

**East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors**

**August 18, 2015**

**Regular Business Meeting Minutes**

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on August 18, 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
	C. Robert Wynn, 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 July 21, 2015 Regular Meeting**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' July 21, 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 August 17, 2015 totaling \$ 141,039.87. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Public Comment #1**

There was none.

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

**East Rockhill Township 2014 Draft Financial Report:** Received and distributed to the Supervisors for review. It was the consensus of the Board to finalize the 2014 financial report.

**Public Works Building Generator Quote:** On behalf of Schoeller's, Inc. for the total amount of \$3,842.85 to install a transfer switch at the Public Works building in conjunction with Perkasie Fire Department installing a generator in the sub-station.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the expense of \$3,842.85 for the installation of a transfer switch at the Public Works building for generator capability. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**2016 Budget Review Dates:** The consensus of the Board was to hold the first 2016 draft budget review meeting prior to the September 8, 2015 at 6:30pm. Future meetings will be determined.

**Troop 79 Proposed Meadow:** A request was received from Troop 79 to install a wildflower meadow planted and maintained by the Troop adjacent to the Markey Park golf driving range shed. The consensus of the Board was to allow the plantings as presented.

**September Meeting Schedule.** The consensus of the Board was to set a meeting date of 8 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 July. Of note, instead of Dublin Way paving project, state aid monies will be used to pave a section of West Rock Road. Mr. Scholl's report is on file.

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

**Planning Commission: David Nyman**

Mr. Nyman noted the Planning Commission reviewed an informal sketch plan called Village at Tohickon located at 8092 Richlandtown Road in Haycock and East Rockhill Township for a proposed retreat and 108 dwelling lots. The applicant was advised to address water and sewer concerns.

**Peace Lutheran Church one-year Extension Request:** Extension dated July 30, 2015 was noted as received.

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

**PWTA Report**

The July 27, 2015 Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority draft minutes were reviewed. 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 noted the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 24, 2015.

**Police Commission Report: Jim Nietupski**

Mr. Nietupski shared the July, 2015 Penridge Regional Police report. 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 30, 2015 Review is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

**Letter of Credit Elaine Wismer Cancellation:** National Penn Bank sent a notice of Letter of Credit in the amount of \$21,714.96 cancellation effective only if the Township accepted. It was brought to the Board's attention that Mrs. Wismer passed away. The consensus of the Board was to have Mrs. Morano contact the Wismer estate to determine the future of the remaining lots and the completion of punch-list items.

**SR313 & 563 Traffic Signal Status:** All bonds have been received, PA One Call notified and a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2015 at 10:00am at the site. The project is anticipated to begin the end of September or early October.

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

**Solicitor Report: Patrick Armstrong, Esq.**

**Ordinance 282 a Comcast Franchise Agreement:** Mr. Armstrong opened the Public Hearing as advertised. There was no public comment. With no further comment, the Hearing was closed.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt Ordinance 282, Comcast Franchise Agreement between East Rockhill Township and Comcast of Southeast Pennsylvania, as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize Mr. Nyman to execute the East Rockhill Township and Comcast of Southeast Pennsylvania Agreement as approved. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Resolution 2015-13 Dublin Way:** As Dublin Way has been maintained by East Rockhill Township since 1971, a Resolution for the dedication of Dublin Way was presented to the Board.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt Resolution 2015-13 for the dedication of Dublin Way as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Oil and Gas Case Law.** Mr. Armstrong followed-up with the Board on case law with regards to fracking. In 2013 East Rockhill Township considered adopting an Ordinance but did not feel the need at that time. Currently there have been changes to the law and Mr. Armstrong did not feel there was an immediate need for an Ordinance. Mr. Nyman indicated a future Ordinance should be done in conjunction with neighboring municipalities.

**Leister Subdivision.** Mr. Armstrong was contacted by representatives living with a shared driveway at the Leister Subdivision who have requested a change to the existing agreement.

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve an amendment to the existing shared driveway agreement contingent on all property owners agreeing to the change, execution of a Professional Service Agreement and an escrow established to cover all related expenses. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**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.

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

- Mr. Nietupski noted that the Board reconsidered the request for *Drive Like Your Kids Live Here* signs along Old Bethlehem Pike. As we currently had *Watch Children* signs along Old Bethlehem Road, Mr. Nyman agreed and proposed the location of Old Bethlehem Pike at Rich Hill and Rockhill Roads on existing speed limit signs with the approval of West Rockhill Township which has been granted.
- Mr. Volovnik, requested potholes near Bethel Baptist Church be repaired.

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

- Mr. Turley, Greenleaf Circle, indicated a group of his acquaintances would like to volunteer for the amphibian crossing. Mrs. Morano will contact Heritage Conservancy on their behalf.

### **Adjournment**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adjourn. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano  
Township Manager