

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

June 10, 2014

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on June 10, 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
	C. Robert Wynn, P.E.	Township Engineer
	Jeff Scholl	Public Works Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:01p.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' May 13, 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 13, 2014 totaling \$487,744.09. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Comment #1

- John Cressman, 5 Shale Circle, thanked the Staff, Supervisors and Perkasie Fire Department for their support of the Mood's Bridge event on June 7, 2014.
- Hans Schnitzler, 16 Stone Edge Road, noted potholes were repaired on Three Mile Run Road. Additional potholes are on Stone Edge Road near Three Mile Run Road and a gully on Stone Edge Road.
- Louis DiTonno, One Boulder Drive, seeking an update to storm water going down his driveway to his home. Township Engineer recommended grading on both sides of the road, neighbor property needs a repair to not impede water going in swale, pipes in development are not designed to handle large rainfall. Township staff will contact neighbor across the street to suggest driveway pipe replacement. Mr. DiTonno was not in favor of grading work on side of road.

- Shari Meyers, Keelersville Club, was present to advise the Board of a June 28, 2014 fund-raiser event. No documentation has been submitted to Township staff. Ms. Meyers read a document dated 1961 establishing the Club's non-profit status. Ms. Meyers will meet with the Zoning Officer and submit documentation and acquire required permit.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Community Vision Session Results: Mr. Dave Sebastian, Bucks County Senior Community Planner was present to review the results of the June 2013 Community Vision Session. The Board thanked the BCPC for their assistance and well documented report. The report is on file.

Land Development Waiver Request Penridge School District: PSD is seeking a waiver of land development to construct a 180 square feet vestibule connecting the office area and garage area at the District Support Center. Following Board discussion, the request was opened up for public comment. There was none.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve land development waiver request contingent on proper permits being issued. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Land Development Waiver Request Faith Baptist Church: The Church is seeking a waiver of land development to construct a 28 feet by 66 feet temporary modular unit. There was discussion about traffic flow safety for the students, parking and zoning compliance. The request was opened up for public comment. There was none.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the land development waiver request contingent on building permit issuance, confirmation of adequate parking, and compliance with East Rockhill Ordinances. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Land Development Waiver Request Perkasio Regional Authority: PRA is seeking a waiver of land development to construct a 9' x 15' foundation on which to install a generator at Well #7 site on Three Mile Run Road. There was dialogue about discussion regarding noise, buffering and the necessity. The request was opened up for public comment. Mr. Schnitzer asked about the neighbors.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the land development waiver request contingent on landscape screening as approved by the Township Engineer, compliance of East Rockhill Ordinances and building permit issuance. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Resolution 2014-13: Consideration of adoption of East Rockhill Township's Sign Maintenance Policy to maintain minimum levels of sign retro-reflectivity and have a plan in place to meet newly mandated Federal Highway regulations.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve Resolution 2014-13 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Consideration of Police Services: It was the consensus of the Board to have the Township Manager and Township Solicitor draft a request for proposals for police services to be presented to the Board for review at the next meeting to allow the Board an opportunity to evaluate police service options and costs.

Welcome to East Rockhill Township sign: It was the consensus of the Board to place the sign on Branch Road past the Callowhill Road intersection. Mr. Nietupski reminded all that the sign was paid for by the funds budgeted for the PRA representative with John Cressman's approval.

Conservation Easement Ridge Road TMP 12-009-224-002 on 10.4837 acres: Heritage Conservancy has requested a Remediation Report be conducted by their office for at a cost of \$1,500.00. It was the consensus of the Board to be willing to pay 50% of the Remediation Report.

2000 Note: A proposal was presented to the Board to payoff an Open Space Note payable to Delaware Valley Financial Authority from the Open Space fund with a maturity date of March 2020 to obtain an interest savings of approximately \$8,943. Loan principal due is \$146,000.00 and estimated interest payments for June and July is \$237.20 with no fees.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the 2000 Series Note payoff to Delaware Valley Financial Authority as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

CD Investment: A proposal was presented to the Board for consideration to invest some unbudgeted funds in an 18 month CD. Penalty for an early withdrawal is 6-months interest.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve investing \$145,000.00 from the Police Headquarter Debt fund, \$250,000.00 from the Open Space fund, \$200,000.00 from the Capital Reserve fund for a total investment of \$595,000.00 for approximately \$2,246.00 additional interest with Quakertown National Bank for 18-months with an interest rate of 0.60% with no fees as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Pines Development: A representative of the Pines Development has contacted the Township proposing to organize a group of youths to spread wood chips in the playground off of Fifth Street. The Township would supply the wood chips. The consensus of the Supervisors was in favor of the proposal.

July Meeting Schedule: Will be determined and posted to the Township website.

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 May. Of note, eleven loads of spring yard waste have been collected and taken to Victory Garden, Old Bethlehem Pike paving project is scheduled for July. 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 June.

PWTA Report: John Cressman

Mr. Cressman reviewed the May 19, 2014 Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority draft minutes. The PWTA minutes are on file. Mr. Nyman requested PWTA flow information.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, 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 none.

Police Commission Report: Jim Nietupski

Mr. Nietupski shared the May 2014 Pennridge Regional Police report. Of note, the Police Chief has resigned effective September 9, 2014. 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: C. Robert Wynn, P.E.

Subdivision Plan Review Status: May 30, 2014 Report is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

Capizzi 2-lot Subdivision: NPDES permit signoff has been received.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to grant revised plan approval contingent on Bucks County Conservation District approval, contribution of road improvement, individual lot escrow noted on recorded plan, execution of covenants and renewal of escrow as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Escrow Vouchers: Authorization Voucher No. 3 dated May 22, 2014 payable to Kurt & Cynthia Geisert in the amount of \$13,390.83 for Blooming Glen Road shoulder, driveway and sanitary sewer. Authorization Voucher No. 3 dated May 22, 2014, payable to Lynn Builders in the amount of \$1,305.00 for on-lot improvements.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve release of Escrow Vouchers dated May 22, 2014 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, 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.

Sewer Agreement: Sixth Amendment has been executed by the Pennridge Airport to reserve two (2) sewer EDU's at the current fee schedule rate of \$500.00 each.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize execution of the Pennridge Airport Sixth Amendment Sewer Agreement as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Conservation Easement Three Mile Run Road is waiting for confirmation from the property owner's mortgage bank. Once received settlement will be scheduled.

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. 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 noted the camera system is being utilized to deter violators of the yard waste dumpster. There will be no tolerance.
- Mr. Nyman announced thanks to PA Legislature making extra infrastructure funds available with the Bucks County Planning Commission proposing six million dollars to be dedicated to municipal bridges on Bucks County TIP list. Public comments are being accepted until June 28, 2014, please show your support as East Rockhill Township seeks 80 percent reimbursement on the Rockhill Road Bridge. Details will be posted to the website homepage.

Public Comment #2:

- Ken Texter, 409 Blooming Glen Road, was aware of the Keelersville Club 1961 Articles.
- Anne Fenley, 1500 Branch Road, confirming diameter for yard waste and status of Bucks County Schwenkmill Road Bridge opening. Five inches and December 2014.
- Lou DiTonno, One Boulder Drive, could a homeowner pave a driveway without replacing pipe? Yes.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager