

**East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors**

**June 16, 2015**

**Regular Business Meeting Minutes**

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on June 16, 2015 in the Township meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Building, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasie, PA 18944.

Present:	David Nyman	Chairperson
	Gary Volovnik	Vice-Chairperson
	Jim Nietupski	Member
	Marianne Morano	Township Manager
	Colby Grim, 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.

**Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2015 Regular Meeting**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' May 12, 2015 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Payment of the Bills**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve payment of Bills List dated June 12, 2015 totaling \$ 157,613.22. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Public Comment #1**

There was none.

**Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano**

**Resolution 2015-11 Recognizing Sergeant Patrick Karcher:** Sergeant Karcher and fellow Officers were present as Mr. Nyman read Resolution 2015-11 commending Sergeant Karcher for his dedicated service and noted his retirement from the Penridge Regional Police Department on July 4, 2015.

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt Resolution 2015-11 commending Sergeant Patrick Karcher for his dedicated service to the community. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Pennridge Airport Tree Trimming:** A request has been received on behalf of the Pennridge Airport to hire a tree surgeon to cut trees along the Willard H. Markey Centennial Park abutting the Pennridge Airport to a height of 30 feet for Notice to Airmen compliance.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to agree to allow the Airport to trim trees 30-35 feet per the Township Engineer recommendation. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Sale of EDU's:** a request was received from Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority following up on the sale of 25 EDU's to Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority for \$3,400 per EDU. The consensus of the Board was to not sell EDUs at this time at that price.

**Honor Flight Bucks County:** Bucks County Recorder's Office has sent a request on behalf of Honor Flight Bucks County for Bucks County townships and boroughs to help honor veterans by contributing towards an event in their honor on October 5, 2015.

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to donate \$100 payable to Honor Flight Philadelphia as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Chipper Grant:** Information was provided to the Board recommending a Bandit 990xp 12" chipper for 2015 Department of Environmental Protection 902 Grant Application being applied for with Hough Associates assistance. The Board was agreeable to proceeding.

**July Meeting Schedule.** The consensus of the Board was to set a meeting date of July 21, 2015 for a Regular Meeting.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, 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 in May. Of note, a DEP grant for Butler Lane was awarded for stormwater improvements with a portion of the road to receive an overlay. The Township will be responsible for rental of an excavator. A third welcome to East Rockhill sign has been placed at SR313 at Rockhill Road; a memorial bench has been donated in honor of former Township Supervisor Roger Arnold and has been placed in the Willard H. Markey Centennial Park. Mr. Scholl's report is on file.

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

**Planning Commission: David Nyman**

There was not a Planning Commission meeting in June.

**PWTA Report: John Cressman**

Mr. Cressman reviewed the May 18, 2015 Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority draft minutes. The PWTA minutes and flows are on file.

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

**PACC Report: David Nyman**

Mr. Nyman reviewed the May 28, 2015 PACC notes.

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Police Commission Report: Jim Nietupski**

Mr. Nietupski shared the May Pennridge Regional Police report. Two Executive Sessions were held prior to the May meeting to discuss personnel and one was held following the May meeting for personnel. The May meeting was re-opened to extend the OIC position and agreement until December 31, 2015 and authorize hiring of full-time Officer Robert Seville. The report is on file.

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the Police Commission Report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Engineer Report: Steve Baluh, P.E.**

**Subdivision Plan Review Status** June 5, 2015 Review is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

**Signal Grant at SR313 and Mountainview Road:** Plans has been completed and permit approval is nearing completion, Mr. Baluh requested authorization to place bids for consideration at July's meeting.

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize advertising and placement of bid for the traffic signal installation at SR313 and Mountainview Drive. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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

**Solicitor Report: Colby Grim, Esq.**

**Schott Stormwater Agreement:** Mr. Grim presented to the Board a Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Agreement and Access Easement for Gary and Judy Schott, 1727 Three Mile Run Road, TMP 12-009-177. As his firm has done work for the Schott's, he requested the execution of a waiver of conflict.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve Chairperson's execution of the waiver of conflict disclosing that Grim Biehn and Thatcher has represented Mr. and Mrs. Schott in the past and Mrs. Schott's employer is affiliated with Grim Biehn and Thatcher. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve Chairperson execution of the Gary and Judy Schott Stormwater Agreement as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the Township Solicitor's Report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

### **Department and Emergency Services Reports**

Department Services Reports listed on the agenda were noted as received. Copies are on file. Mr. Nyman noted he attended the Dublin Fire Company 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary parade.

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to acknowledge receipt of the Department and Service Reports. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

### **New or Other Business – Supervisor Items**

- Mr. Nyman commented he had received resident inquiry attributed to four priorities listed in League of Women Voter publication with comments made by the current candidate for Township Supervisor and wanted to make comment providing explanatory information.

*Serving resident's;* A priority shared by the whole Board

*Funding the Pennridge Regional Police which is paramount;* A priority which must be kept in proportion to the size and requirements of the community being served.

*Repairing deteriorating infrastructure;* Everyone's priority with staff making extraordinary efforts to maintain roads, provide the best snow clearing in Upper Bucks, and bridges have been replaced at minimal Township expense.

*Restoring Open Space funds from which monies were misappropriated for operations prior to my election;* Monies were spent from the Capital Reserve Fund and Open Space Fund as a result of increased Regional Police expenses and taxes not increased. Once the Board became aware, the Manager was terminated and the two managers since have been restoring those funds with Capital Reserve fully restored and Open Space nearly restored.

Mr. Nyman believes that successful Township operations are a team effort and disappointed to see the negative article.

- Mr. Nietupski acknowledged the comments were made by him and was stating facts he thought the public would want to know and were not intended to offend anyone.

### **Public Comment #2:**

- Anne Fenley, Branch Road, read the article and stated that it gave a negative view of the Township which would result in businesses not coming to the area. She did not like the article.

Mr. Nyman requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

### **Adjournment**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn into executive session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano  
Township Manager