

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

July 21, 2015

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on July 21, 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
	Patrick Armstrong, 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.

Mr. Nyman announced an Executive Session was held on July 8, 2015 to discuss personnel and an Executive Session would follow tonight's meeting to discuss land acquisition.

Approval of Minutes from June 16, 2015 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' June 16, 2015 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment of the Bills

Mr. Nietupski asked why the payment to Blooming Glen Contractors for paving Three Mile Run Road was lower than the bid amount. Fewer quantities were needed than estimated.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve payment of Bills List dated July 16, 2015 totaling \$ 441,690.39. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Comment #1

- Dr. Ken Holtje, 2733 Three Mile Run Road, expressed appreciation to Jeff Scholl and the Public Works crew for the clean-up done after a substantial rainfall occurred on July 6 in addition to pothole maintenance done in the spring.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Resolution 2015-12 Recognizing Roger Arnold: Mrs. Mary Arnold and her family were present as Mr. Nyman read Resolution 2015-12 recognizing and commending Mr. Roger E. Arnold as a dedicated resident and former Board member of East Rockhill Township. Mrs. Arnold read a brief statement thanking the Board and Staff and noted towards the end of

Mr. Arnold's journey he would walk to the Markey Park every day and rest in the corner of the Park where a bench donated by the family now stands in remembrance of him.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt Resolution 2015-12 commending Mr. Roger E. Arnold for his dedicated service to the community. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Zoning Hearing Application for Matthew Clemens owner 311 Three Mile Run Road:

Seeking relief from Section §27-802.b of the Zoning Ordinance to permit an addition to an existing single family dwelling with a side yard setback of nine feet six inches (9' 6") which is an amendment to the fifteen (15) feet approval already received by the Zoning Hearing Board where a twenty (20) feet side yard is required. Mr. Clemens was not present. The consensus of the Board was to take no position regarding the application.

Zoning Hearing Application for Faith Baptist Church 700 North Main Street:

Seeking relief from Section §27-304.13.b.(1) of the Zoning Ordinance to extend the permitted time for a modular classroom unit. Mr. Kevin Cripe and Mr. Wally Alderfer were present. The consensus of the Board was to take no position regarding the application.

2013 State Auditor Liquid Fuel 2013 Audit: The 2013 State Auditor Liquid Fuel Audit was provided to the Board with a finding to reimburse the state aid fund \$2,000 for which money was expended to remove dead tree limbs from walking paths after a storm.

Sign Request: Ms. Carol Critelli requested 'Drive Like Your Kids Live Here' signs be posted on existing speed limit signs along Old Bethlehem Pike. The Board was provided Pennridge Regional Police details for Old Bethlehem Pike in 2015 which totaled 138 traffic enforcement details. The consensus of the Board was that signs placed in resident's front yards are more beneficial than placed on street signs.

Dublin Way: During road overlay bid preparation for Dublin Way it was noted road dedication did not take place in the development built prior to 1978.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to have the Township Engineer research Dublin Way for dedication and for acceptance by PennDOT. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

August Meeting Schedule. The consensus of the Board was to set a meeting date of August 18, 2015 for a Regular Meeting.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, 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 June. 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 July.

Pennridge Community Center Report: David Nyman

The July – August 2015 Pennridge Community Center Newsletter is in the Board's packets and available at the Township Building

PWTA Report: John Cressman

Mr. Cressman reviewed the June 22, 2015 Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority draft minutes. Mr. Dan Wurst has been appointed to the Authority representing Telford Borough. The PWTA minutes and May flows are on file.

Mr. Cressman voiced concerns regarding East Rockhill Township Fracking Ordinance. Mr. Armstrong will advise if any changes are necessary.

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.

Police Commission Report: Jim Nietupski

Mr. Nietupski shared the June 2015 Pennridge Regional Police report. Of note, full-time Officer Robert Seville and part-time Officer Nathan Alcott were hired and Officer Timothy Maloney has been promoted to Sergeant. New radios will be operational fall of 2015 with payments starting in June 2016. Mr. Volovnik will attend the PRPD August 26 meeting. 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: July 2, 2015 Review is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

Bid for Signal at SR313 and SR563: The bid results were provided for a new traffic signal at SR313 and SR563 (Mountainview Road) made possible with ARLE 2013 grant award in the amount of \$160,000.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to award the traffic signal installation at SR313 and SR563 to Carr & Duff, Inc. for a not to exceed amount of \$168,200.00 conditioned on all bonds and insurances being provided. 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: Patrick Armstrong, Esq.

Comcast Franchise Agreement Renewal: The Comcast Franchise Agreement renewal with tracked changes was provided to the Board. Mr. Armstrong noted there would be a \$7,500 contribution and residential-grade internet language was to be removed since it was no longer viable for Township operations. The Agreement must be approved by Ordinance. **On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize advertising of the Comcast Franchise Agreement Renewal Ordinance as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Moyer Trust on Three Mile Run Road: After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Board was to not place Tax Parcel 12-9-93 with Bedminster Land Conservancy for yearly monitoring due to East Rockhill Township and Bucks County already having oversight of the property.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, 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.

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

New or Other Business – Supervisor Items

There was none.

Public Comment #2:

There was none.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager