

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

January 26, 2021

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on January 26, 2021 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
	Will Oetinger, Esq.	Township Solicitor
	Steve Baluh, P.E.	Township Engineer
	Jeff Scholl	Public Works Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:01p.m. by Mr. Nyman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements:

Based on the Governor's current COVID19 Disaster Declaration, the Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting with special meeting protocol for public participation. The meeting packet was available on the Township website. Pre-registration on a first-come first-serve basis with limited attendance was available. Anyone wishing to provide public comment could do so electronically or by submitting a public comment form. All public comment will be read at the Board's meeting.

An Executive Session will follow the regular meeting for litigation.

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

There was none.

Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:

Approval of Minutes from December 16, 2020 Regular Meeting and January 4, 2021 Reorganization Meeting.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' December 16, 2020 Regular Meeting and January 4, 2021 Reorganization Meeting as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment of 2020 and 2021 Unpaid Bills dated January 22, 2021 in the amount of \$380,478.65.

On motion by Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve payment of the 2020 Bills List dated January 22, 2021 in the amount of \$45,089.62 and 2021 Bills List dated January 22, 2021 in the amount of \$335,389.03 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Zoning Hearing Board Member Alternate. Mrs. McAnally was present to introduce herself as a candidate for the Zoning Hearing alternate position. The volunteer application was provided to the Board.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to appoint Patricia McAnally as a Zoning Hearing Board Alternate. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Final Approval of 2021 Projects.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to grant final approve of 2021 projects as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

2020 Manger Overview. Mrs. Morano cited her 2020 Overview which had been provided to the Board of Supervisors and in the public packets. The report is posted to the Township website.

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 January 21, 2021. Of note, the 2002 truck was sold on Municibid in the amount of \$13,050.00. 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.

Select East Rockhill. Mr. Brian Grant, Select Properties was present. Of note, after plan recordation lot 6 will be sold however the trail is still viable; Lot 1 is no longer restricted from future development and will be part of the future development; if Lot 4 and Lot 5 structures will remain is unknown; and since the last plan review, PFAS has been discovered in the vicinity and extending public water to Old Bethlehem Pike will be part of the discussion with the larger development plan to be submitted to Planning Commission with the 198-unit development.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve revised final Subdivision plan dated January 19, 2021 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Municipal Office Addition / Renovation Update. Mr. Baluh updated the Board, stating that the Municipal office renovations are anticipated to be completed prior to the February 23, 2021 Supervisor meeting.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, ratifying the general contractor change orders for access to HVAC system in the amount of \$4,549.93 and for dais height reduction not to exceed \$25,500.00, and authorizing electrical change orders for light fixtures and dais receptacles in the total amount of \$2,423.00 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Release of Escrow Vouchers.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the Woods Edge Subdivision Voucher Number 19 payable to Lynn Builders, LLC in the amount of \$9,180.00 for trees and as-builts as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Extension Request. Green Ridge Estates West Subdivision extension to April 1, 2021 has been acknowledged.

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: Will Oetinger, Esq.

Proposal of Addition to Haycock Agricultural Security Area. A request has been received from Haycock Township to add 131.52 acres into the Haycock Agricultural Security Area on behalf of TOHI LLC and Axe Handle LLC owned by Shawn Touhill at 4610 Axe Handle Road and Richlandtown Road (tax map parcels 12-006-041; 12-006-042; 12-006-040; 12-006-039). It was noted the parcels have an existing conservation easement which totals 132.0445 acres. The consensus of the Board was to have staff inspect the property, including the conservancies to assure compliance with the conservation easement and Mr. Nietupski. The request will be reviewed by Planning Commission, with a public hearing advertised and a mailing to neighboring properties. It was noted that if approved the property could be an intense agricultural use with no protection for neighbors.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to acknowledge the proposal and authorize advertisement of the proposed addition of 131.52 acres into the Haycock Agricultural Security Area as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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

Board and Commission Reports

Planning Commission: David Nyman

Mr. Nyman shared highlights of the 2020 Annual Planning Commission Report.

Pennridge Regional Police Department: Officer DiGiovanni

Officer DiGiovanni shared the December 2020 Pennridge Regional Police activity report. The report is on file.

Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority: David Nyman

Mr. Nyman shared the January 25, 2021 meeting report. Of note, the Board reorganized with no changes, resolutions were adopted for an increase in industrial pretreatment use fees and an updated employee handbook. The November 2020 minutes and flows were provided to the Board.

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

Department and Emergency Services Reports

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, 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. Nietupski asked for an update to the consideration of an East Rockhill polling location change. Mrs. Morano spoke to a Church representative who will discuss with his Board.
- Mr. Nietupski requested Park and Recreation Board members be offered the opportunity to attend a Pennsylvania Recreation Society virtual conference. Mrs. Morano will share that information with the Board members.

Public Comment #2 as received according to public comment protocol:

There was none.

Adjournment:

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn the regular meeting into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager