

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

July 8, 2014

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on July 8, 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
Marianne Morano	Township Manager
Matt McHugh, Esq.	Township Solicitor
Steve Baluh, P.E.	Township Engineer
Jeff Scholl	Public Works Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mr. Nyman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes from June 10, 2014 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' June 10, 2014 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment of the Bills

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve payment of Bills List dated July 3, 2014 totaling \$401,789.32. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Comment #1

- Hans Schnitzler, 16 Stone Edge Road, thank you to Jeff Scholl and crew for filling in ruts along Stone Edge Road. There are weeds at Markey Park.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Mid-Year Budget Report Mrs. Morano updated the Board on the 2014 Budget as of June 30, 2014. Revenues and expenditures are as projected with the approved 2014 budget with the exception of unbudgeted Mood's Bridge insurance and recycling collection expenses.

Land Development Waiver Request JC Woodworking: JC Woodworking was present seeking an amended waiver of land development to construct a 50 feet x 160 feet, 8,000 square feet pole barn building with no water, sewer or heat which will replace

five (5) existing greenhouses that total 17,500 square feet. There was some general discussion.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the land development waiver request subject to compliance with C. Robert Wynn Associates letter dated July 8, 2014. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Permit fee reduction: Penridge School District is requesting consideration of a reduction of the Helman Field Bleacher permit that totals \$9,299.00. Mr. Nyman pointed out that the State fee and WC fee were fixed.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve a 40 percent reduction to the Building Permit and Use & Occupancy fees only which would amount to a reduction of \$3,627.20. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Draft RFP for Police Services: A draft Request for Proposals for Police Protection Services to possibly commence January 1, 2016 12:01 a.m. was presented to the Board for consideration.

Mr. Nyman read a prepared comment by Mr. Nietupski who was not present. *'My recommendation and vote is to not pursue issuing any RFP's for contract police service. I believe that ERT should focus on maintaining our commitment to the PRPD and strive to improve the overall efficiency and working relationship of our own police department for the overall good our community. We should also strive towards returning to full-time police coverage in ERT from the PRPD and not rely on Pennsylvania State Police.'*

Mr. Nyman and Mr. Volovnik agreed the Penridge Regional Police Department does a commendable job but are looking at the cost for services, not imposing a tax increase and doing due-diligence by exploring opportunities.

Penridge Regional Police Commission: Correspondence dated June 23, 2014 has been received from the Penridge Regional Police Commission regarding the Penridge Regional Police Service.

The consensus of the Board was to place the draft RFP for Police Services on the August Board meeting agenda and have the Solicitor schedule a meeting between East Rockhill Township and West Rockhill Township representatives.

Rockhill Road Bridge: The Rockhill Road Bridge is anticipated to re-open by July 31, 2014. Mrs. Morano will contact the Contractor for an anticipated opening date and schedule a bridge opening ceremony Bucks County and State officials should be invited.

August Meeting Schedule. The consensus of the Board was to set a meeting date of August 12 for a Regular Meeting.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, 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 June. Of note, the summer kitchen has been removed from Markey Park and Old Bethlehem Pike paving is tentatively scheduled for July 16, 2014. Mr. Cressman, 5 Shale Circle, asked about paving a particularly bad section of Hill Road and commented the group home paved the ditch and created a drainage problem. The Public Works Director required a swale at the driveway and noted during heavy rainfalls there was excess water. Mr. Scholl's report is on file.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, 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 July.

Penridge Community Center Report: David Nyman

The July – August 2014 Penridge Community Center Newsletter is in the Board's packets.

PWTA Report: John Cressman

Mr. Cressman reviewed the June 23, 2014 Penridge Wastewater Treatment Authority draft minutes and suggested consideration of imposing requirements to on-lot systems. The PWTA minutes are on file.

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

PACC Report: David Nyman

The next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2014. Mr. Nyman noted the Penridge School District approved to enact a freeze on real estate taxes on preserved properties.

Police Commission Report: Gary Volovnik

Mr. Volovnik shared the June 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 June 27, 2014 is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

Escrow Vouchers: Authorization Voucher No. 4 dated July 2, 2014 payable to East Rockhill Township in the amount of \$5,250.00 for contribution in-lieu-of tree installation. Authorization Voucher No. 5 dated July 2, 2014, payable to Kurt and Cynthia Geisert in the amount of \$1,800.00 for riprap and swale grading.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve release of the Escrow Vouchers dated July 2, 2014 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Lynn Builders Geisert Lot 2 has completed all improvements and the escrow will be released minus any outstanding charges.

ARLE 2012 grant for signal improvements had a final inspection on July 8, 2014. Excess funds will be expended for upgrades to the SR 313 and Fifth Street traffic signal, i.e. conversion to LED, stop bars, sign replacement, vegetation clearing.

ARLE 2013 grant for the installation of a traffic signal at SR 313 and Mountainview Road; Mr. Baluh reported that final documents have been received from PennDOT and field work is complete. The project is anticipated to be out for bid by December, 2014.

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

Solicitor Report: Matt McHugh, Esq.

Mr. McHugh requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation.

Conservation Easement for the Hange property on Three Mile Run Road is awaiting bank approval. Once received, settlement will be scheduled.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve payment of costs accrued by the bank from the Open Space Fund. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Conservation Easement for ERJ on Ridge Road is anticipated to go to settlement by the end of July.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, 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. Nyman, to acknowledge the Department Service Reports. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

New or Other Business – Supervisor Items

There was none.

Public Comment #2:

- Anne Fenley, 1500 Branch Road, commented that drivers on SR 313 were driving in the shoulder because of road conditions. It was recommended Mrs. Fenley contact her State Representative. Branch/limb circumference should be changed to diameter on the website yard waste page and enews.
- John Cressman, 5 Shale Circle, noted Bucks County attended a pre-bid meeting at the Schwenkmill Road Bridge.
- Hans Schnitzler, 16 Stone Edge Road, inquired about the reimbursement potential for the Rockhill Road Bridge. Township continues their efforts.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager