

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

December 17, 2020

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on December 17, 2020 in the meeting room at the Pennridge Regional Headquarters, 200 Ridge Road, Sellersville, PA 18960.

Present:	David Nyman	Supervisor Chairperson
	Gary Volovnik	Supervisor Vice-Chairperson
	Jim Nietupski	Supervisor Member
	Marianne Morano	Township Manager
	Colby Grim, Esq.	Township Solicitor
	Jeff Scholl	Public Works Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Mr. Nyman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements:

Based on the Governor's COVID19 Disaster Declaration, the Board of Supervisors have closed their monthly meeting to public attendance and established special meeting protocol for public participation. The meeting packet was available on the Township website. Anyone wishing to provide public comment on the Board's agenda items can do so electronically or by submitting a public comment form. All public comment will be read at the Board's meeting.

Public Comment #1 as received according to public comment protocol.

There was none.

Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:

Approval of Minutes from November 24, 2020 Regular Meeting.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' November 24, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment of 2020 and 2021 Unpaid Bills dated December 11, 2020 in the amount of \$465,087.70.

On motion by Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve payment of the 2020 Bills List dated December 11, 2020 in the amount of \$462,329.73 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve payment of the 2021 Bills List dated December 11, 2020 in the amount of \$2,757.97 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Zoning Hearing Board Member Resignation. Mr. Nyman read a resolution to David Watt recognizing his years of service on the Planning Commission and thereafter the Zoning Hearing Board for 15 years of service. It was noted Mr. Watt continues to represent East Rockhill Township on the Perkasie Regional Authority Board.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt **Resolution 2020-21** recognizing and commending David Watt for his 15 years of service on the East Rockhill Township Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Auditor Engagement Letter. An appointed auditor engagement letter from Dunlap and Associates to perform the 2020 audit was presented.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to ratify the Township Manager's execution of the Dunlap and Associates engagement letter not to exceed \$18,500.00 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

A snow emergency was declared on December 16, 2020 4:00p.m. to December 17, 2020 12:00pm (noon).

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the Township Manager Report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Works Report: Jeff Scholl

Mr. Scholl updated the Board on Public Works activities as of December 11, 2020. Of note, the Bucks County Conservation Grant application is underway but may be delayed for required traffic count time requirement. Also, the 2002 truck is to be placed on Municibid for sale. The report is on file.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the Township Public Works Report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Township Engineer Report: Steve Baluh, P.E.

Municipal Office Addition / Renovation Update. Mr. Baluh updated the Board, stating that the Municipal office addition floor installation is underway and renovation work is ongoing.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, ratifying the general contractor change order for structural support in the renovation area in the total amount of \$64,926.99 and authorizing electrical change orders for renovation area lighting and baseboard heat in the total amount of \$2,346.00 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Release of Escrow Vouchers.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve Woods Edge Subdivision Voucher Number 17 payable to C. Robert Wynn Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$552.01 for construction observation and escrow administration as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve Woods Edge Subdivision Voucher Number 18 payable to Wynn Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$92.13 for construction observation and escrow administration as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Subdivision Plan Review Status. Review dated November 30, 2020 is in the Board's packets.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to deny the Green Ridge Estate West Preliminary Plan if an extension request is not received by end of the day December 23, 2020. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Mr. Grim will follow-up with Mr. Rice on the status of RE Pierson withdrawing his application before the Zoning Hearing Board.

Village at East Rockhill latest action 2008 and Pileggi Land Development latest action 2009 are awaiting final plan submission which will be evaluated when received under current regulations.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept the Township Engineer's report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Township Solicitor Report: Colby Grim, Esq.

Verizon Franchise Renewal Ordinance. A public hearing was advertised and posted to act on an Ordinance to authorize the execution of a nonexclusive Cable Franchise Agreement with Verizon Pennsylvania LLC. No public comment was received.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt **Ordinance 295** to authorize the execution of a nonexclusive Cable Franchise Agreement with Verizon Pennsylvania LLC as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to accept the Township Solicitor's report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Board and Commission Reports

Pennridge Regional Police Department: Gary Volovnik

Mr. Volovnik shared the November 2020 Pennridge Regional Police activity report. The report is on file.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to accept the Police Department Report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority: David Nyman

Mr. Nyman shared the December 14, 2020 meeting report. Of note, industrial pretreatment use fees were increased to cover the cost of a required DEP permit.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority reports. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Department and Emergency Services Reports

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to acknowledge receipt of the Department and Emergency Services reports. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

New or Other Business – Supervisors' Items

- Mr. Volovnik requested a status update on the Select Properties Land Development submission. The property has officially been sold to Select Properties.

- Mr. Nietupski requested clarification regarding the donation to the Perkasio Fire Company for the use of their meeting room. The donation was listed on the approved bills list.
- Mr. Nyman suggested that as a result of increased speeding concerns on Schwenkmill Road between the Ridge Road and Three Mile Run Road that the speed limit be reduced to 25 mph.
- Mr. Volovnik advised that the Police Commission recognized Detective Lewis's retirement and litigation for Headquarters HVAC has been resolved with the settlement to be distributed 50-50 to each municipality minus legal fees payable to the Police Department.

Public Comment #2 as per COVID Protocol:

There was none.

Adjournment:

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn the regular meeting. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager