

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors
February 18, 2014
Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on February 18, 2014 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 January 21, 2014 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' January 21, 2014 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, the motion passed 2-0 as Mr. Nietupski abstained as he was not in attendance.

Payment of the Bills

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve payment of Bills List dated February 14, 2014 totaling \$135,334.27. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Comment #1

- Ken Holtje, 2733 Three Mile Run Road, complimented Public Works for clearing snow; he is new to Pennsylvania and was very impressed.
- Hans Schnitzler, 16 Stone Edge Road, Jeff Scholl and crew did magnificent snow removal; he hopes same holds true when they fix potholes. Mr. Schnitzler asked the status of Select Properties. The owner and developer are in court.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Request for Waiver of Land Development by Pennridge School District for Phase I, installation of permanent bleachers and two walkways at Pennridge High School turf field. Phase II to be construction of a concession stand and additional access

amenities. Mr. Michael Spadafora, D'huy Engineering, Mr. Barry Casper, school board member, Mr. Jeff Loeffler, District Director of Operations, Ms. Kathy Johnson, Business Administrator were present. The permanent bleachers would total 3,500 home game seats and 1,500 visitor game seats, replacing the existing 700 portable bleacher seats. Six home games and one band event are proposed with the first game in September 2014. Football games do not violate current restrictions imposed by the Township. Mr. Baluh recommended establishing escrow and stormwater review. Board members followed by resident's comments raised concerns with potential noise and traffic.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to grant waiver of land development for Phase I conditioned on Phase II going through the land development process, building permit issuance, stormwater review, professional service agreement execution and an escrow established. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

ARLE 2013 Grant was awarded to the Township for the installation of a traffic signal at SR 313 and 563 (Mountianview Road). Contract paperwork needs to be executed; PennDOT will design the traffic signal with Township Engineer oversight.

Budget Report Change Request by Mr. Nietupski was reviewed by the Board. Salaries and Professional service expenses will be totaled between funds during budget review to provide clarity regarding totals.

Rockhill Road Bridge Financing. A General Obligation Note proposal from Quakertown National Bank for \$200,000.00 was presented for Board consideration.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to waive conflict of interest due to Grim Biehn and Thatcher's representation of Quakertown National Bank. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept the proposal contingent on meeting State requirements at 2.35% (tax free) per annum fixed for five (5) years. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Budget Update. Due to the extreme snow fall Mrs. Morano apprised the Board that the salt and deicer supply line item has expended 82% of the budget and contracted snow and ice removal has expended 56% of the budget. Additional expenses are anticipated. Oil and chip application is contingent on winter expenses and will need to be evaluated at the end of the winter season.

March Meeting Schedule. The consensus of the Board was to only meet March 18 for its only Meeting in March.

Mrs. Morano requested an Executive Session to discuss real estate and possible litigation.

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 January. Of note, a backhoe will be rented for expedite inlet clean up and opening intersections from snow, 600 tons of salt and 400 tons of anti-skid have been used with minor breakdowns on several vehicles. Mr. Scholl's 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

There was not a Planning Commission meeting in February.

PWTA Report: John Cressman

Mr. Cressman reviewed the January 27, 2014 Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority draft minutes. The PWTA minutes 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

There was not a meeting in January. The next meeting is February 27th.

Police Commission Report: Gary Volovnik

Mr. Volovnik shared the January 2014 Pennridge Regional Police report and Pennsylvania State Police report. The report is on file.

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

Engineer's Report: Steve Baluh, P.E.

Subdivision Plan Review Status dated February 4, 2014 is in the Board's packets. No action is required.

ARLE 2012 Quotes for signal improvements at SR313 and Ridge Road were reviewed by the Board.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to accept the Armour & Sons Electric, Inc. in a not to exceed amount of \$14,146.00. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the Township Engineer's Report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Solicitor Report: Patrick Armstrong, Esq.

Rockhill Road Bridge Additional Financing will need Ordinance adoption before submittal to DCED.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to proceed with preparing and advertising the Rockhill Road Bridge financing Ordinance and DCED submittal. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Conditional Use Adjudication for 2170 Hill Road was reviewed by the Board.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to accept and execute the Conditional Use Adjudication for Kathy Kelly, 2170 Hill Road. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the Township Solicitor's Report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Department and Emergency Services Reports

Department 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 Service Reports. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

New or Other Business – Supervisor Items

- Mr. Nietupski noted parcels at SR313 and Mountianview Drive are zoned RR Rural Residential and RP Resource Protection and he believes there should be consideration to change zoning to Commercial or Village Commercial. Mr. Nyman would like the Planning Commission to review and make a recommendation.

Public Comment #2:

- Hans Schnitzler, 16 Stone Edge Road, questioned the \$5,600 extra Township expense to remove recycling. He pays for recycling with his trash service.
- Chuk Turley, 42 Greenleaf Circle, noted non-residents use the recycling facility, how can the Township monitor the use?

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn into executive session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager