

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2007**

The Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors held a public meeting on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at the Township Administration Building, 6 Township Drive, Cheyney, PA. Chairman Raith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with a salute to the flag.

**PRESENT:**

James H. Raith, Chairman  
Joseph P. Sgro, Vice-Chairman  
Jay Uradnisheck, Supervisor  
Jeffrey Seagraves, Manager  
Deborah Perry, Secretary/Treasurer  
Lindsey Price, Roadmaster  
Elizabeth Catania, PE, Township Engineer  
Robert P. Anderman, Esq., Township Solicitor  
James C. McCann, PE, Township Sewer Engineer

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: 22**

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Deborah Perry**

*On a motion by Jay Uradnisheck, seconded by Joseph Sgro and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report as read.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Deborah Perry**

*On a motion by Jay Uradnisheck, seconded by Joseph Sgro and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, February 7, 2007 public meeting.*

**APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTERS – Deborah Perry**

**General Fund**

*On a motion by Jay Uradnisheck, seconded by Joseph Sgro and carried unanimously to approve the check register for the General Fund in the amount of \$50,840.11.*

**East Side Sewer District**

*On a motion by Jay Uradnisheck, seconded by Joseph Sgro and carried unanimously to approve the check register for the East Side Sewer District in the amount of \$4,640.89.*

**APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTERS - continued**

**West Side Sewer District**

*On a motion by Jay Uradnisheck, seconded by Joseph Sgro and carried unanimously to approve the check register for the West Side Sewer District in the amount of \$600.00.*

**BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS**

**PARK & RECREATION BOARD REPORT – Joseph Burke**

Mr. Burke reported that members met jointly with the Board to discuss the past active recreational use of the Park. It was decided that all organized teams will have to use the parking lot near the tennis courts. Mr. Burke discussed upcoming events; Daffodil Days, and the Easter Egg Hunt and asked that the Board pay a portion of the signage for these entire days' events at a cost of \$300.00. The cost would be for signage for the entire daffodil day a portion of what this sign costs. The Historic Society would pay the other half.

*On a motion by Joseph Sgro, seconded by Jay Uradnisheck and carried unanimously to approve a \$300.00 expenditure by the Park Board for Daffodil Days.*

Mr. Burke advised that Mrs. Cannon stated she would be stepping down as Chairperson; however he feels that the Board should recognize her for all her contributions. Mr. Seagraves was asked to look into doing something on this.

Mr. Sgro discussed the joint meeting stating that there were two issues relating to teams using the park. Parking – this needs to be addressed in our rules for the Park so that everyone knows that parking for the use of the fields will now be at the lower end. Mr. Sgro asked if we need someone to direct the traffic. Mr. Burke stated that members agreed that all teams requesting the use of the fields will be called and a letter sent directing them to use lower parking lot. Park Board Members have volunteered to check to make sure that this is being followed. Mr. Price advised that this has been added to the permits issued for this year.

Mr. Raith feels that once teams begin to park; they will follow this each time and each year. Mr. Sgro stated that the second concern was the condition of the fields. Mr. Sgro discussed a letter written to Mr. Price from Grass Management with reference to the fields where an improvement has been seen. Mr. Sgro asked that a copy of this letter be submitted to the Park Board.

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT – Geoff Carbutt**

Mr. Carbutt advised that members invited representatives from the Township Park & Recreation Board as well as the Thornbury Historic Society to attend. The purpose was to determine what joint efforts they could work on together for this year and next. Discussed moving forward with the Historic Ash Cross Section; Joan Dehm stated that her organization would love to see Thornbury Days do once again. The three Boards would like to work together on this venture. However, members felt that they should focus on this event for the 2008 period.

Mr. Raith would like the Township to be involved. Mr. Carbutt stated that Mrs. Cannon discussed Bonner and Martin Parks and the signs which are in place.

Mr. Jacquet was present and discussed the Frazer Ruins and the ongoing restoration which could enhance this area. Mr. Jacquet advised that he met with an Engineer to discuss how we could further preserve this area. Mr. Jacquet discussed that 10 years ago the Township stabilized the chimney. The Engineer stated that this wall is holding up. The other wall needs to be stabilized now and the cost would range from \$4,000.00 to \$10,000.00, however we would need to put together a spec package, and receive bids. There is also a type of commercial oven in this area covered with stone, limbs and weeds. We might want to preserve this also. The Historic Commission is looking for some input from the Board on this issue. Mr. Raith advised that the report was just received this evening. The Board would consider this and will give an answer at the next meeting. Mr. Carbutt stated that the ruins have historical significance from the Civil War.

**PLANNING COMMISSION – James Kelly**

Mr. Kelly advised that members met only once during the month of January because of the weather. At the meeting they discussed the Rock Haven Subdivision; but took no action; however members did review comments received. Members also discussed the Woodland Conservation Ordinance and considered comments by the Board.

Mr. Uradnisheck discussed the Floodplain Ordinance, stating that he received email from Mr. Sgro regarding comments. Mr. Sgro discussed that Chairman Kelly will put together a list of changes made from the original draft and once received Mr. Sgro will ask for comments and finalize this ordinance.

**SEWER COMMITTEE – James Kelly**

Mr. Kelly stated that members met and held a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors to discuss the Brinton Lea Sewer District and the financing issues.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – James McCann**

Mr. McCann stated that member did not meet because of the weather. However, he met with some members on Saturday to evaluate the trail from Station Road and to discuss remarking of the trails. Members are working on planting materials for this year.

**LIBRARY BOARD – Patty Hunsucker**

Ms. Hunsucker advised that the Library has 15 new members this past month from Thornbury. Programs are ongoing. Saint Patrick's Day Story Time; Mother/Daughter Book Club and new SAT prep class will begin on Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Friends of Library Group, which is on our website; and they are still in search for a PR Marketing candidate. Since space at the Library is a premium, they have been looking for ways to manage the space and received seven (7) proposals on this issue and since have addressed this proposal in the staff area. Ms. Hunsucker advised that she attended the Delaware County Library Systems Workshops where several new data bases are available. If you have a library card in Delaware County you can get into these websites. Joe Sgro discussed the upcoming event here at the Township Building, the Children's Story Hour to be held Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**EAGLE SCOUT RESOLUTION #8 of 2007**

The Board of Supervisors honored Peter William Atkinson, Jr., for his accomplishments in the Boy Scouts of America where he has obtained the rank of Eagle Scout.

*On a motion by Jay Uradnisheck, seconded by Joseph Sgro and carried unanimously to execute Resolution #8 of 2007 honoring Peter William Atkinson, Jr., as an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.*

**SKYHAWKS CONTRACT**

Mr. Seagraves advised that this contract is not currently ready for execution.

**TANGUY HOMESTEADS**

Mr. Seagraves advised that this contract is not currently ready for execution.

### **OPERATION & MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

Mr. Seagraves advised that this document is being put into place as a temporary alternative for the septic system at 43 Twin Pine Way, which is questionable.

*On a motion by Jay Uradnisheck, seconded by Joseph Sgro and carried unanimously to execute the Operation & Maintenance Agreement dated February 21, 2007, for Kenneth Frascella of 43 Twin Pine Way.*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Ted Jacquet, Rose Lane** – questioned the schedule for the Locksley Bridge. Mr. Seagraves advised that the timeframe at this time is October, 2007 and the developer has received permission from the Game Commission to continue work during Trout Season. Ms. Catania stated that she received a copy of the schedule which was forwarded to Mr. Seagraves from Dennis Carey, Public Works Director for the county. As the schedule changes, a revised one will be forwarded.

**Eric Ye, Woodridge Road** – Brinton Lea Sewer Connection – advised that he would like to commend the Sewer Committee and Board of Supervisors for coming up with a solution for this area. Mr. Ye would like to point out that the recovery cost should not be included because of the easement he gave. This was not clear to him. Mr. Raith stated that the Board will honor this agreement.

**Larry Barrett, Locksley Road** – discussed the “No Outlet” sign and asked if Public Works would look at this. Also Skyline Drive sign has been stolen.

### **TOWNSHIP MANAGER’S REPORT**

Mr. Seagraves reported;

Met with representatives of Toll Brothers to address outstanding items related to the dedication of Tall Trees development.

Scheduled to attend a pre-construction meeting with WAWA on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Zoning Appeals – Mr. Seagraves discussed that he has denied three since last Friday. Most of these homeowners will pursue an appeal. Two of them involve appeals that were granted permission to be done in the past but not acted on in a timely manner; use of the store at the corner Glen Mills Road and Stony Bank Road, 3 Helluva Hill was also applied for by previous owner; sold the home and did not utilize the variance which expired.

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER’S REPORT - continued**

No need to send the Township Solicitor in opposition. Mr. Sgro discussed the appeals and the Board held a general discussion.

Held a phone conference with Natural Lands Trust. They are moving forward on our Open Space venture. Plan on meeting over the next week or so on prioritizing things which are important to us, which is the next step.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Raith advised that the Board of Supervisors held a brief Executive Session this evening on matters of Real Estate and Legal Matters.

**ROADMASTER’S REPORT – Lindsey Price**

Mr. Price advised that he would recommend Grass Management to maintain the Athletic Fields at Thornbury Park.

*On a motion by Jay Uradnisheck, seconded by Joseph Sgro and carried unanimously to approve Grass Management for the 2007 Season at a cost of \$8,685.00. Mr. Sgro would like to add Thornbury Park.*

Mr. Price would like to recommend new flooring of the restrooms off the meeting room and vestibule upstairs in quarry tile.

*On a motion by Jay Uradnisheck, seconded by Joseph Sgro and carried unanimously to approve the installation of 12 inch quarry tile floor in the Restrooms off the Meeting room and upstairs vestibule at a cost of \$2,420.00.*

The Board thanked Mr. Price and Mr. Craig for staying on top of the snow/ice for the residents.

**TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Robert P. Anderman, Esq.**

**FLOODPLAIN CONSERVATION & ALLUVIAL SOIL OVERLAY ORDINANCE**

Mr. Anderman advised, in this matter, he received a copy of Wayne Grafton’s summary of comments originally submitted by the Supervisors to the Solicitor. It is recommended by the Solicitor that a member of the Board of Supervisors and the Solicitor meet with the Planning Commission at one of their future meetings to review the comments and to obtain the perspective of the Planning Commission on this ordinance.

## **TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR’S REPORT - continued**

### **ANDOVER DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Anderman stated that he has received a revised copy of the Land Development Agreement, Improvement Security Agreement and Declaration for the above captioned development. The revisions recommended by the Solicitor have been made in the documents and they now appear to be satisfactory for enactment by the Board of Supervisors at the appropriate time.

In addition, the Solicitor has received a draft copy of the Grinder Pump Maintenance Agreement which will be enacted with the Andover Homeowners Association and a copy of the PreDoc, Inc. full service agreement which is a service contract for the grinder pumps in the development. It is requested that the Board of Supervisors, Township Manager and Sewer Engineer review these documents prior to action at a future public meeting.

The Board asked Mr. Anderman to forward a copy of these documents to the Sewer Committee.

### **SEWER DISTRICT ORDINANCE**

Mr. Anderman advised that he has been requested by the Township Manager to begin preparation of the necessary ordinances to create the different sewer districts within the Township of Thornbury and the Solicitor is in the process of preparing the same for submission to the Board of Supervisors at a future public meeting.

### **SNOW & ICE REMOVAL ORDINANCE**

Mr. Anderman advised that he forwarded a copy of this ordinance to the Board for review and comments. This item will be placed on the May 16<sup>th</sup> Work Session. Mr. Uradnisheck discussed the Grinder Pump Maintenance Agreement revision dates.

## **TOWNSHIP ENGINEER’S REPORT – Elizabeth A. Catania, PE**

Ms. Catania advised;

### **Tall Trees**

Reviewed the maintenance bond for Tall Trees; possibly next week the concrete work should be done. Suggested some changes to the Maintenance Bond; waiting for Township Sewer Engineer’s comments for the Sanitary Sewer section; once done they will received a final number for the maintenance bond.

## **TOWNSHIP ENGINEER'S REPORT - continued**

### **Palmer Park**

Survey scheduled for today; has to be rescheduled to tomorrow. Next meeting we should have a base plan of tree locations.

### **Road Inspection**

Ms. Catania discussed doing the road inspection during the first week of April. At the next meeting we need to set a date.

### **Greenbriar At Thornbury**

There has been one more item taken care of on this review. The Department of Environmental Protection has contacted Ms. Catania.

Mr. Uradnisheck discussed the Verizon Fiber optic lines. Ms. Catania stated that they bore under the roadways. We have had a problem with a previous contractor for Verizon and we want to be sure the township is covered should problems arrive.

Mr. Raith questioned if we need to hold a Pre-construction meeting with Verizon on our upcoming installation of the fiber optic network. Ms. Catania proposes a permit to be issued to Verizon, street by street.

## **TOWNSHIP SEWER ENGINEER'S REPORT – James C. McCann, PE**

### **Brinton Lea Sewer Extension**

Mr. McCann stated that they attended the joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors and the Sewer committee on the Brinton Lea Sewer Extension. At this time they are waiting direction from the township as to how to proceed.

### **Tall Trees Subdivision**

Mr. McCann reported that Pennoni met with Township representatives and a representative of Toll Brothers to review all outstanding issues relating to the dedication of the development. They did receive revised as-built plans of the sanitary sewer system and will issue comments to the township. This is the only outstanding item related to sanitary sewers.

### **Chapter 94 Report**

Mr. McCann stated they continue to work on the Chapter 94 Report for the East Side Sewer System.

**TOWNSHIP SEWER ENGINEER’S REPORT – continued**

**Andover Subdivision**

Mr. McCann reported that he met with Dan Lutz who represents the developer of the Andover Subdivision to discuss the most recent plan revisions to the final plans. Pennoni received an e-mail copy of the Engineer’s cost estimate as they relate to Sanitary Sewer service and will issue their comments upon completion of the review.

**Blantyre Subdivision**

Mr. McCann stated that tree clearing of the off-site sanitary sewer easement through the Dittert Property has been performed. They are waiting notification from the contractor regarding when construction will resume.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup> Pennoni met with the resident at 12 Elaine Drive to discuss the location of the proposed service connection to the sewer line through the Dittert property. The only resident along the south side of Elaine Drive that has direct access to the sewer that has not contacted us to discuss a service location is the resident of 16 Elaine Drive.

Mr. Sgro discussed the Brinton Lea Sewer line and asked about the finalizing of the original design. Mr. McCann stated that this has been submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection and they are waiting for direction on details discussed.

**ACTION ITEM LIST**

This list has been checked during the meeting.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Perry  
Secretary