

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

May 13, 2014

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on May 13, 2014 in the Township meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Building, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasio, 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, P.E.	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 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' April 8, 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 May 9, 2014 totaling \$310,233.12. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Comment #1

- Hans Schnitzler, 16 Stone Edge Road, indicated that Mr. Scholl did a good job patching potholes, thank you. Observed the Walking path had new and old cracks, needs repair at Markey Park; skating pond pipe needs repair.
- Louis DiTonno, One Boulder Drive, shared photos of stormwater not being directed to swale, and water drains from street into his garage, which is downhill. The Township Engineer and Mr. Scholl will review.
- James Mormando, 124 Blooming Glen Road, introduced himself. He has an agenda item.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Three Mile Run Road TMP 12-9-93: A 37 acre open space parcel owned by East Rockhill Township adjoining two parcels that are currently monitored by Bedminster

Land Conservancy, Inc. It was the consensus of the Board to place tax map parcel 12-9-93 with Bedminster Land Conservancy Easement for yearly monitoring.

Bucks County Covered Bridge Society: Is holding a community event on Blooming Glen Road near the Mood's Covered Bridge on June 7, 2014 from 11:00a.m. to 2:30p.m. to commemorate Mood's Covered Bridge 140th anniversary. The Society is seeking relief from the \$200.00 zoning fee and requested closing Blooming Glen Road by the Bridge from 11:00a.m. to 2:30p.m. It was the consensus of the Board to close Blooming Glen Road at the one way section contingent on signs giving residents advanced notice, Pennridge Regional Police and Radio Room notification and Perkasie Fire Police providing traffic control during the road closure.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve waiver of the \$200.00 fee for the community event as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Three Mile Run Road: Has become an observation area with vehicles parked on both sides of the road to view nesting bald eagles at a poor visibility turn in the road. A safe observation area is available at the boat basin off of Three Mile Run Road. Pennridge Regional Police have recommended temporary no parking signs be installed. It was the consensus of the Board to place temporary no parking signs and request additional patrols when possible.

June Meeting Schedule. The consensus of the Board was to set a meeting date of June 10 for its Regular Meeting.

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

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, 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 April. Of note, Creekview Drive needed unexpected repair after a heavy rainfall; the new gator was received and the old gator traded in; a tree in the right-of-way within the Pines Development has become a safety concern. The consensus of the Board was to remove the tree and not replace it. Mr. Scholl's report is on file.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the **purchase of a 2014 dump truck** for the purchase price of \$127,154.52 within budget. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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 May.

Pennridge Community Center Report: David Nyman

The May – June 2014 Pennridge Community Center Newsletter is in the Board's packets. A 50th anniversary Open House will be held June 5 from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m at the Center in Silverdale.

PWTA Report

Mr. Nyman reviewed the April 28, 2014 Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority draft minutes. The PWTA minutes are on file.

PACC Report: David Nyman

Mr. Nyman reviewed the April 24, 2014 PACC notes. The East Rockhill Board and several PACC members attended the Pennridge School District Finance Committee meeting to support the School District freezing taxes on preserved properties. A draft resolution is to be presented to the School Board at their May 28, 2014 meeting.

Police Commission Report: Jim Nietupski

Mr. Nietupski shared the April 2014 Pennridge Regional Police report. Of note, the East Rockhill Township Board attended a joint-Executive Session on April 30, 2014 to discuss personnel. The report is on file.

Mr. Nietupski requested an executive session to discuss personnel.

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

Engineer Report: C. Robert Wynn, P.E.

Subdivision Plan Review Status dated April 30, 2014 is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

Metal Roof Bid Results: Bids for a roof replacement at the barn located at 1802 North Ridge Road, Perkasie were reviewed by the Board.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to accept KPI2 Contractors, Inc. of Morrisville, Pennsylvania for the bid amount of \$22,600.00 for the installation of a metal roof on the barn at 1802 Ridge Road, Perkasio, Pennsylvania. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

2014 Paving Bid Results: Bids for an overlay project on Old Bethlehem Pike were reviewed by the Board.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to accept Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. of Blooming Glen, Pennsylvania for the overlay of Old Bethlehem Pike from Three Mile Run Road to Forrest Road base bid amount of \$105,520.90 and Old Bethlehem Pike from Holly Drive to Three Mile Run Road, alternate #1 bid amount of \$47,644.80 for a total bid price of \$153,165.70. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve working with PennDOT to jointly overlay the end of Tunnel Road, the end of Park Avenue, and the end of Three Mile Run Road as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

124 Blooming Glen Road, Geisert Lot 1: Mr. Mormando was present to review his request to not place seven (7) trees required per the approved subdivision along the road frontage. The neighbor, Mrs. Geisert, has also made the same request to eliminate eight (8) trees on her road frontage.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve waiving placement of 15 trees per the subdivision plan in exchange for a \$350.00 per tree contribution. 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.

Agreement of Sale: For tax parcel 12-009-121-01 on Three Mile Run Road for approximately 10 acre conservation easement has been executed by the property owners and was presented to the Board for final approval.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve execution of the Agreement of Sale and a site visit by the Township Engineer to observe any potential environmental concerns as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Agreement of Sale: For tax parcel 12-009-224-02 on Ridge Road for approximately 12 acre conservation easement has been executed by the property owner and was presented to the Board for final approval

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve execution of the Agreement of Sale and a site visit by the Township Engineer to observe any potential environmental concerns as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Sewer Reservation Agreement: The sixth amendment with the Penridge Airport for the relinquishment of 93 EDU's and retention of two (2) EDU reservations at the current fee schedule rate was presented to the Board for consideration. The consensus of the Board was to send the agreement to the Airport for their approval.

Mr. Armstrong noted the 2013 Infrastructure Note closing was held today and attended by Mr. Nyman and Mrs. Morano.

Mr. Armstrong requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, 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. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to accept into the records the Department Service Reports. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

New or Other Business – Supervisor Items

Schwenkmill Road Bridge Update was provided. Bucks County is awaiting PennDOT review, anticipated reopening is December 2014.

Economic Development Follow-up.

Mr. Nietupski suggested an advisory committee be established to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on what is needed to entice new business with possible change of zoning and or sewer/water extensions to provide a sustainable income and re-establishment 24-7 Regional Police coverage.

Mr. Nyman noted that areas currently zoned commercial have not developed due to the economic downturn. As done historically, sewer and water has never been

extended by the Township and should be extended by developers. He was pleased the last financial audit statement has shown an increase in assets. He's disappointed with the amended Police Commission agreement and the election of 2014 Police Commission Officers.

Mr. Volovnik is not in favor of amending zoning districts.

Mr. Nyman comment he wants to look at all options for Police Coverage. Mr. Nietupski is not in favor or going away from Penridge Regional Police Coverage.

Pennsylvania Statewide Historic Preservation: Information was provided to the Board by resident Petrona Charles. Mrs. Charles was present to review the information with the Board. Mr. Nietupski is not in favor of collecting an inventory of properties nor placing restrictions on property owners. The Board will continue to review and consider.

Recycling: A resident complained that recycling is not being collected by a trash hauler. Mr. Nyman will provide the name to Mrs. Morano for mailed notice.

Public Comment #2:

- Charles Turley, 42 Greenleaf Circle, asked for an update to the Fifth Street basin trees. Mr. Wynn indicated that they will be evaluated, noting that a percentage of bare root trees are anticipated not to survive.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager