

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

September 27, 2022

2023 Preliminary Draft Budget Meeting Minutes

The special budget meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 6:15 p.m. on September 27, 2022 in the meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Office, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasio, PA 18944.

Present:	Gary Volovnik	Chairperson
	David Nyman	Vice-Chairperson
	Jim Nietupski	Member
	Marianne Morano	Township Manager
	Jeff Scholl	Public Works Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:16p.m. by Mr. Volovnik.

Mrs. Morano stated no increases were proposed to the real estate milage, sewer usage, street light assessment or property rent.

2023 Draft Fee Schedule:

Proposed fee schedule changes and clarifications were reviewed.

American Rescue Funds:

The Board reviewed proposed allocations for the American Rescue Funds. Mr. Nyman recommended Iron Bridge Park parking lot expansion be expended from the Open Space Maintenance Fund. No formal action was taken by the Board.

2023 Budget Highlights:

The Board reviewed proposed infrastructure improvements, equipment and technology improvements. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Mrs. Morano was directed to transfer funds from General Fund to Building Debt Fund to pay off the 2019 municipal office note in anticipation of the public works complex improvement.

Adjournment

The budget work session to adjourned at 6:47p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

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Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on September 27, 2022, following the 2023 Preliminary Budget review in the meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Office, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasio, PA 18944.

Present:	Gary Volovnik	Supervisor Chairperson
	Dave Nyman	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
	Chief Dickinson, Jr.	Pennridge Regional Police Department

The meeting was called to order at 6:59p.m. by Mr. Volovnik with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of the public were present.

Announcements or Presentations:

An Executive Session will follow the meeting for real estate potential preservation and potential litigation.

Perkasie Regional Authority

Mr. Pete Anderson P.E. and Mr. David Watt were present to discuss Well #14 location along Blooming Glen Road and consider authorizing a letter supporting grant application for public water service along Old Bethlehem Pike.

- Mr. Anderson reviewed well #14 concept for a well house and approximately 35 feet x 35 feet treatment building. Impact to existing parking and trail is not anticipated and all regulations would be adhered to. Consensus of the Board was no issue with the concept.
- Pennvest grant application opportunity to provide public water on Old Bethlehem Pike to Forrest Road providing water service to impacted PFAS properties. At this time the grant does not cover road overlay expense. Mrs. Morano will write a letter of support for the grant submission.

Public Comment #1:

- Roy Moyer, 236 W. Schwenkmill Road, asked for the Township to improve the ditch on his property adjacent to his driveway which he believed was impacted when a road pipe was replaced in kind over 15 years ago. Mr. Baluh has been to the site noting historically there is an existing water source leading from across the street through an existing road pipe to a waterway and provided alternatives for the property owner to improve the ditch. Mr. Oetinger stated Township cannot perform work on private property and the Township insurance company would not cover any work for being out of the scope of Township responsibilities. Mr. Nietupski was in support of buying materials with Township funds to improve their private property and would consider improving private properties on an as reviewed basis. Township will not do work on private property per their legal counsel's recommendation or set a precedence.

Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:

Approval of Minutes from August 23, 2022, Regular Meeting and September 12, 2022, Conditional Use Hearing.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' August 23, 2022, Regular Meeting and September 12, 2022, Conditional Use Hearing, as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment of Unpaid Bills dated September 22, 2022, in the amount of \$237,236.85.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve payment of the Bills List dated September 22, 2022, for a total amount of \$237,236.85 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Zoning Hearing Application for 2419 Ridge Road. Mr. and Mrs. Appleton were not present. Applicant is seeking a variance for an addition to increase the nonconforming setback and rear yard setback of 83.2' where 100' is permitted in the Agricultural Preservation District.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to take a neutral position on the application. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Conditional Use Hearing Application for 1917 Old Bethlehem Pike

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize the Township Solicitor to advertise a Conditional Use Hearing for October 25, 2022, as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

2021 Draft Financial Report

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the 2021 financial report and reaffirm Chairperson execution of representation letter to the appointed auditor as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Presentation of Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) to the Township Pension Plans

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to acknowledge receipt of the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Penridge Wastewater Treatment Authority Correspondence. Perkasie Regional Authority's request to purchase 100 EDUs (Equivalent Dwelling Units) was declined.

Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority Assets to AQUA Pennsylvania

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt **Resolution 2022-11** opposing the sale of Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority to AQUA Pennsylvania as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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

Public Works Report:

Mr. Scholl updated the Board on Public Works activities as of September 22, 2022. The report is on file.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, 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.

Sewage Facilities Planning Module McClennen Tract

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt **Resolution 2022-09** for the McClennen Tract Sewage Facilities Planning Module as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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

Township Solicitor Report: Will Oetinger, Esq.

Zoning Map Amendment on Behalf of Renew Bible Church

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize Draft Ordinance to Bucks County Planning Commission and East Rockhill Planning Commission as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Code of Ordinance Chapter 26 Ordinance. A public hearing was advertised and posted to act on an Ordinance to authorize an amendment and restatement of Chapter 26, Part 3. No public comment was received.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt **Ordinance 299** amending and restating Chapter 26, Part 3 Stormwater Management to comply with the requirements of the Township's NPDES permit for stormwater discharges as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Elected Tax Collector Waiver of Additional Charges in Compliance with Act 57 of 2022

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt **Resolution 2020-10** in compliance with Act 57 of 2022 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On-Lot Sewage Maintenance Agreement

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to authorize Chairperson execution of an On-Lot Sewage Maintenance Agreement at Tax Map Parcel 12-009-121 also known as 1800 Three Mile Run Road previously owned by Robert Rapkin and sold to Vincent Grimm and Donna Duffy-Bell as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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

Board and Commission Reports

Pennridge Regional Police Department: Chief Dickinson, Jr.

The Chief shared the August 2022 Pennridge Regional Police activity report and stated three arrests were made for the fire that took place at Rock Hill Quarry. The report is on file.

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

Planning Commission: Anne Fenley

Mrs. Fenley noted a second review of 809 Three Mile Run Road Conditional Use Hearing proposal was reviewed and recommendations sent to the Board. The September agenda and draft minutes were provided to the Board.

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

Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority: Dave Nyman

The July 2022 minutes and flow reports were provided to the Board. Mr. Nyman noted DEP has approved an increase to the treatment plant re-rating.

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

Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee: Gary Volovnik

The September 22, 2022, notes were reviewed and are on file.

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

Department and Emergency Services Reports

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, 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:

There was none.

Public Comment #2:

- Anne Fenley, 1500 Branch Road, was saddened to hear of the unexpected passing of newspaper reporter Bob Keeler.

Adjournment:

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adjourn the regular meeting into executive session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager