

**EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SESSION
October 19, 2016**

Those in Attendance:

Jay G. Fischer, Chairman
Arnold M. Kring, Vice-Chairman
Kyle P. Scribner, Member
Scott T. Piersol, Township Manager
Luke D. Reven, Assistant 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 Wednesday, October 19, 2016, was called to order by Chairman Fischer at 7:30 PM at the East Brandywine Township Municipal Complex. Also in attendance were Lt. Gene Babetski, Corporal James Ferraro, Corporal Steven Leifholt, Corporal Mark Twaddell, Officer Cyle Harnish, Officer John Hayes, Officer Jeremy Lanza, Officer Juan Lemus, Officer Dan Orris, Officer Maureen Rae, Officer Beau Shephard, Officer Steven Tyree, Officer Jeffrey Yankanich, Norann King, Building Permits Coordinator, Rose Jamison, Police Secretary, Jacquelyn Smedley, Police Secretary and approximately 20 other visitors.

Opening of Meeting

Chairman Fischer opened the meeting with a Salute to the Flag.

Certificate of Accreditation Presented to the East Brandywine Township Police Department

Chief Kocsi welcomed members of the audience and thanked District Justice Jeffrey Valocchi, Chief of Chester County Detectives Kevin Dykes, Chief William Daly of the Horsham Township Police Department and Chief Ronald MacPherson of the Upper Southampton Police Department for attending. He said that he was very proud to be standing here tonight alongside his fellow police officers as the Department is recognized by the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association as an accredited law enforcement agency. He said the Department has come a long way from the days when it was in the ranch house and the Laird Building. Chief Kocsi said he was very proud of the accomplishments made not only in the Officers' personal careers but also as a Police Department. He said that it is an honor to serve alongside of each of these men and women every day. Accreditation validates that the Police Department will uphold the highest level of service. Chief Kocsi singled out three individuals who have been integral in the accreditation process. He thanked the Accreditation Manager Jeffrey Yankanich, whose vision made this possible and Rose Jamison and Jacquelyn Smedley for their support. Finally, Chief Kocsi

thanked family and friends of the Police Officers who have sacrificed and provided support throughout this process.

Chief Kocsi introduced Chief William Daly and Chief Ronald MacPherson who awarded the Accreditation to the Police Department. Chief Daly started by commending Officer Jeffrey Yankanich, the Department's Accreditation Manger. In order to be accredited Police Departments must meet 135 standards with many subsections. The East Brandywine Police Department followed the best management practices to meet or exceed these standards. Less than 10% of Police Departments in Pennsylvania have achieved accreditation so this is something of which to be very proud. Chief Daly also applauded the Board of Supervisors for supporting the Police Department through the accreditation process. Chief MacPherson said that achieving accreditation means that a Police Department adheres to the highest professional standards. He said it is rare to see a whole Department come to the accreditation ceremony and he thanked the Officers for taking personal time to celebrate this achievement.

Chairman Fischer said that although State Representative Becky Corbin was not able to attend tonight's meeting, she did provide a Citation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He went on to say that he was very proud of the Police Department. He said it was remarkable that the Department elected to make their job more difficult so they can be better. Chairman Fischer said that it raises the bar for them and they did that willingly. He commended them for a phenomenal job.

Chief Kocsi thanked the Board for their support and then awarded accreditation pins to the Officers.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Chairman Fischer asked if there were comments from the public on non-agenda items. There were none.

Minutes: Board of Supervisors – October 6, 2016

Chairman Fischer asked if there were any additions or corrections to the above minutes. There were none. Vice-Chairman Kring made a motion to approve the October 6, 2016 minutes as presented. Mr. Scribner seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

Minutes: Planning Commission – October 5, 2016

Chairman Fischer noted that the Planning Commission minutes of October 5, 2016, were not yet available for approval.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Smedley read the account balances as of October 19, 2016. After reviewing the financial reports, Vice-Chairman Kring made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of the bills. Mr. Scribner seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

Township Manager's Report

Mr. Piersol reported that the Township's grant request to the County's Vision Partnership Program, in the amount of \$20,000, has been approved. This grant will offset a significant portion of the costs associated with updates to our Land Use Code. An agreement between the Township and County will be forthcoming later this fall. Work on this project should begin in late January or February of 2017. This is a reimbursement grant; the Township must enact revisions to its land use regulations before receiving reimbursement from this grant. This project is expected to be completed within 18 months.

