

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

March 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 March 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 February 18, 2014 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' February 18, 2014 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment of the Bills

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve payment of Bills List dated March 14, 2014 totaling \$201,418.14. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Comment #1

- Hans Schnitzler, 16 Stone Edge Road, what are the plans to repair Three Mile Run Road. Road improvements are being evaluated.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Zoning Hearing Application for JC Woodworking: At 255 Route 313 is seeking relief from the existing non-conforming use A-7 agricultural retail to another non-conforming use F-3 retail store and a variance to operate a H3 warehousing business in the AP zoning district. Mrs. Ricki Chaikin was present to answer questions. The Board did not have any concerns regarding the application.

UCC Appeal Application: Pennridge School District seeking relief from the Building Code to allow temporary toilet facilities during the football season.

UCC Joint Board of Appeal: Request was received from Silverdale Borough to join the UCC Joint Board of Appeal with East Rockhill Township, West Rockhill Township and Dublin Borough.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve Silverdale Borough's entrance into the UCC Joint Board of Appeals hoping they could provide one or two members. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Lawn Maintenance Proposals: Provided to the Board for the 2014-2015 seasons.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to accept the proposals of Emerald Garden as presented for the 2014-2015 season. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Trash District Contract Extension: Provided to the Board for option year for 2015 and option year for 2016.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to accept both option years 2015 and 2016 as presented in the original contract if possible. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Resolution 2014-06: was presented to the Board to participate in the planning process of the Bucks County 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve Resolution 2014-06 to participate in the planning process of the Bucks County Hazard Mitigation Plan. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

April Meeting Schedule: The consensus of the Board was to set a meeting date of April 8 for a Regular Meeting.

Resolution 2014-08: In recognition of Mr. Volovnik's completion of 30 years of service as an East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisor.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve Resolution 2014-08 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

With Mr. Volovnik's family in attendance, Mr. Nyman presented Mr. Volovnik with a plaque on behalf of East Rockhill Township and Proclamation from Senator McIlhinney and Proclamation from Representative Clymer for his sacrifices and commitment to the East Rockhill Township community for 30 years of service in 2013.

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

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 February. Of note, a gator will be purchased as budgeted and bids will be advertised for an overlay on Old Bethlehem Pike. Mr. Scholl's 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

There was not a Planning Commission meeting in March.

Penridge Community Center Report: David Nyman

The March – April 2014 Penridge Community Center Newsletter is in the Board's packets, noting the Center is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

PWTA Report

The February 24, 2014 Penridge Wastewater Treatment Authority draft minutes were reviewed. The PWTA minutes are on file.

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

PACC Report: David Nyman

Mr. Nyman reviewed the February 27, 2014 PACC notes. Of note, there are renewed communications with Penridge School District to freeze the real estate tax on preserved properties.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept the Penridge Area Coordinating Committee report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Police Commission Report: Jim Nietupski

Mr. Nietupski shared the February 2014 Penridge Regional Police report. The report is on file.

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

Engineer Report: Steve Baluh, P.E.

Subdivision Plan Review Status dated **February 27, 2014:** In the Board's packets.

Messina 6-month Extension Request dated **March 3, 2014:** Noted as received.

Resolution 2014-07: Presented to the Board for the ARLE 2012 grant for authorization to have the Township Secretary execute documents.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt Resolution 2014-07 authorizing the Secretary to sign reports. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor

ARLE 2012: Mr. Baluh updated the Board regarding extra funding from the grant which would be utilized updating LED and controller at SR313 and 5th Street.

Stormwater Ordinance Update amendment: Needed to satisfy DEP review requirements.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize the Township Engineer making the needed Ordinance changes. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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

Solicitor Report: Patrick Armstrong, Esq.

Ordinance 275 a General Obligation Note 2014 in the amount of \$200,000.00 for additional Rockhill Road reconstruction: Mr. Armstrong opened the Public Hearing as advertised. There was no public comment. With no further comment, the Hearing was closed.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt Ordinance 275 General Obligation Note 2014 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Fox Hill Escrow: Subdivision and land development has an outstanding balance of \$910.66 with default funds available to reimburse the Township for consultant expenses.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize notice to Bucks County Bank that failure to pay the outstanding balance owed Township professional within ten days would result in the amount being withdrawn from the defaulted fund escrow. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Mr. Armstrong requested an executive session to discuss real estate.

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

New or Other Business – Supervisor Items

- Mr. Nietupski requested adding an agenda item to discuss improving Township cash flow and a Comprehensive Plan update. Mr. Nyman recommended the Planning Commission review the Comprehensive Plan and make a recommendation to the Board. Both items will be discussed at a future Board meeting.
- Mr. Nyman would like to consider appointing a formal Traffic Engineer. Mrs. Morano will provide a proposal for April's meeting.

Public Comment #2:

- Mr. Hans Schnitzler, 16 Stone Edge Road, what happened to the list of funding items he presented? Mrs. Morano will make them available for April's meeting.
- Mrs. Anne Fenley, 1500 Branch Road, asked for a Schwenkmill Road Bridge update. Plans are being reviewed by PennDOT before going out to bid. Is there an update on the auction at SR313 and 5th Street? The property was transferred to a new buyer.
- Mr. Chuk Turley, 13 Greenleaf Circle, how are residents being notified? Monthly enews, Township website, semi-annual newsletter, Facebook and twitter.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn into executive session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager