

**East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors**  
**February 16, 2016**  
**Regular Business Meeting Minutes**

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on February 16, 2016 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.

**Approval of Minutes from January Meetings**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' January 4, 2016 Reorganization Meeting and January 19, 2016 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 February 12, 2016 totaling \$159,121.47. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Public Comment #1**

- Jim Weikel, Ridge Road, shared that he had called Pennridge School District regarding stadium lights on after 10:00p.m. last Wednesday. In the future Mr. Weikel will also notify the Township for tracking purposes.

**Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano**  
**Snow Emergency.**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve ratification of the Snow Emergency Declaration as recommended by the Emergency Management Coordinator commencing at midnight on January 22, 2016 to 7:00a.m. January 25, 2016. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Zoning Hearing Application for Andy Craig at 5494 Clymer Road:** Seeking relief from Zoning Ordinance Section §27-402(b) minimum lot area, Section 27-402(b) minimum setbacks of 50 feet from front and rear and 30 feet from sides, Section 27-1702(a)(1) to permit a minimum lot size of 0.350 acre. The existing mobile home trailer is to be removed and a single-family dwelling constructed. Mr. Craig was present. Consensus of the Board was not to object to the Zoning Hearing Application.

**Trench Box Waiver Request** 1886 West Rock Road. Mr. Schlosser, property owner was present. Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was to require the trench box installation per Township Ordinances however a twelve inch (12") trench box was acceptable.

**Pennridge School District Transportation** has requested indicator lights be added to the back of two (2) school zone lights on North Fifth Street. A cost will be provided by Perkasio Borough Electric Department. A second request was to place a repeater system within the Township Maintenance building at 1622 North Ridge Road with an antenna for improved radio communication. Cost and maintenance of the repeater system will be paid by the district. The Township Solicitor recommended a Hold Harmless Clause. Consensus of the Board was to approve the request.

**Bucks County Planning Commission request for Tax Parcels 12-14-60 and 12-14-61 to be added to the Bedminster Agricultural Security Area:** Bucks County has preserved the parcels in their Agricultural Preservation program and Bedminster Township has approved the addition.

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve **Resolution 2015-05** as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Bids for Used Wheel Loader and trade in of 1989 Case 580K backhoe.**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the purchase of a 2007 Takeuchi Model TW80 Wheel Loader with the trade-in of a 1989 Case 580K backhoe for a total purchase price of \$30,000.00 as per the only bid received. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Pennridge Airport Tree Trimming Request:** The Airport has requested to trim trees to the right of the Willard H. Markey Park entrance driveway the FAA considers obstructions. Mr. Wynn has completed a site visit and recommended the removal of one oak with severe trunk damage and two trees could be topped 10 feet and still have enough crown to survive. Consensus of the Board was to have the Township Engineer present when the trees were removed and/or topped.

**Boulder Drive Stormwater Basin:** Property owner at 30 Boulder Drive has been receiving excess water flow from the stormwater drainage easement located behind his property. A trash basket will be installed over the existing grate and if necessary an underdrain.

**March Meeting Schedule:** The consensus of the Board was to set a meeting date of March 15 for a Regular Meeting.

Mrs. Morano requested an Executive Session to discuss a real estate acquisition matter.

**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 January. Of note Richland Township Water Authority has accepted the amount of \$3,000 for the purchase of a 2005 Ford Explorer. The Code Inspector Blazer will be placed on MuniBid. 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**

There was not a Planning Commission meeting in February. A meeting will be held March 10<sup>th</sup>,

**PWTA Report: John Cressman**

Mr. Cressman reviewed the January 25, 2016 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 January 28, 2016 PACC notes. The meeting notes are on file.

**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: Gary Volovnik**

Mr. Volovnik shared the January Pennridge Regional Police report. Of note all six Supervisors were present and the 309 bypass is now covered by Pennsylvania State Police. The report is on file.

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, 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:** February 3, 2016 Status report is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

**ARLE 2013 Signal Grant SR313 and SR563:** PPL Electric Utility is to replace a transformer and pole this week which will be followed by PennDOT inspection authorizing the signal to go on flash. A no turn on red application has been submitted to PennDOT for review.

**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.**

**Conservation Easement for Parcels 12-6-89, 12-6-85, 12-6-84, 12-6-61 on Covered Bridge Road:** A public hearing was held to consider a proposed Conservation Easement on Tax Parcels 12-6-89, 12-6-85, 12-6-84, 12-6-61 totaling 32.9639 acres (Tohickon Campground) owned by Clover D for a purchase price of \$8,492.00 per acre for a total of \$279,929.44. Clover D President Jim Deegan was present. The hearing was open to public comment. With no comment, the Hearing was closed.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve **Resolution 2016-06** to accept and execute documents relating to the Conservation Easement for Tax Map Numbers 12-6-89, 12-6-85, 12-6-84, 12-6-61 including the agreement of sale. 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.

**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**

- Mr. Volovnik thanked and recognized the efforts of the East Rockhill Road Department for an excellent job handling the Jonas Blizzard of 2016.
- Mr. Volovnik commended the Fire Departments doing an outstanding job fighting two recent fires and shared the Township's appreciation for their dedication and professionalism.

**Public Comment #2:**

- Anne Fenley, Branch Road, further acknowledged that residents and non-residents can tell by the condition of snow covered roads when they arrive and leave East Rockhill because of the excellent job with snow removal.

**Adjournment**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano  
Township Manager