

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

June 14, 2016

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on June 14, 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
	Mary Eberle, Esq.	Township Solicitor
	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 May 17, 2016 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' May 17, 2016 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, the motion passed 2-0 with Mr. Nietupski abstaining because he was not present at the May 17 meeting.

Payment of the Bills

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve payment of Bills List dated June 10, 2016 totaling \$152,097.43. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Comment #1

There was none.

Police Commission Report: Sergeant Maloney

Sergeant Maloney shared the May Pennridge Regional Police Report. Of note, a blood drive will be held on Thursday July 21, 2016 from 2:00pm to 8:00pm at Pennridge Regional Police Headquarters, a decibel meter has been purchased and Officer's certified for noise Ordinance enforcement and a tint meter is in use. The report is on file.

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

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Verizon Franchise Renewal: A proposal was reviewed from Cohen Law Group as submitted to the Bucks County Consortium for the negotiation of a model franchise agreement from Verizon. Cost will be based on population.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve execution of the Verizon Cable Franchise renewal engagement letter as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

East Rockhill Township 2015 Draft Financial Report: Received and distributed to the Supervisors for review. It was the consensus of the Board to finalize the 2015 financial report as presented.

Escrow Vouchers: Authorization voucher 23A dated June 7, 2016 payable to C. Robert Wynn Associates Inc. in the amount of \$534.28 for Bucks County Community College Expansion construction

observation and escrow administration October 26, 2013 to May 27, 2016; authorization voucher 24A dated June 7, 2016 payable to Bucks County Community College in the amount of \$61,488.22 for release of letter of credit – project completed.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve release of Escrow Vouchers dated June 7, 2016 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Bucks County Tour of Honor: Bucks County Recorder's Office has sent a request on behalf of Bucks County Tour of Honor conducting their third mission seeking Bucks County townships and boroughs assistance to honor veterans by contributing towards an event on September 26, 2016 in Washington DC.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to donate \$250 payable to Bucks County Tour of Honor as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Greenway Trail and Recreation Grant Program: A resolution authorizing officials to execute all documents and agreements between the Board of Supervisors and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant. Mr. Nyman requested a copy of the completed application which he will forward to Senator McIlhinney's office for their assistance.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt Resolution 2016-10 authorizing Mrs. Morano and Mr. Nyman as the applicant agents as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

July Meeting Schedule: The consensus of the Board was to set a meeting date of July 19, 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 May 2016. Of note, oil and chip application has been completed, overlay on Dublin Way will start Friday and Stone Edge Road on Monday, repair of Hill Road will be done if time remains as bid, \$10,000 over-budget can be allocated due to Hill Road not being presented at budget time. A culvert on Three Mile Run Road at Butler Lane will need emergency repair with the assistance of a concrete contractor on an hourly basis. PPL will be contacted for the removal of dead Ash trees along SR313 near Fifth Street. The Public Works report is on file.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, 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 sketch of the proposed trail from Pennridge School District to Willard H. Markey Centennial Park and approved a letter to Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development confirming the plan is compliant with the East Rockhill Comprehensive Land Use as required.

The Wagon Wheel land development plan was withdrawn.

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

PWTA Report

The draft of the May 23, 2016 Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority meeting minutes was not available. The April, 2016 flows report was reviewed. It was noted a tour of the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority occurred on May 23, 2016.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, 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

Mr. Nyman reviewed the May 26, 2016 Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee notes. The notes are on file. The next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2016.

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.

Solicitor Report: Mary Eberle, Esq.

Delaware Valley Insurance Trust (DVIT) Ordinance: A public hearing was held to consider the Township entering into a trust agreement for liability insurance. It was noted there is a two-year minimum commitment and departure from the trust is not allowed if it would destitute the trust. With no public comment, the Hearing was closed.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt Ordinance 284 authorizing East Rockhill Township joining the Delaware Valley Insurance Trust for liability insurance as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Eminent Domain: The friendly condemnation for the fee simple acquisition of land to be used for a public park.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve Resolution 2016-11 for condemnation of Bucks County tax parcels nos. 12-14-23-007, 12-14-23-008, 12-14-23-009 and 12-14-23-010 located along Blooming Glen Road for future park and recreation use. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Agreement of Sale: For the purchase of 18.61 acres for a total purchase price of \$325,800. It was noted the parcels will connect existing Township open space, are adjacent to the Branch Road walking trail and will increase the size of the Iron Bridge Park.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the Agreement of Sale for the acquisition of 18.61 acres for a total purchase price of \$325,800 consisting of Bucks County tax parcels nos. 12-14-23-007, 12-14-23-008, 12-14-23-009 and 12-14-23-010 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik to approve execution of a waiver of conflict of interest with Grim Biehn and Thatcher. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, 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. 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

- PP&L vegetation management information will be posted on Township website.

Public Comment #2:

- Anne Fenley, Branch Road, commented that the Tour of Honor did not allow spouses or caregivers to go on the Tour of Honor in Washington DC which is being sponsored by Bucks County Recorder of Deeds.
- Chuk Turley, Greenleaf Circle, has attended a past Tour of Honors and each veteran has an assistant that stays with them during the Tour. Buses were not equipped for veteran's needing assistance on the bus stairs.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager