

**East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors**

**May 17, 2016**

**Regular Business Meeting Minutes**

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on May 17, 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
	Marianne Morano	Township Manager
	Colby Grim, Esq.	Township Solicitor
	Steve Baluh	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 April 12, 2016 Regular Meeting**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' April 12, 2016 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 May 13, 2016 totaling \$180,023.02. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Public Comment #1**

There was none.

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

**Zoning Hearing Application for Douglas Soroka and Lynn Kleina at 1008 West Schwenkmill Road:** Seeking relief from Zoning Ordinance Section §27-1708 which prohibits an accessory building from being located in a front yard. The applicant is seeking to construct a 28' x 28' pole barn in one of the front yards of the property. Mr. Soroka, Ms. Kleina and contractor Brian Coleman were present. Following discussion, it is the consensus of the Board not to object to the Zoning Hearing Application.

**Liability Insurance:** Proposals were reviewed by the Board from Selective Insurance, Argonaut/Trident and Delaware Valley Insurance Trust (DVIT). Mr. Paul Pugielli was present from Brown & Brown of Lehigh Valley to promote the proposals from Selective and Argonaut/Trident. It was noted liability insurance renews June 1. DVIT would bind coverage effective June 1, 2016 and would renew thereafter on January 1. Belonging to a second trust with Delaware Valley offered multi-trust discounts, rate stabilization credits and grant opportunities. A DVIT 12-year analysis showed a significant premium savings in addition to Pennridge Regional Police Department's eligibility to submit an application for membership.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to authorize the Township Solicitor to advertise the DVIT Ordinance authorizing the execution of the Agreement per the Delaware Valley Insurance Trust proposal presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Resolution 2016-09 Designation of Agent Resolution:** To appoint Mrs. Morano as the applicant agent to seek 75% reimbursement of a 48-hour period during Blizzard 2016/Winter Storm Jonas from FEMA.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt Resolution 2016-09 authorizing Mrs. Morano as the applicant agent as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Snow Removal Agreement:** Formalizing Edward McDermott Snowplowing services for FEMA .

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to authorize Mrs. Morano to execute an agreement between Edward McDermott Snowplowing and East Rockhill Township for contracted snow removal services as prepared by the Township Solicitor. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Sign Request:** Lapp Landscaping request for Truck Entrance sign placed near 1828 Old Bethlehem Pike, Sellersville. East Rockhill Township maintains signs per the agreement. Consensus of the Board was to place the sign on an existing speed limit sign.

**June Meeting Schedule:** The consensus of the Board was to set a meeting date of June 14, 2016 for a Work/Regular meeting.

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

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, 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 April 2016. The Public Works report is on file.

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

**Planning Commission: David Nyman**

The Planning Commission did not meet in May and there would not be a June meeting.

**Pennridge Community Center Report: David Nyman**

The May – June 2016 Pennridge Community Center Newsletter is in the Board's packets and available for the public. Mr. Nyman announced there would be an All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast on June 7 and tickets could be purchased by June 1 at the Center.

**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 draft April 25, 2016 Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority meeting minutes and the March 2016 flows. A tour of the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority for member officials will occur May 23, 2016 starting at 6:00pm. It was noted the plant has an excellent safety record which will be recognized at a future meeting.

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor

**PACC Report: David Nyman**

There was no meeting in April. The next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2016.

**Police Commission Report: Gary Volovnik**

Mr. Volovnik shared the April Pennridge Regional Police Report. Of note, the Board recognized that Chief Blake is doing an outstanding job as Chief and recognized his commitment to the community he serves. The report is on file.

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the Pennridge Regional Police Commission report as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Engineer Report: Steve Baluh**

**Subdivision Plan Review Status:** Review dated May 3, 2016 is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

**Bucks County Community College Maintenance Escrow.** Mr. Baluh reported the maintenance period has ended and the site, following review, is in good condition. He recommended the project be closed with escrow funds released less any outstanding expenses.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the release of maintenance escrow funds to Bucks County Community College less any outstanding expenses. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the Township Engineer report as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Solicitor Report: Colby Grim, Esq.**

**Distributed Antenna System (DAS):** A draft letter to the PUC was presented providing comments on the negative impact distributed antenna systems could have on Township rights-of-way and the regulation of said antennas.

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize sending the letter to Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission 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 report as presented. 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.

**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**

- Mr. Nyman noted Mr. Jim Deegan has offered to donate a Welcome to East Rockhill Township sign as a memorial to his father at Sheard's Mill Bridge. Further, he suggested a Welcome to East Rockhill Township signs be placed on both entrances to the Township on Ridge Road.  
**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the purchase of two East Rockhill Township signs with one being paid for by Mr. Deegan and the other utilizing funds from the sale of the Code vehicle. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.
- PA DCED has a grant opportunity with a 15 percent Township match and a submission deadline of June 30, 2016. Consideration of this favorable opportunity to make application for the path extension from Pennridge School District to Willard H. Markey Park was discussed.

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize the Township Engineer to complete a path feasibility study as approved in the 2016 budget for grant submission. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

- **On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve an amendment to an open space appraisal at a not to exceed price of \$750. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Public Comment #2:**

There was none.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano  
Township Manager