The Chester County Water Resources Authority is planning renovations to the Beaver Creek Dam on East Reeceville Road. The Authority has initiated a 2-year planning process on this project, and has invited the Township to participate in the planning process. Mr. Piersol, Mr. Reven and Mr. VanLew, along with Township Engineer Nathan Cline will meet with representatives of the Water Authority and the National Resource Conservation Service to discuss this project on November 10th here at the Township office.

Mr. Piersol was notified last week that our building was recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as an Energy Star facility. The EPA recognizes commercial facilities with an Energy Star performance rating of 75 and above with this award. Our facility received a very high energy efficiency rating of 87 out of 100 possible points. This rating will be helpful when applying for grants in the future, for retrofit with LED lighting, energy management equipment, or possibly solar energy equipment.

Keystone Collections Group recently notified all municipalities in Chester County that the State of New Jersey is considering ending a nearly 40-year agreement with Pennsylvania for earned income tax reciprocity for Pennsylvania residents who work in New Jersey, and vice-versa. The anticipated net effect on Pennsylvania is approximately \$5 Million. The state analysis does not provide information to determine what the impact will be at the local municipal level at this point. It was also reported that this is not a done deal, so we will continue to monitor this issue as we approach the year end.

Assistant Township Manager's Report

East-West Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Plan (VPP Grant Consultant Selection)

In the spring of this year West Brandywine Township, Uwchlan Township, and East Brandywine Township (as lead municipality) were awarded a grant in the amount \$35,000 from the Chester

County Planning Commission's Vision Partnership Program to conduct a study of a proposed trail that will provide a safe pedestrian and bicycle connection between Hibernia County Park located in West Brandywine Township and the Chester County's Struble Trail located in Uwchlan Township.

A Study Advisory Committee composed of representatives from the three Townships reviewed the eight responses to an August RFP for a design consultant at a meeting this morning. Interviews with four firms were conducted on October 13 and a recommendation, McMahon Transportation Engineers and Planners has been made to the Chester County Planning Commission.

Helen and Robert Whittaker Memorial Park and Nature Trail Dedication

The Helen and Robert Whittaker Memorial Park and Nature Trail dedication will be Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 3:30 P.M. This one acre parcel, owned by the Township and developed using private donations solicited by Richard and Peggy Whittaker and managed by the West Chester Community Foundation, now contains a short nature trail, benches, and landscaping. The park is anticipated to serve as a trailhead for the Struble Trail and the eastern terminus of the East-West Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan described earlier. Mr. Reven thanked Lisa Taraschi for taking the lead in coordinating the dedication festivities.

The Budget Process Update

The Budget Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 25th to review a 3rd Draft of the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget. The Committee is on schedule to produce a final draft for the Second Class Township Code required public inspection period commencing at the November 16 Regular Session of the Board of Supervisors and ending with the adoption of the budget at the December 21 Regular Session.

Surplus Property Sale

The Second Class Township Code required public notice of East Brandywine Township's Surplus Property Sale was run on Monday, October 10 and electronic bids will be accepted beginning at 8:00 AM on Friday, October 21st and ending at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, November 2nd. Bids on some very interesting lots including police radios, squad car equipment, PCs, servers, printers, a generator and a zero-turn mower are only accepted through the municibid.com website.

Fall Speaker's Series Presented by the Historical Commission

The public is invited to the third and final installation of the Historical Commission's Fall Speaker's Series featuring Keith Smith, local historian and author of *That's Going to Leave a Marker... Historical Markers in Chester County*. Mr. Smith will regale us with anecdotes about East Brandywine Township and tell us about the process of historical marker placement. The lecture will be on November 20 at 3:30 PM here in the Meeting Hall.

2015 Recycle Program Performance / Trash Tonnage (904 Performance Grant)

On September 29 Staff submitted an application for a Department of Environmental Protection Recycling performance grant for the calendar year 2015. In 2015 the Township implemented two changes to our recycling program: (1) we began using a new municipal waste hauler; and (2) we transitioned to a single-stream recycle program eliminating the need to separate paper from other recyclables. Our total recycling tonnage improved 7.29% between 2014 and 2015, and assuming DEP accepts our tonnage as reported, we can expect an award of about \$20,500. For budgeting purposes, the amount received in current fiscal year was based on 2013 performance, the award for 2014 performance will likely be received in 2017, and the current application (performance in 2015) will be received in 2018.

DEP Reimbursement for Toters (902 Program Grant)

On September 26 Staff received the final payment in the amount of \$134,326.94 from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the purchase of Recycle Carts distributed in the beginning of this year. This project, literally the first one assigned to Mr. Reven when he joined the Township in the summer of 2014, is now complete. Some 2,856 carts have been distributed to Township residents with some 344 in reserve—enough to supply the approximately 329 units approved but as yet unbuilt in Applecross, Hideaway Farms, and Hillendale. The carts are under warranty through 2026, and the final cost to the Township was \$15,497.45 or only \$4.84 per cart.

Open Space Committee

The Open Space Committee is recommending the Board of Supervisors appoint Mark Smith and Andrew Thurston to the Committee. Mr. Reven provided their applications and resumes for the Supervisors to review. Vice-Chairman Kring made a motion to appoint Mark Smith and Andrew Thurston to the Open Space Committee. Mr. Scribner seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

Report: Building Inspector/Zoning Officer – Report for September 2016

Mr. Piersol read the Building Inspector/Zoning Officer’s Report for the month of September as submitted by Mrs. Norann King. There were 17 building permits issued, 9 zoning permits issued, 8 use and occupancy permits issued, and 54 inspections conducted during the month. The total fees collected were \$9,555.00.

East Brandywine Township Police Chief’s Report for September 2016

Monthly Statistics

Recorded Incidents	1945
Investigations Completed	192
Criminal Arrests	3
Summary Arrests	0
Juvenile Petitions	0

Accidents Investigated	10
Traffic Citations Issued	108
Warnings Issued	24
Vacation House Checks	58
Patrol Miles Logged	9,144

The Police Department will be doing three different events next weekend for Halloween. They will be at the Brandywine Wallace Elementary School on Friday to give out glow sticks to the children. Friday night Officers will be attending the Home and School Halloween party at Brandywine Wallace. On Halloween night, Officers will be giving out candy and light sticks at the East Brandywine Baptist Church Harvest Fest and in residential developments. Chief Kocsi encouraged everyone to be careful while trick or treating and do not hesitate to contact the Police Department if there are any problems.

Fire Company's Activity Report for September 2016

The following is a summary of the September 2016 Fire Company Report as presented by Mr. Piersol for Fire Chief John Edwards. There were 24 fire incidents and 41 medical incidents in total for the month. In East Brandywine Township, there were 11 fire incidents and 18 EMS incidents. In West Brandywine Township, there were 6 fire incidents and 22 EMS incidents. In Upper Uwchlan Township, there were no fire incidents and 1 EMS incident. During the month, the Fire Company also provided assistance in Wallace Township, West Nantmeal Township and Caln Township. Estimated fire damage was \$62,000. There were 4 training sessions, with an average of 22 personnel at each session.

October is fire Prevention Month. This evening the Fire Company is hosting an Open House. They will also be visiting elementary schools this month to provide education for the children.

Resolution 16 of 2016 – Resolution for Plan Revision for New Land Development – 1660 Bondsville Road

This Resolution approved a revision to the Township's Official Sewage Facilities Plan to permit a small flow treatment facility at 1660 Bondsville Road. This facility will replace a failing on-lot septic system serving a 5 bedroom house. Vice-Chairman Kring made a motion to adopt Resolution 16 of 2016. Mr. Scribner seconded the motion, with all voting aye.

Public Comment

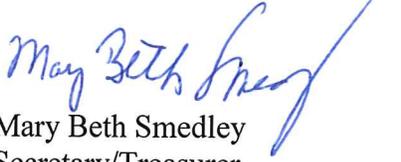
Chairman Fischer asked if there were additional comments from the audience. Mrs. Sandra Moser stated that the scheduled work for the Beaver Creek Dam may be impacted by the Eagles nest. Work can't be done within a certain radius of the nest between January 1st and August 1st. Mr. Piersol said that renovations of the dam spillway are still in the planning stage but he would pass that information along to the Chester County Water Resources Authority.

Mr. Mike Dawson said that a large voter turnout is expected. All of the precincts in East Brandywine are looking for additional help. Interested volunteers can contact Chester County Voter's Services.

Adjournment

Mr. Kring made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 8:15 PM. Mr. Scribner seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Smedley
Secretary/Treasurer

