

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

March 15, 2016

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on March 15, 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 February 16, 2016 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' February 16, 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 March 11, 2016 totaling \$303,302.03. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Comment #1

- Jim Weikel, Ridge Road, noted Pennridge Airport was not on the agenda. No plans have been submitted to East Rockhill Township, so it was recommended he contact Perkasie Borough.

Police Commission Report: Chief Rodney Blake

Chief Blake shared the February 2016 Pennridge Regional Police report. Of note, a drug take-back event will be held April 30th from 10 am to 2 pm and a Spring Fling event will be held March 19th from 10 am to noon. both events will be at Police Headquarters. The report is on file.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Zoning Hearing Application for Gary and Judy Schott at 1727 Three Mile Run Road: Seeking relief from Zoning Ordinance Section §27-1708 which prohibits an accessory building from being located in a front yard. Mr. and Mrs. Schott are seeking to construct a 28' x 28' pole barn in the front yard of the property. Mr. Schott was present. Following discussion, it is the consensus of the Board not to object to the Zoning Hearing Application.

Lawn Maintenance Proposals: The three proposals received on time were provided to the Board for the 2016-2017-2018 seasons. It was noted that Halteman Landscape submitted a proposal after the 10:00 am deadline on March 11, 2016.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to accept the proposal of Emerald Garden as presented for the 2016-2017-2018 seasons. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Mr. Nietupski recommended the cost of mowing the two rental properties be the tenant's responsibility. It will be reviewed at budget time.

Liberty Bell Trail Feasibility Study. A proposal was provided to the Board on behalf of Perkasio Borough's Park and Recreation to update the 2005 Liberty Bell Trail Feasibility Study for an estimated study cost of \$80,000 to \$100,000. Perkasio Borough is seeking grants for 50% and invited Sellersville Borough, West Rockhill Township and East Rockhill Township to partner in the grant application and commit to its share of the 50% cost with grant approval. The consensus of the Board was to recommend Perkasio Borough reach out to the Bucks County Planning Commission to review and update the current Trail Study, as they have been working with municipalities on trails and to not allocate any funds to a revised study.

Pennridge School District Transportation: An installation request for indicator lights added to the back of the two (2) school zone lights on North Fifth Street has been quoted at \$431.00 by Perkasio Borough Electric. Mrs. Morano will advise Pennridge School District Transportation of the cost and once payment has been received the work will be scheduled.

April Meeting Schedule: The consensus of the Board was to set a meeting date of April 12, 2016 for a Work/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 February, 2016. Of note, road work bids will be prepared as presented with the 2016 budget, skin patching a section of Rich Hill Road and possibly West Rock Road will be scheduled and a price to overlay Hill Road from Stone Edge Road to Three Mile Run Road will be provided.

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 a formal sketch plan from Mehmanus Holdings at 1419 Ridge Road for an addition and additional parking.

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

Pennridge Community Center Report: David Nyman

The March – April 2016 Pennridge Community Center Newsletter is in the Board's packets and available for the public.

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

PWTA Report: John Cressman

Mr. Cressman reviewed the February Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority meeting and the January 2016 flows. The draft minutes were not available. It was noted Sellersville Borough had extra flows during rain events. The PWTA 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 February 25, 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 report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Engineer Report: Steve Baluh, P.E.

Subdivision Plan Review Status: Review dated February 26, 2016 is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

Traffic Signal at SR313 and SR563 (Mountain View): Signal is operating. PennDOT authorized **No Turn on Red** from SR313 to SR563 and signs have been posted. A deduction change order will be provided by Carr & Duff for removal of line striping that was performed by PennDOT.

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.

Tohickon Campground conservation easement settlement: A settlement date will be scheduled by the end of March. The trail easement width was confirmed with Mr. Baluh.

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 and Services Reports listed on the agenda were noted as received. Copies are on file.

Mr. Nyman noted that he and Mr. Nietupski attended the Perkasio Fire Company Annual Awards Banquet on March 5 and appreciated the hospitality they received.

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. Nietupski inquired on the sale of the Chevy Blazer. Consensus of the Board was to place it on Municibid for sale and if it was not sold to consider donating it to Perkasio Fire Department for a training exercise.

Public Comment #2:

- Jim Weikel, Ridge Road, stated that the eagles are nesting again off of Three Mile Run Road for the third year.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adjourn the meeting. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager