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January 5, 2012

Board of Supervisors
East Goshen Township
1580 Paoli Pike
West Chester, PA 19380

Dear Mr. Isayeff:

At their meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2012, the Pension Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Supervisors appoint the Pension Committee as Trustee of the current Defined Benefit Plan managed by Key Financial and INR.

Sincerely,

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Giulio Perillo
Chairman
Pension Committee

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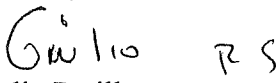
Board of Supervisors
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Dear Mr. Isayeff:

At their meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2012, the Pension Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Supervisors do the following regarding the Post Employment Benefit Trust Plan (Plan):

1. Appoint Victor Cozzone, Financial Advisor with Raymond James as the Fund Manager
2. Appoint the Pension Committee as Trustee of the Plan
3. For 2012, authorize transfer of the funds to the Fund Manager upon execution of the contract
4. Going forward authorize transfer of funds to the Fund Manager each year at the first meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,


Giulio Perillo
Chairman
Pension Committee

Memo
East Goshen Township
1580 Paoli Pike
West Chester, PA 19380

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E-mail rsmith@eastgoshen.org

Date: January 11, 2012
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Rick Smith, Township Manager
Re: Township Building Pay Phone

Background - When the Township Building was initially constructed provisions were made to have a pay phone by the front door so that a person could contact the emergency services in the event of emergency. At that time the police had a substation in the Township Building. We also installed a pay phone at the Township Park for the same reason.

Discussion - About two years ago we removed the pay phone from the Park to reduce costs, but kept the pay phone at the Township Building.

Verizon sold their pay phone business to Pacific Telemanagement Systems (PTS) and the question was raised about the need to continue to have a pay phone at the Township Building. The current charge is \$89.06 per month (\$1,068.72) per year. I contacted PTS and I was advised that outgoing calls ranged between 5-10 calls per month from January thru May 2011. No other usage info is available.

There is no pay phone at the WAWA and WEGO has an emergency button at the police station that connects the person to a call taker at the 911 center.

Question – Do you want to remove the pay phone at the Township Building?

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January 12, 2012

East Goshen Township
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West Chester, Pa. 19380

Re: Apartment Height Ordinance

Dear Board Members:

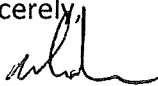
The Planning Commission has been discussing the Apartment Height standard outlined in the Zoning Ordinance, §240-29. This matter came up during some conversations about the height of apartments being proposed in a concept plan for the Smith property adjacent to Goshen Meadows Apartments. The Ordinance as it reads today is a little misleading and the Planning Commission believes a text amendment is necessary to clarify the standard.

At their meeting on January 4, 2012 the Planning Commission unanimously passed a motion recommending the Board of Supervisors consider amending the text to clarify the height standard. I then conferred with the solicitor and the recommended text amendment is as follows:

(6) Maximum height. Maximum height of all buildings shall not exceed 45 feet.
~~three stories or 30 feet.~~ Buildings shall not exceed three stories. No dwelling unit shall be more than two stories above ~~its~~ the ground entrance to the building without the use of an elevator~~or selevator to access all floors of the building.~~

If there is no objection I'll forward this text amendment to the Chester County Planning Commission for review and comment.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Gordon
Township Zoning Officer

MEMO

East Goshen Township
1580 Paoli Pike
West Chester, PA 19380

Date: January 13, 2012
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Rick Smith, Township Manager
Re: ABC Interviews

We have received 9 resumes for the ABC openings. When would the Board like to conduct interviews for these positions?

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Memorandum

East Goshen Township
1580 Paoli Pike
West Chester, PA 19380

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Date: 1/13/2012
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Mark Gordon, Township Zoning Officer *mlg*
Re: Vision Partnership Program Grant (VPP)

Board Members,

I contacted the CCPC and spoke with Carol Stauffer to discuss the Vision Partnership Program Grant process. Here are a few of the highlights:

- CC Commissioners have allotted \$125K for this application period.
- The County PC Staff is booked for approximately the next 1.5 years.
- Comp. Plan Updates are taking approximately 2 years to complete.
- In the County's experience Comp Plan Updates are costing more than \$50K.
- The Grant requires a municipal funding match of at least 25%.
- Funds are awarded to a municipality to hire outside planning consultants for a specific project.
- It's recommended that the consultant you plan to use be involved in the application process and identified in the application.
- The overall cost for a Comp Plan Update should be determined by the consultant you plan to use during the application process.

Recommendation:

I recommend we contact a couple of Land Planners to submit proposals to the Township for the following:

- Provide a cost estimate to complete the VPP Grant Application for a Comp. Plan Update.
- Provide a cost estimate to complete a Comp. Plan Update in order to align the EGT Comp. Plan with Chester County Landscapes 2.

Once that information is know the staff will provide all the information required in the Grant Submission Resolution for the Board to consider in February.

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
ACTION LIST**

New additions are in bold		17-Jan-12
#	Item	Action Due Date
ADM 09-04	Cell Tower	7-Feb-12
ADM 11-13	Electronic Newsletter	7-Feb-12
ADM 11-15	Sign Ordinance	7-Feb-12
ADM 11-16	Hershey's Mill Dam	7-Feb-12
ADM 11-23	IT Committee Implementation	7-Feb-12
DPW 08-02	TAG Action List	7-Feb-12
PCZ 11-6	Post Retirement Medical Benefits	7-Feb-12
ADM 11-22	Quarterly Financial Reports - 2011	21-Feb-12
FIN 11-05	Cloud Computing	21-Feb-12
ADMI 10-22	Comp Plan	21-Feb-12
DPW 07-02	Telecom Registration and Reporting	21-Feb-12
ADM 11-24	Municipal Authority Projects (qtrly)	17-Apr-12
PCZ 09-01	Quarterly Report on I&I	17-Apr-12
PCZ 12-01	Quarterly Review of Right to Know Requests	17-Apr-12

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Memo
East Goshen Township
1580 Paoli Pike
West Chester, PA 19380

Date: January 12, 2012
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Mark Miller, Director of Public Works
Re: Pond Treatment

The Township has seven ponds and/or wet retention basins:

- Pin Oaks farm pond
- Marydell wet basin
- Bowtree 1 wet basin
- Bowtree 2 & 3 farm pond
- Bowtree 2 & 3 wet basin
- Hershey Mill Estates wet basin
- Hershey Mill Estates mill pond

The Hershey Mill Estate mill pond has been drained/

The Pin Oaks Pond and Bowtree 2 & 3 wet basin have aerators in them. We have turned off the aerators in order to allow the water to freeze over during the winter in an attempt to discourage the geese.

I will be submitting required applications to PA DEP to chemically treat the ponds in 2102.

We will not chemically treat the Bowtree I wet basin or the Hershey Mill Estates wet basin. I have obtained a supply of barley straw and we will be treating these ponds with barley straw in accordance with the guidance obtained from the Penn State Extension. The guidance recommends that the barley straw be applied in the winter prior to the growing season. Accordingly, we will apply the straw within the next ten days.

I would add that we will not be doing any other type of treatment at the Bowtree I or Hershey Mill Estates wet basins. This will enable us to determine the effectiveness of the barley straw in controlling algae.

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January 13, 2012

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Mark Miller
Re: Snow Blower

I would like your approval to purchase a snow blower for the skid steer loader. There are several roads where we have problems with drifting and it's very time consuming when using the loaders as you have to keep cutting in every four to six feet to pile snow. With the snow blower we can make two passes in a matter of minutes. This will also eliminate any damage to private property. We would also use the snow blower to clear the township owned parking lots.

I have contacted various dealers to get pricing and found a dealer in Minnesota who has several in stock, the cost for the snow blower will be \$6980.00 and will offer a municipal discount of \$1105.00 for a total of \$5875.00.



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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January 3, 2012

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Ms. Sheila Shannon
1410 Boot Road
West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380

Dear Ms. Shannon:

This is in response to your December 12, 2011 letter concerning the storm water generated at your property at 1410 Boot Road, (SR 2020), West Chester Borough, Pennsylvania, 19380, East Goshen Township, Chester County.

In August 2008 the above section of roadway received a "mill and overlay", which would not change the reflection or height of the roadway.

Chester County Maintenance at your request, repaired the "blacktop curbing" at your residence, at which time Mr. Kennedy, Chester County Maintenance Manager, informed you that PennDOT does not install blacktop curbing across driveways.

Although driveways are the property owner's responsibility, Department Representatives, Bob Kennedy (Chester County Maintenance) and Joe Shuick (Chester County Permits), would be interested in meeting with you to discuss your options.

Should you require any additional information please contact Bob Kennedy, Chester County Maintenance Manager, at (484) 340-3201.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lester C. Toaso".

Lester C. Toaso
District Executive 6-0

CC: Honorable Dan Truitt
~~Rick Smith, East Goshen Township Manager~~

**Sheila Shannon
1410 Boot Road
West Chester, Pa 19380
610 696 9106**

January 6, 2012

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Mr. Lester Toaso
District Executive
Penn DOT
7000 Geerdes Blvd.
King of Prussia, Pa 19406

Re: Hazardous road condition at the intersection of Boot Road and Heather Lane

Dear Mr. Toaso,

Thank you for your letter of January 3, 2012 the repaving that I am referring to took place on or about 2002 and the not the mill and overlay which occurred in 2008 referred to in your letter. Contacting Mr. Kennedy about the 2008 repair would, therefore, have no relationship to the hazard created in 2002 to which I am referring. The date of 2002 was clearly indicated in my letter of December 12, 2011. Since you are the senior executive in this District, your personal attention to the public's safety concerns is essential in initiating the directives to remedy this improper repaving.

I believe a review of the chronology of events might be helpful in your decision making process. After 40 years of experience in a dry house I awoken to flooding in my recreation room and garage in 2002. I determined that the grade on Boot Road had been changed by the East Goshen Township after they installed a sewer line extension. I contacted your District and asked for help. I believe it was Mr. Martino, who apologized and said there was nothing your District could do. I waited for the next rain event and took pictures of the torrents of water cascading crossing Boot Road.

The picture showed the water was so deep that ripples could be easily seen and even small white caps were visible. Mr. Martino then relented and decided to install a curb along the front of the property. In retrospect that was good news and bad news. The good news the curb prevented the water from entering my property near the junction of Heather Lane and Boot Road. The bad news the curb only moved the water further down Boot Road and overwhelmed what I believe is the proper grade for my drive way. The normal elevation of my driveway entrance that I had for forty years was now no match for the volume of water cascading across Boot Road. The repaving raised the road bed at least two inches. Mr. Smith points out that putting a curb across the driveway entrance would be unsafe. I want to make it clear that I never asked for curbing this was a Penn-Dot and/or the Township's idea. I have only asked that Penn-Dot to remedy the problem.

What surprises me, and with some alarm, is the picture clearly showed a volume of water at a depth that is an ideal recipe for hydroplaning. As you know hydroplaning for an unsuspecting motorist can create a critical situation, the consequences of which can be fatal. This is a clear and

present danger to the motoring public. In my opinion the first reaction of your District should have been to eliminate the hazard. The repaving has caused a hazardous condition to exist for the motoring public. The water that is coming into my house is only a by-product of the District's failure to be involved with the engineering of the repaving project. Furthermore, after I had given notice of the hazard, with demonstrable evidence the District failed to take action, with the Township to correct their improper repaving. Causing the Township to correct this problem is well within your scope of authority, but ultimately Penn Dot and the Township have joint liability. I would recommend that you determine if the Township specified in their contract "any cross-slope requirement" I am sure you are aware that not given a cross slope requirement the contractor will generally lay 2 inches of asphalt without any regard for existing conditions. Furthermore do the District's records show that the repaving was checked to confirm it was done properly considering notice was given as to its defect and the resulting absolute cause of the damage to my property?

The dialog we have had over the years must move away from curbing and the damage to my property and address the root cause of the problem. This project that was poorly engineered and supervised. No validation of conformity to the required highway design standards was done after the contractor had finished his work. But most importantly no District engineering investigation was done after a notice of a hazard was given. In order to encourage a clearer focus on this hazardous condition please make these letters a matter of Public Record.

I strongly recommend that you and Mr. Martino visit the site so you can witness first hand that the water is not just coming from the roadway, but under certain ground and weather conditions, from acres of adjoining lands. It will also allow you to confirm conformity to design standards. In my experience of forty years the water from those lands never crossed Boot Road. In my opinion your District has the equipment, manpower and budget resources to remedy the problem without building more curbs or altering my driveway.

I have had substantial damages to my house and have invested over \$11,000 to try to prevent the assault of the water generated by the improper paving. I have exhausted my efforts, and I am tired of putting a Band-Aid on a sore not of my making or responsibility. I am committed to resolving these defectives and the hazardous condition.

I request a response from you in writing as to Penn Dot intentions in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Sheila Shannon

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cc: Mr. Nick Martino
Mr. Dan Truitt
Mr. Senya D. Isayeff
Mr. Rick Smith ✓