

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

August 9, 2016

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 p.m. on August 9, 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
	Colby Grim, Esq.	Township Solicitor
	Steve Baluh	Township Engineer
	Jeff Scholl	Public Works Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Nyman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' July 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 August 5, 2016 totaling \$130,054.15. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Comment #1

There was none.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Little Homestead School Proposal: Kent Baird presented the Board a three-phase proposal for a Community Service Agriculture (CSA), utilizing volunteers and members, farming classes and a nature center concept at the Hildebrandt tract. The Board had concerns about a loss of rental revenue currently being collected and would like a detailed concept with how it would be funded. The Board found the concept to be appealing and the Moore tract was suggested as a possible alternative location.

Non-Uniform Pension Plan Audit 2012-2015: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General has completed an audit of the non-uniform pension plan for the period of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2015. There were no findings.

2017 Preliminary Budget Review and Meeting Schedule: The consensus of the Board was to hold 2017 draft budget review meetings at 6:15 pm, prior to their regular meeting dates of September 13 and October 11, 2016.

Mrs. Morano requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel (considering a new staff position) and real estate acquisition.

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

Public Works activities in July, 2016 were provided to the Board. Of note, equipment rental was needed for the Clymer Road crossover pipe installation, waiting on permit for Three Mile Run Road bridge repair, basins were mowed, tot lot at Pines was mulched and a slide replaced at Willard H. Markey Centennial Park. The Public Works 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

Mr. Nyman noted there was no Planning Commission meeting in August.

PWTA Report:

The draft July 25, 2016 Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority meeting minutes and the June 2016 flows were noted as being received.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to acknowledge receipt of the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor

PACC Report: David Nyman

There was no meeting in either July or August. The next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2016.

Police Commission Report: Chief Blake

Chief Blake shared the July, 2016 activities by the Pennridge Regional Police Department. Of note, Officer Aamir Raza joined the Department as a part-time Officer, Officer Harry Hallman's retirement will be recognized at the August 24th Commission meeting, school starts August 29th, East Rockhill Township public works line striped the Department's parking lot, their recent blood drive was a success saving 87 lives, the 2017 budget is anticipated to be approved at August's meeting with a \$90,000 savings, the Public Safety Committee has been a success by saving the Department significant dollars, and the Department received a ranking of ninth safest in the state. 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.

Engineer Report: Steve Baluh

Subdivision Plan Review Status: Review dated July 29, 2016 is in the Board's packets. Peace Lutheran Church submitted a one-year extension request dated August 1, 2016.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer Grant: Mr. Baluh reviewed a grant opportunity to replace the pump station on Three Mile Run Road; the grant project cost must be \$30,000 to \$500,000 with a 15% construction match. Deadline for submission is October 31, 2016.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to proceed with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer Grant submission as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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

Solicitor Report: Colby Grim, Esq.

Resignation and Separation Agreement:

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept the resignation of Michael Gardner and execution of the Separation Agreement, formalizing Mr. Gardner's retirement. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Wisner Agreement of Sale:

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize execution of the Wisner final Agreement of Sale as signed by the Wisner family. 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

- Mr. Nyman noted that efforts for the last year and a half were rewarded with State Legislature's being successful in amending the PA Tax Code to exempt Municipalities from real estate transfer taxes for preserved properties.

Public Comment #2:

- Merle Anne Morcom, Tunnel Road, had concerns about the Pennridge Airport potential expansion and tree clearing. Plans have not been submitted to East Rockhill Township and the Township Engineer oversaw all tree clearing and there were no Ordinance violations.
- Bob Cormack, 328 Harriet Drive, raised concerns about the flow of traffic anticipated with Airport expansion and would like to see better coordination with municipalities.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager