

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

June 22, 2021

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on June 22, 2021 in the meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Office, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasie, PA 18944.

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 7:00p.m. by Mr. Nyman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of the public were present.

Announcements:

An Executive Session will follow the regular meeting for potential real estate and personnel.

Public Comment #1:

There was none.

Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:

Approval of Minutes from May 25, 2021 Regular Meeting.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' May 25, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment Unpaid Bills dated June 18, 2021 in the amount of \$156,509.36.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve payment of the Bills List dated June 18, 2021 in the amount of \$156,509.36 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Appointment of Tax Collection Committee (TCC) Delegate.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt **Resolution 2021-09** naming Marianne Morano as Primary Voting Delegate and Bonnie Schorr and Kathleen Percetti as Alternate Voting Delegates for the TCC as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Online Reporting Program (dotGrants) and Electronic Access Licensing Agreement.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt **Resolution 2021-10** naming Marianne Morano and Bonnie Schorr as Officers accessing the dotGrant online reporting system and authorize Chairperson execution of the Agreement to authorize electronic access to PennDOT systems as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Destruction of Specific Township Records.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt **Resolution 2021-11** approving the destruction of specific Township records as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Street Tree Removal Protocol

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt **Resolution 2021-12** establishing a policy for the removal of street trees and sidewalk repair contingent on adding wording to clarify escrow funds are to be returned minus Township sidewalk repair expenses. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Street Tree Removal Request 25 Greenleaf Circle, Perkasio. A request for the removal of a healthy street tree has been received for 25 Greenleaf Circle which has resulted in the sidewalk lifting over two inches. The property owner has agreed to post the \$1,500.00 escrow.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the removal of street tree at 25 Greenleaf Circle contingent on the property owner replacing the sidewalk within six months of tree removal and establishing an escrow in the amount of \$1,500.00 prior to removal of the tree. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Three Mile Run Pumping Station Replacement. CKS Engineers, Inc. has provided contract documents for the Three Mile Run Road sewage pumping station replacement for execution.

Hyseni Lot Line Adjustment. Plans for recordation are ready for signature.

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 June 16, 2021. Mr. Scholl reported there was a graffiti incident over the weekend encompassing the entire Branch Road walking trail. The report is on file.

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

Township Engineer Report: Steve Baluh, P.E.

Zoning Hearing Application TCK Ventures, LLC for 1070 Old Bethlehem Road. A zoning hearing application has been received for an appeal of Zoning Officer decision and request for variance for a

proposed 14,950 square feet detached accessory garage structure. The property is located in the AP Agricultural Preservation Zoning District.

Mr. Scott Nicholas, property owner, was present to answer any questions. Mr. Nicholas stated he is a lifelong collector and resident of Bucks County, and the size of the accessory building was to consolidate possessions. The location of the proposed accessory building is surrounded by trees and he plans to remove the dilapidated buildings and debris from a previous owner. In the future he is considering constructing a cottage on the property to reside in. Mr. Nietupski and Mr. Nyman voiced concerns over the size and future landowners utilizing the accessory building for commercial purposes. It was questioned if it is subordinate to the primary use which is a residential dwelling. Mr. Volovnik voiced opposition to the application.

The Zoning Hearing Board hearing has been continued and therefore the application will come back before the Supervisors when a new hearing date has been scheduled.

Subdivision Plan Review Status. Review dated June 3, 2021, is in the Board's packets.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to acknowledge receipt of McClennen Tract subdivision extension request to October 7, 2021. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to acknowledge receipt of Green Ridge West subdivision extension request to September 30, 2021. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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

Township Solicitor Report: Wil Oetinger, Esq.

2021 General Obligation Note Ordinance. A public hearing was advertised and posted to act on an Ordinance to authorize the issuance of a general obligation note in the amount of \$500,000 to fund the construction of the replacement of sewage pumping station on Three Mile Run Road at School House Road. The note will have a 20-year term with a fixed interest rate of 1.5% per annum for the first ten years and a per annum interest rate, variable by month, of 65% of the Wall Street Journal published prime.

The hearing was opened. Mr. Nietupski questioned why the consultant expenses were not included in the total amount of the project in the Ordinance. Mr. Oetinger stated the only amount required is the amount of the loan. With no additional public comment, the hearing was closed.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt **Ordinance 298** to authorize the issuance of a general obligation note for the Three Mile Run Sewage Pumping Station replacement as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize the Township Secretary to execute DCED documents. 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

Pennridge Regional Police Department: Chief Paul Dickinson, Jr.

The Chief shared the May, 2021 Pennridge Regional Police activity report. Of note, the graffiti incident over the weekend encompassed the entire Branch Road / Lenape Trail which is currently under investigation and a blood drive is scheduled for July 15 at Police Headquarters. The report is on file.

Mr. Nyman questioned the status of the truck enforcement details. The Chief stated an Officer needs to receive training and the training is for 3-weeks on an annual basis in June with only 50 registrants for the entire State.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to accept the Pennridge Regional Police Department report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Planning Commission Report: Anne Fenley

Mrs. Fenley shared highlights of the June 10, 2021, meeting, noting review of an application from the Pennridge School District. The agenda and draft minutes were provided to the Board.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept the Planning Commission report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority: David Nyman

Mr. Nyman noted the next meeting will take place June 28. He presented correspondence on behalf of East Rockhill Township to Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority citing billing methods were amended according to a Bucks County Court of Common Pleas April 5, 1999, stipulation but not the entire stipulation was implemented and therefore East Rockhill Township considers the change in billing to be illegally implemented by the Authority.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize execution of correspondence to Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee: David Nyman

Mr. Nyman shared highlights of the May 27, 2021, meeting. The notes were provided to the Board and are on file. PACC plans to hold the next meeting September 23, 2021.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept the Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee report. 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. Nietupski liked the presentation screen showing documentation to the public.

Public Comment #2:

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 7:52p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager