

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

November 22, 2022

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on November 22, 2022, in the meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Office, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasie, 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	Pennridge Regional Police Department

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

Members of the public were present.

Announcements or Presentations:

- The next meeting will be held December 20, 2022.
- An Executive Session will follow the meeting for potential real estate preservation.

Public Comment #1:

- Darren Laustsen, 308 W. Walnut Street, stated appreciation for making documents public on the website before meetings which assisted him having Perkasie Borough do the same thing.

Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:

Approval of Minutes from October 25, 2022, Budget Work Session and Regular Meeting and November 3, 2022, Conditional Use Hearing.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' October 25, 2022, Budget Work Session and Regular Meeting and November 3, 2022, Conditional Use Hearing, as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment of Unpaid Bills dated November 17, 2022, in the amount of \$590,708.67.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve payment of the Bills List dated November 17, 2022, for a total amount of \$590,708.67 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Board and Commission Reports

Penridge Regional Police Department: Chief Dickinson

The Chief shared the October 2022 Penridge Regional Police activity report. The report is on file.

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

Penridge Wastewater Treatment Authority: Dave Nyman

The October 2022 minutes and flow reports were provided to the Board. Mr. Nyman requested a potential PWTA land acquisition item for Executive Session.

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

Penridge Area Coordinating Committee: Dave Nyman

The October 27, 2022, notes were reviewed and are on file.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept the Penridge Area Coordinating Committee report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Penridge Community Center: Dave Nyman

The 2022 annual report and services offered were provided to the Board. Mr. Nyman thanked the Board for their continued financial support of the Center and support on numerous other ways.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept the Penridge Community Center Coordinating Committee report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

2023 Preliminary Budget. Mrs. Morano presented the 2023 Budget and stated the preliminary budget was advertised and made available on the website for public review and comment. A 2023 Treasurer budget message providing an overview of the budget was provided to the board and posted on the website. No public comment was received.

Resolution 2022-13 Street Light Assessment.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt **Resolution 2022-13**, setting the Street Light Assessment at \$41.00 per designated property for 2023. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Resolution 2022-14 Fixing the East Rockhill Township Fee Schedule for 2023.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt **Resolution 2022-14**, setting the fees for 2023 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Resolution 2022-15 adopting a Final 2023 Budget.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt **Resolution 2022-15** adopting the Final 2023 Budget in the amount of \$4,903,457.00 in revenue and \$4,903,457.00 in expenses for all funds. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Resolution 2022-16 Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for 2023.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt **Resolution 2022-16** fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for 2023 at 8.725 mills for general purposes; 1.0 mill for Fire Protection; 1.26 mills for Building Debt Service; 1.25 mills for Capital Improvement. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Resolution 2022-17 Providing Supplemental Appropriations for the 2023 Budget.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt **Resolution 2022-17** authorizing the American Rescue Plan Funds in the amount of \$601,440.84 be authorized for salaries benefits and provisions of other government. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Works Facility.

Consensus of the Board was for Mr. Volovnik to attend staff meetings with the architect to review the public works facility as presented at the October 25, 2022 regular meeting for potential cost savings.

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 November 16, 2022. Of note, current total leaf collection is 60 loads, and a sewer lateral was installed on Hill Road and another sewer lateral will be installed on Schoolhouse Road in December. The report is on file.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, 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.

There was none.

Township Solicitor Report: Will Oetinger, Esq.

Conditional Use Adjudication. An adjudication was presented as a result of the public hearing held October 25, 2022, for a B9 Residential Conversion to convert an existing residential accessory structure to one apartment at 1917 Old Bethlehem Pike with tax parcel number 12-008-041 in the RP Resource Protection Zoning District. Mr. Volovnik noted the apartment already existed and the new owner was making the use legal.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the adjudication as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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

Department and Emergency Services Reports

On motion by Mr. Nyman, 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:

There was none.

Public Comment #2:

- Lou DiTonno, 1 Boulder Drive, asked what land acquisition would be discussed in Executive Session. Potential property acquisition cannot be discussed.
- Larry Wheatley, 5 Boulder Drive, asked for the status of a property on Three Mile Run Road where a proposed group home is to be built. It is under stormwater review and under the same ownership.

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 7:39p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager