

Summary of Exeter Township Board of Supervisors Meeting on 5/8/2006

The meeting came to order at 7PM with 4 of 5 Supervisors in attendance. Mr. Barbieri was absent.

Restructuring of Interest Rate Swap:

Representatives of Concord Finance presented a suggestion for the township concerning a contract currently held with Wachovia Bank. Similar to CD's, money has been deposited and has been generating profit for the township (due to interest accrued). The suggestion is to restructure with a new longer-term rate. Effectively, it would be like having a 5-year CD instead of a 1-year CD, thereby, earning more interest. It was suggested that the township could see a net profit of approximately \$1M over the next 10-15 years or about \$100K per year.

Unfinished Business:

1. Golf Course Update

- a. The golf course manager updated the supervisors as follows:
 - i. Approximately 2300 rounds of golf were played last month
 - ii. The new restaurant is fully functional and a temporary liquor license has been obtained. Over 600 were served on Easter and over 300 reservations are already made for Mother's Day
 - iii. Advertising is continuing including the use of a billboard on Rt. 422
- b. The supervisors voted 4-0 to approve an addendum to the management agreement in order to process the request for a permanent liquor license for the golf course
- c. A restaurant in western PA has used the name of the restaurant, chosen by Exeter Township, since 1982. Mr. Hoffert will be following up on a request to the current registered owner of the name to allow Exeter to use the name also.

- 2. Set Date and Authorize Advertising of Conditional Use Hearing**
 - a. The continuation of the Conditional Use Hearing for the proposed development of 110 acres of agricultural preservation land by the Exeter Township School District has been scheduled for Thursday 5/25 at 7 PM in the Exeter Junior High School.
 - b. A second continuation date of 6/19 has also been set in case the next session is unable to be concluded.
- 3. Exeter Community Library Steel Inspections**
 - a. It was reported that, according to schedule, steel inspection would be conducted at the new library. This was just a report and funds were already allocated for the inspections.
- 4. Pathfinder Meadows Sidewalk Issues**
 - a. The supervisors voted 4-0 to approve repairs to be made to the sidewalks at the expense of Berks Homes.
- 5. Tax Increment Financing Resolution and Fire Services Task Force Resolution**
 - a. The supervisor voted 4-0 in both cases to approve the resolutions.
 - b. The tax increment financing resolution appoints a committee.
 - c. The Fire Services Task Force allows for the involvement of residents in helping to determine current needs of Exeter Township Fire Services and to further cooperation and sharing of ideas. Contact the Fire Marshall David Janiszewski at djaniszewski@exetertownship.com or 610-779-4888 for more information.
- 6. Adopt Amendment to Traffic Ordinance**
 - a. The amendment would allow Temporary Parking Restrictions (would be used during upcoming May Days Festivities)
 - i. Notices of impending restrictions would have to be posted in the designated areas. The supervisors asked to have a minimum time for posting prior to the restrictions be researched. It was suggested that there may be as little notice as 12 hours prior to the restrictions taking effect but would more likely be 24 hours in advance.

- ii. A request was also made by the Chief of Police to determine towing options for violators of the restrictions.

7. Fire Company Financial Reviews

- a. A motion to continue annual reviews of Fire Company Financial Records was approved by a vote of 3-0 (Ms. Kircher Abstained because the chosen reviewer also performs the function for the Library Board, on which Ms. Kircher resides)

8. S.R. 422 Section 12S Change Order #1

- a. Items covered under this action include the widening of Gibraltar Road intersection, extending turn lanes and re-striping the Rt. 422/Perkiomen Ave. merge.
- b. The supervisors voted 4-0 to approve disbursement to cover the slight increase in costs totaling \$1,428.

9. May Days Update

- a. Meetings are to be held with the Police, Fire Department, EMS and EMA services this week.
- b. There are 60 vendor games and rides scheduled for the event.
- c. Saturday Night Fireworks are planned.
- d. A team of 14 Exeter Township Police Officers and 5 Officers from the PA State Police as well as numerous Fire Police Members will monitor the event to maintain public security and safety.

New Business:

1. Southeast Berks Mutual Aid Agreement

- a. The supervisors voted 4-0 to re-execute an updated version of the Mutual Aid Agreement between Barks County Fire Companies.
- b. According to the Stonersville Fire Company Chief and the Township Solicitor (Mr. Hoffert), the agreement is signed by responding fire companies and includes details such as workman's comp and insurance issues being the responsibility of the individual fire companies and their municipalities. This is the first time for the agreement to be updated since the previous revision dated 1990.

**AT THIS TIME, THE BOARD CALLED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO
DISCUSS LITIGATION IN PROGRESS**

The Board Reconvened 5 minutes later

- 2. Central Catholic High School Scope of Traffic Study**
 - a. The Board of Supervisors stated that the Executive Session was called to determine the course to take concerning this item.
 - b. Due to litigation in progress, the board felt that they could not continue discussion of this topic until completion of the litigation or until directed by the courts.
 - c. The supervisors voted 4-0 to defer this item.
- 3. Act 537 Sewer Plan Update and Penntec Conference (attendance by Paul Herb)**
 - a. The board approved updating the sewer plan as well as funding for Mr. Herb's attendance at the conference.
- 4. Schedule and Authorize Advertising - Auction of Used Vehicles/Equip**
 - a. The board voted 4-0 to approve this request as well as to seek matching contributions by the other boroughs that would like to participate in the auction (e.g. Birdsboro, Douglasville, etc.)

Solicitor's Report

1. A determination was made that the current project of relining sewer piping is a maintenance project, not a new construction. Therefore, payment of prevailing wages to workers on the project does not apply.
2. Mr. Hoffert stated that there is a challenge being mounted by builders/developers in regards to recently changed state codes requiring alteration of our construction codes. Mr. Hoffert explained that we are within the law and letters will be drafted accordingly.
3. Agreements for easements along Oley Turnpike Road for the Storm Water Runoff Improvement Project have been prepared.