EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION
Thursday, February 5, 2009

Those in Attendance:

Hudson L. Voltz, Chairman
David A. Kirkner, Vice-Chairman
Jay G. Fischer, Member
Scott T. Piersol, Township Manager
Mark Kocsi, Chief of Police
Matthew T. VanLew, Roadmaster
Mary Beth Smedley, Secretary/Treasurer

The East Brandywine Township Board of Supervisors meeting of Thursday, February 5, 2009 was called to order by Chairman Voltz at 7:30 A.M. at the East Brandywine Township Municipal Complex. There was one visitor present.

Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items

Chairman Voltz asked if there were comments on non-agenda items. There were no comments.

Resolution 09 of 2009 – Robb Property Conservation Easements

Mr. Piersol explained that this Resolution authorizes the purchase of conservation and trail easements on the Robb property, approves the Agreement of Sale and authorizes the Township Manager to sign settlement documents on behalf of the Township. Chairman Voltz asked if there were questions from the audience. There were no questions. Chairman Voltz then made a motion to adopt Resolution 09 of 2009. Mr. Fischer seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

Resolution 10 of 2009 – Compensation for the East Brandywine Township Tax Collector

This Resolution fixes the salary for the Tax Collector elected for the next full term of office. Chairman Voltz asked if there were questions. There were no questions. Mr. Fischer made a motion to adopt Resolution 10 of 2009. Vice-Chairman Kirkner seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

County Earned Income Tax (EIT) Committee

Chester County is investigating the feasibility of instituting a County-wide program to collect earned income tax and have asked that each municipality appoint a Township representative to the County EIT Committee. Mr. Fischer made a motion to appoint David A. Kirkner as the Township's representative to the Chester County EIT Committee. Chairman Voltz seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

Building Updates

Mr. VanLew reported that during an inspection of the roof one of our contractors noticed that there are two different types of shingles (English and Metric) were used and questioned the weight of the shingles. Mr. VanLew contacted GAF, the shingle manufacturer who confirmed that although two different types of shingles were used they were both 40 year shingles, as required in the building specifications. Chairman Voltz asked if there might be a problem matching shingles if they need to be replaced. Mr. VanLew said it wouldn't be a problem since the English shingles are separated from the Metric shingles by a valley and stainless steel flashing.

Mr. Piersol and Mr. VanLew have met with Stephen McDonnell from Gawthrop Greenwood, PC to discuss change orders and payment of invoices to MBR construction. They will continue to keep the Supervisors apprised of developments regarding this issue.

Amendment to Ordinance 80-1

Mr. VanLew requested permission to advertise revisions to Ordinance 80-1, which will post speed limits on certain Township roads and allow the Township to post all-way stop signs at the intersection of Zynn Road and Caln Meetinghouse Road. Mr. Fischer made a motion to advertise the amendment to Ordinance 80-1. Vice-Chairman Kirkner seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

Chief Kocsi asked if newly posted Stop signs could have reflective strips. Although not required, PennDOT is recommending their use. Mr. VanLew stated that PennDOT is requiring that all street signs be replaced, so it is unlikely that there will be funds in 2009 that can be used for that purpose. Mr. VanLew did say that he will post "New Traffic Pattern Ahead" signs once the Stop signs are installed.

Whittaker Property

Adam Brower, engineer for the Whittaker family, has asked to schedule a meeting with Township representatives to discuss the land development process. Mr. Piersol will schedule a meeting to include Mr. Fischer, Planning Commission members Bruce Rawlings and Stephen Cushman, and representatives from the Brandywine Conservancy.

Bondsville Mill – Partial Demolition Plan

Mr. Piersol reported on the bid results from January 30, 2009

1. DiRocco Bros. Inc.	$124,800.00
2. H & K Environmental Service	$ 21,500.00
3. Dymond Quality builders, LLC	$ 37,998.00
4. Morgan Site Improvement, LLC	$ 22,500.00
5. Reiff Brothers Excavation and Demolition	$ 28,970.00
6. Main Line Paving Company, Inc.	$ 77,000.00

7. Environmental Restoration, Inc.	$ 82,505.00
8. American Demolition Corp.	$ 73,000.00

Mr. Piersol, Mr. VanLew and Mr. Yerkes will review the bids prior to making a recommendation to the Board. The Supervisors tabled awarding the bid until the review is complete.

Mr. Piersol stated that not all of the funds needed to award the bid are budgeted for 2009. In order to move forward with the demolition project other jobs at the Mill will have to be delayed. The Supervisors asked that the Mill Committee discuss this at their next meeting and make a recommendation for the Board to consider.

East Fisherville Road Bridge Update

At a previous meeting Mr. Piersol reported that East Brandywine Township and Caln Township have agreed to share the cost for installing median barriers along the south side of East Fisherville Road. Caln Township Engineer Jeff McClintock will contact Mr. Piersol and Mr. VanLew regarding when the installation will take place.

Robert Luebbers from Cassio Engineering is recommending that the bridge be reinspected every six months. Although East Brandywine Township has agreed to share the costs of the barriers and the initial bridge inspection, it is the Township's position that maintenance inspection costs are solely the responsibility of Caln Township since the bridge is entirely within their municipal boundaries.

Announcements

The Township will hold a public meeting to discuss the draft of the Comprehensive Plan, which will incorporate the Open Space, Environmental and Recreation Plan, and the final version of the Master Development Strategy for the Village of Guthriesville, on Tuesday evening, February 17, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Township meeting hall.

The Board of Supervisors will meet in Executive session with legal counsel on Wednesday, February 11th at 9:00 A.M. to discuss the dissolution of the Brandywine Regional Police Commission.

The Board of Supervisors, along with members of the Planning Commission and Municipal Authority will meet with representatives of the Downingtown Area School District On February 11th at 10:30 A.M. to discuss construction of a middle school on the Weaver tract.

Other Business

Mr. Piersol reported that installation of audio-visual equipment for the large meeting room will begin by the end of March.

Comments from the Audience

Chairman Voltz asked if there were additional comments from the audience. There were no further comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Voltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairman Kirkner seconded the motion, with all voting Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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