

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

November 10, 2015

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on November 10, 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
	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.

Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2015 Budget Meeting and Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' October 20, 2015 Budget Meeting and October 20, 2015 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment of the Bills

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve payment of Bills List dated November 6, 2015 totaling \$ 198,844.86. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Comment #1

- Brian DuBois, 8114 Covered Bridge Road, thanked the Board for considering an Ordinance setting a 25 mph speed limit on Covered Bridge Road and there are concerns more than one family resides at 8032 Covered Bridge Road. The property is under investigation by the Zoning Officer and the Police Department has been notified.
- Bruce Schlegel, 8098 Covered Bridge Road, indicated that he is pleased to see surveyors in the neighborhood at Tohickon Campground for a possible conservation easement. Believes 8032 Covered Bridge Road is may be being used as a drug rehab home and the neighborhood has concerns.
- John Cressman, 5 Shale Circle, requested the Covered Bridge Ordinance have stricter penalties for vandalism type damages to our covered bridges. The recently adopted Ordinance has a significant fine and restitution for drivers that damage the bridge. Vandalism is a crime and would be prosecuted as a crime. He agreed that changes are not needed at this time.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Zoning Hearing Application for Christopher Werner owner 1635 North Fifth Street: Seeking relief from Section §27-2103 of the Zoning Ordinance to increase the floor area of a nonconforming use for an office use. Mr. Werner, potential tenant Barry Casper and his business associate were present.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to recommend Special Exception be approved by the Zoning Hearing Board. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

2016 Preliminary Budget. Mrs. Morano reviewed the 2016 proposed draft budget. Of note, as recommended by DCED, the Infrastructure fund, funded by real estate millage, will be renamed the Capital Improvement Fund for capital improvement purposes. Mr. Nyman noted the Fire Tax and Street Light Assessment funds have been removed from the General Fund budget and placed in individual Fire and Streetlight Funds, as recommended by Township Auditors. The meeting was open for public comment. There was none.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve advertising of the Preliminary 2016 Draft Budget as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Resolution 2015-15 Recognizing Eagle Scout Jonathan Peter Darlark: Mr. Nyman read the Resolution for the attainment of Eagle Scout.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman to adopt Resolution 2015-15 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Heritage Conservancy Contract: Mrs. Morano presented the Board with a contract from Heritage Conservancy, East Rockhill Township's appointed Township Open Space Consultant. Mr. Armstrong noted a date needed to be amended.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the Heritage Conservancy Contract with the date change as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

PennDOT Partial Completion Report: Mrs. Morano noted that the chairperson's signature required on PennDOT form MS-999 to process loan payments. PennDOT final completion report for West Rock Road will be submitted electronically.

December Meeting Schedule. The consensus of the Board was to set a meeting date of December 8 for the Regular Meeting. Re-Organization is to be held Monday, January 4, 2016 with a time convenient for Judge Baum to swear in newly elected officials.

Mrs. Morano requested an Executive Session to discuss real estate.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, 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 in October. Of note, the leaf collection program continues to expand with more residents taking advantage of the service, as a result, the summer part-time help are assisting with leaf collection. Butler Lane final inspection was performed and reimbursement documents submitted. Mr. Scholl's report is on file.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, 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 November.

Pennridge Community Center Report: David Nyman

The November – December 2015 Pennridge Community Center Newsletter is in the Board's packets and available at the Township Building. Mr. Nyman noted the Center is seeking to enclose a covered patio that was constructed in 2015 using grant funding.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the Pennridge Community Center Report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

PWTA Report: John Cressman

Mr. Cressman reviewed the October 29, 2015 Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority draft minutes. The PWTA minutes and flows are on file.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, 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 October 29, 2015 PACC notes and noted the next meeting would be held January 25, 2016.

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

Police Commission Report: Gary Volovnik

Mr. Volovnik shared the October Pennridge Regional Police report. The report is on file. Mr. Nyman stated that he expressed disappointment the Commission has not approved a budget and noted the Department has a strong fund balance.

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 November 30, 2015 Review is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

Traffic Signal at SR313 & SR563 update: Lane improvements, prep work, paving and line painting are underway by PennDOT. The shipping date for the poles is December 15 and an extension request is anticipated by Carr & Duff. Completion is anticipated for early January. The signal will have a battery back-up and generator plug, and controlled by a video sensor.

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

Solicitor Report: Patrick Armstrong, Esq.

Ordinance 283 establishing a 25 mph speed limit on Covered Bridge Road. 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. Nyman, to adopt Ordinance 283 establishing a 25 mph speed limit on Covered Bridge Road as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, 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.

It was noted that East Rockhill had a serious fire Monday morning at 3am. Mr. Nyman and Mr. Volovnik acknowledged and commended all the responding volunteer fire companies for their dedication and professionalism.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, 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:

- Anne Fenley, 1500 Branch Road, stated that the fence by the Branch Road walking path and detention basin near her house are deteriorating. The basin fence is budgeted to be replaced in 2016 and the Branch Road path fence is to be removed. She also stated that West Rockhill Township is telling residents we do not pay 50-50

for service but we receive 50-50 service. Mr. Nyman noted a letter has been sent to West Rockhill Township offering to contribute 50-50 of the latest police budget with the intention of having two East Rockhill Township Supervisors on 2016 Commission.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager