

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

October 11, 2016

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on October 11, 2016 following the budget work session 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
	C. Robert Wynn	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.

Public Comment #1

- Matthew Granato, Troop 185, is working on an Eagle Scout Project and came to observe the meeting. He will contact Mrs. Morano regarding for possible Eagle Scout Projects.
- Jennifer Detwiler, 440 Campus Drive, has an 11-year old who attends Pennridge North Middle School and believes there should be a crossing guard at Fifth and Campus Drive. A request for a crossing guard needs to originate from Pennridge School District Board.
- Fran Girard, 409 S. Main, grandparent to student at Pennridge North Middle School, believes government's first responsibility is to protect and supports the request for a crossing guard.
- Bridgette Drelling, 8 Rocky Mountain Circle, thanked the Board for sending correspondence to all residents regarding the North Penn Water Authority's well test results and asked to have the dialogue continue. She was assured that communications will be posted to the Township website, twitter and Facebook as updated information is received.
- Louis DiTonna, 1 Boulder Drive, inquired about the North Penn Water Authority's wells. The wells have been shut down and remediation will be overseen by DEP. Water for the residents is currently being provided by the Perkasie Regional Water Authority through a system interconnect.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' September 13, 2016 Budget Work Session and September 13, 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 October 7, 2016 totaling \$423,108.70. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Police Commission Report: Detective Daryl Lewis

Detective Lewis shared the September, 2016 activities by the Pennridge Regional Police Department. Of note, to date 2,875 crimes, 254 accidents, 352 offenses and 152 arrests in 2016. The report is on file.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, 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

Zoning Hearing Application for Jim and Leanne Jarrett at 27 Firethorn Lane: The applicant is seeking a variance from Zoning Ordinance Section 27.304.B11.f.(2) to permit the location of a swimming pool 13 feet from the rear property line where a setback of 25 feet is required. Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett were present. Following discussion, it is the consensus of the Board not to take a position in regard to the Zoning Hearing Application.

Accounting Clerk Employment:

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to ratify Mrs. Morano's action offering employment to Susan Burger as a part-time Accounting Clerk, effective September 29, 2016. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Bucks County 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan:

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt Resolution 2016-15 Bucks County 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Trash District Bids:

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to award the trash bid to BFI/Republic Services accepting option IB-Tote unlimited trash, solid waste and refuse collected once a week on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday utilizing a 96-110 gallon contractor provided wheeled container; single stream recycling incentive program collected once per week from 96 gallon or larger container provided by the Contractor; unlimited weekly collection of yard waste bundled or bagged. Bagged leaves and grass clippings are excluded and notice to hauler required; fee schedule for per item disposal of bulky waste with the following pricing per dwelling unit and per month; 2017 \$20.84; 2018 \$21.47; 2019 \$22.11; 2020 \$22.78; option year 2021 \$23.45; option year 2022 \$24.16 and option IC-Tote unlimited trash, solid waste and refuse collected once a week on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday utilizing a 96-110 gallon contractor provided wheeled container; single stream recycling collected once per week from 96 gallon or larger container provided by the Contractor; unlimited weekly collection of yard waste bundled or bagged and bagged leaves, grass clippings are excluded and notice to hauler required; fee schedule for per item disposal of bulky waste for Township residents that specifically request such services, both within and outside of the Township's Trash District with the following pricing per dwelling unit and per month; 2017 \$20.43; 2018 \$21.06; 2019 \$21.70; 2020 \$22.37; option year 2021 \$23.04; option year 2022 \$23.75 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Website Redesign

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve Catapult Web in the amount of \$11,970.00 for a February 2017 launch of the redeveloped Township website as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Architectural Services

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve Christopher Sipes, R.A. in the amount of \$6,080.00 for existing documentation and project design for the municipal office implementing safety features, improved functionality of meeting room, file space and possible conference room as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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

Public Works activities in September 2016 were provided to the Board. 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 had not been a Planning Commission meeting.

PWTA Report

The draft September 26, 2016 Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority meeting minutes and the August 2016 flows were reviewed.

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 September 22, 2016 meeting notes. The report is on file. The next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 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.

Engineer Report: C. Robert Wynn

Subdivision Plan Review Status: Review dated September 27, 2016 is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

PA Department of Community and Economic Development Grant:

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt Resolution 2016-16 requesting a Pennsylvania small water and sewer program grant for the replacement of the Three Mile Run Road sewage pumping station 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: Patrick Armstrong, Esq.

Mr. Armstrong requested an executive session to discuss real estate and Mager Mandamus.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, 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. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, 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 requested Sue Furlong West Rockhill resident, who was recording the meeting, respect a request by a private citizen to not be placed on video. Ms. Furlong apologized, but stated that it was her right under the Sunshine Law to record a public meeting.

Public Comment #2:

- Dave Worthington, Perkasio Department Fire Chief, noted the Department has distributed 900 door hangers in the Pines and Ridge Run Developments seeking new volunteers. Mrs. Morano will promote Fire Prevention Week open house on Thursday October 13 from 6:00-9:00pm at the Perkasio Fire Hall and continue to promote their efforts to get new volunteers.

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 9:13p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager