

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

October 24, 2023

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on October 24, 2023, following the 2024 Preliminary Budget Work Session review, in the meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Office, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasie, PA 18944.

Present:	Dave Nyman	Supervisor Chairperson (via telephone)
	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
	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 and press were present.

Announcements or Presentations:

- Mr. Nyman was present via telephone
- Conditional Use Hearing October 30, 2023 7:00pm
- Next Board of Supervisors Meeting November 28, 2023 7:00pm
- Executive Session to take place following the meeting for personnel

Public Comment #1:

- Ned Powell, 2747 Three Mile Run Road, asked for the status of 2020 Comprehensive Plan recommended updates to reclassify a section of Three Mile Run Road and adopt a short-term rental ordinance. The short-term rental ordinance is in draft form and was reviewed at the Planning Commission October 12, 2023 meeting. A draft will be on the Supervisor November 28, 2023 meeting agenda for authorization.
- Chuck Weaver, 47 Ridge Run Road, stated he travels Three Mile Run Road regularly and cars are speeding.
- Jennifer Wright, 400 Three Mile Run Road, stated she does not know what the Board of Supervisors' responsibilities are. Her concerns have been sent to PA DEP and State representatives who oversee and have jurisdiction to the concerns she has brought before the Board.

Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' September 26, 2023 2024 Budget Work Session and Regular Meeting as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve payment of the Bills List dated October 20, 2023, for a total amount of \$651,319.45 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Board and Commission Reports:

Pennridge Regional Police Department: Chief Dickinson

The Chief shared the September 2023 Pennridge Regional Police activity report. The report is on file.

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

Planning Commission: Marianne Morano

Mrs. Morano shared that the draft Zoning Ordinance amendment was reviewed and recommended changes will be incorporated into the draft to be presented at the November Supervisor meeting.

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

Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority: Dave Nyman

The September 2023 minutes and flow reports were provided to the Board.

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

Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee: Dave Nyman

The September 28, 2023 meeting notes were provided to the Board.

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.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

2024 Preliminary Budget.

Mr. Nyman thanked Mrs. Morano for her efforts with the 2024 draft budget.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to authorize advertising the Preliminary 2024 Budget, with no real estate tax increase, as presented for public inspection. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

2024 Meeting Dates.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize advertising the 2024 Board of Supervisor regular meetings at 7:00pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month except for the month of December when the regular meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday, December 17, 2024. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

The annual Reorganization meeting will be held January 2, 2024 at 5:00pm.

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: Jeff Scholl

Mr. Scholl updated the Board on Public Works activities as of October 20, 2023. 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.

Old Bethlehem Pike Sewer Extension.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt **Resolution 2023-09** Old Bethlehem Pike sewer extension plan revision as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Pedestrian Trail Grant Submission.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt **Resolution 2023-10** for a statewide local share assessment grant application in the amount of \$625,550.00 for a project total cost of \$695,550.00 with the Township contributing \$70,000.00 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.

Sewer Capacity Agreement.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize execution of a sewer capacity agreement between East Rockhill Township and Perkasio Regional Authority as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the Township Solicitor 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, stated he was unable to attend last month's meeting and requested the status of easements for Stone Edge Culvert. The property owner was contacted requesting a meeting to review necessary easements and Township has not received a response.
- Chuck Weaver, 47 Ridge Run Road, asked for the status of roundabout construction. It is anticipated to be reopened in two weeks; signs will be removed, however road work will continue with traffic control in place. Perkasie Regional Authority base paving is to take place mid November. Mr. Volovnik stated Bucks County will be rehabilitating the Old Bethlehem Pike bridge in the Spring, 2024.

Adjournment:

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adjourn the regular meeting into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Hart Morano
Township Manager