lang stated that he was a Supervisor when the land was purchased, and he is not clear on what the Board wants to accomplish with the sale of the park. Chris also noted that he not in favor of this sale and feels a lot of residents would feel the same. Chris suggested that the Board delay the vote until September so the Township residents can be notified.

The discussion continued regarding the amount of open space the Township already has, and the things the Township could do with the money from the sale of this property.

Chris Lang recommended that the Board consult with Molly Morrison, from the Natural Lands Trust, for suggestions.

**Mike Gast made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to obtain approvals necessary for the subdivision of the Waln Run Park Property. The motion was seconded by Bob Miller. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chris Lang was concerned and had questions on the condition of the Springhouse at the Squire Cheyney Park. The Township now owns the property and it is in need of repairs. Also, in Chris' opinion, the House is not ready to be shown and to attract buyers.

Bob Anthony was in agreement about the Springhouse, and we will have an assessment done.

Dick Webster was also concerned about the Springhouse and the fact the every time it rains, water gets in.

Chris Lang requested a copy of the proposed Squire Cheyney Property façade easement.

**VII. APPROVAL OF 4 FUNDS BILL LIST, \$251,734.01 – Bob Miller**

Bob Miller presented the April bill lists as follows:

- General Fund                      \$140,079.89
- Capital Fund                        \$ 6,638.83
- Liquid Fuels Fund                \$ 80,000.00
- Open Space Fund                 \$ 22,515.63
- Sewer Fund                         \$ 2,499.66

Bob Miller presented the Supplement Bill List for a total of \$47,353.57

**Bob Anthony motioned to approve the bill list for \$299,087.58. Bob Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brody Bovero  
Township Manager/Secretary