

**MINUTES OF THE
THE EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

March 18, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman David Nyman, who led the Salute to the American Flag. Also present were Vice Chairman John Cressman, Supervisor Gary Volovnik, Solicitor Patrick Armstrong, Esquire, Engineer C. Robert Wynn, P.E., Township Manager Anne Klepfer and members of the press and public.

Item #1 Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, the minutes of February 19 2008 were approved **unanimously**.

Item #2 Payment of Bills

Mr. Cressman **moved** to approve payment of the bills list dated March 18, 2008 totaling \$146,476.04, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik and **approved 3-0**.

Public Comment I –

It was suggested that the color of the link on the website for the Golf Course Survey should be changed to make it stand out more.

Item #3 Manager's Report: Anne Klepfer

Resolution No. 2008-08: A Resolution Recognizing Perkasio Fire Co. #1 : Chairman Nyman announced that he and Mr. Cressman were privileged to attend the Perkasio Borough Council Meeting Monday Evening to see Perkasio Borough Fire Company #1 recognized for becoming the first Rescue Unit in Bucks County to meet the Pennsylvania Rescue Services (VRSR) Program qualifications for the Advanced Response Level. Mr. Nyman noted that it is unfortunate that none of the local media present chose to write about this positive contribution to the community. Mr. Nyman then read East Rockhill Township's prepared Resolution joining Perkasio Borough in recognizing the outstanding achievement of the fire company. Mr. Nyman also noted and thanked all of the five fire companies serving East Rockhill Township for their commitment and dedication to protecting the Township's residents. By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, Resolution No. 2008-08 was **unanimously adopted**.

PBA Facade Samples for the Well House: The Board reviewed the samples and directed Mrs. Klepfer to notify PBA that they would like the well house in East Rockhill Township to have a 100% stone facade.

By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, the Manager's Report was **unanimously approved**.

Item #4: Planning Commission Report – Anne Fenley reported that two plans were discussed and the proposed zoning and subdivision ordinance amendments were reviewed.

By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the Planning Commission Report was **unanimously approved**.

Item #5 PWTA Report – Mr. Cressman summarized the minutes from the February PWTA Meeting and reported that the Finance Committee meets tomorrow evening to review the draft audit report.

By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **seconded** by Mr. Nyman, the Board **approved** the PWTA Report **3-0**.

Item #6: Engineer's Report- C. Robert Wynn, P.E.

Bucks County Community College: The plan was recommended for conditional preliminary plan and final plan approval by the Planning Commission subject to the C. Robert Wynn letters of February 7th and March 10th and the Bucks County Planning Commission letter of February 4, 2008.

Mr. Rich Hendricks of the Perkasie Borough Planning Commission was present. He told the Board that while the Perkasie Planning Commission supports the College's expansion plans and do not want to be a hindrance they have concerns, especially about traffic and would like to be given more time to review the plans. Due to miscommunications they were not provided with the plan or traffic studies until after the East Rockhill Township Planning Commission had already completed its review.

Mr. Bruce Bechtel the architect for the College and Greg Huckelbridge of Carroll Engineering reviewed the Plan with the Board of Supervisors. A 28,000 square foot expansion is proposed for the Upper Bucks County campus of the College that will include classrooms, laboratories, student lounge space and an outdoor amphitheatre to be shared by the community.

The primary issues identified were traffic concerns, especially with regard to the entrance proposed for Blooming Glen Road and the impact on other intersections in the area such as Callowhill Road and Branch Road, landscaping and the method of financial security for public improvements. Other issues discussed were lighting, proposed thermal wells, overflow parking and connections to the Township Park parking lot.

Supervisor Volovnik stated that he has not seen the plan before and is uncomfortable with granting preliminary and final plan approval which is not the typical process. The College reiterated how important it is for them to get final approval this evening so that they can move forward with the bidding request for proposals process. Mr. Cressman said he is comfortable having had his questions answered. Mr. Nyman agreed and stated that the plan has been reviewed extensively at the Planning Commission level.

Mr. Volovnik received assurance from Mrs. Fenley that the Planning Commission had recommended both preliminary and final plan approval. Mr. Volovnik checked with residents present to see if there were any other major concerns.

Mr. Cressman **moved** and Mr. Volovnik **seconded**, a motion to grant preliminary and final plan approval of the Bucks County Community College land development plan subject to the March 10, 2008 and February 7, 2008 correspondence of C. Robert Wynn including the cash contribution of \$18,000 for future traffic improvements and the installation of shrubs in the riparian buffer, the February 4, 2008 Bucks County Planning Commission review letter, an agreement to satisfy the Township Solicitor's concerns with regard to financial security for public improvements and an opportunity for the Perkasi Planning Commission to review and offer comments on the plan. The motion **carried 3-0**.

Subdivision and Land Development Extensions: The Township has received an extension from Hollybrook Farms through June 1, 2008 and one from Peace Lutheran Church through October, 9, 2008.

Vouchers: By **motion** of Mr. Cressman, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board **unanimously** approved the Vouchers listed on the March 18, 2008 C. Robert Wynn Voucher Authorization. The only item listed is for the Schott Subdivision.

By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the Engineer's Report was **approved 3-0**.

Item #7: Solicitor's Report – Patrick Armstrong, Esq.

Joint Municipal Agreement: Solicitor Armstrong presented the Board with the final form of the Joint Municipal Agreement necessary for the conveyance of five acres to the Police Commission for a future Police Headquarters. The agreement was previously approved and signed by the Pennridge Regional Police Commission and is scheduled for approval by West Rockhill Township tomorrow evening. By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, the Board approved and authorized execution of the agreement. The motion **carried 3-0**.

Blooming Glen Road 25 mph Speed Limit: Solicitor Armstrong summarized the ordinance necessary to legally enforce a 25 mph speed limit on Blooming Glen Road. A Public Hearing was started at 8:05 PM. There were no public comments. By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, **Ordinance number 238** was **unanimously adopted**.

By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **seconded** by Mr. Cressman the Solicitor's Report was accepted **unanimously**.

Item #8 Emergency Services Report:

The Board acknowledged reports from Perkasio, Sellersville and Dublin Fire Companies, by **motion** of Mr. Cressman, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, **voting 3-0**.

Item #9 Other Business :

A reminder that the Moods Covered Bridge dedication celebration is Saturday, April 19th, tickets for breakfast on the Bridge can be purchased for \$10.00 and breakfast will run from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Entertainment begins at 11:00 AM.

Public Comment II

There was none.

Item #10: Adjournment:

On motion by Mr. Cressman, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board adjourned at 8:28 P.M.. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor**.

The next Regular Meeting – April 15, 2008, 7:00 PM. .

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne W. Klepfer, Secretary / Township Manager

Date Approved