

**East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors**

**August 12, 2014**

**Regular Business Meeting Minutes**

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on August 12, 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
	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 July 8, 2014 Regular Meeting**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' July 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 August 8, 2014 totaling \$722,120.80. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Public Comment #1**

Lou DiTonno, Boulder Drive, asked about any response to the letter requesting his neighbor's cooperation in replacing a driveway pipe. Positive response.

Ken Texter, Blooming Glen Road, expressed continued concern regarding Perkasie's consideration of a Dunkin' Donuts next to his property. The Township should take a position should Perkasie proceed with an Ordinance change.

**Township Manager's Report:**

**Resolution 2014-14 Opposing the expansion of Federal control under the Clean Water Act:** EPA attempting to expand the definition of 'navigable waters' which would include features such as ditches, natural or man-made ponds and flood plains and pose a potential negative impact on Township owned and maintained infrastructure and harm local farmers was presented for Board consideration.

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve Resolution 2014-14 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Historic Preservation Presentation:** Petrona Charles was present to apprise the Board on Pennsylvania's Statewide Historic Preservation Plan, citing the relevance of our local history and need to preserve it for the future. Mr. Nietupski expressed concern regarding government control of private property. Mr. Nyman indicated that Historic Preservation is consistent with the County and Township Comprehensive plans.

A resolution to establish historic preservation goals and objectives to identify a plan and adoption of goals for historic preservation was discussed by the Board. Chairman Nyman called for a motion to adopt the resolution – there was none.

**Zoning Hearing Application for JC Woodworking:** to moa request to modify the Zoning Hearing Board approval to allow for a proposed warehouse building of 8,000 square feet where a warehouse of 4,800 square feet was originally proposed. The Board did not have any concerns regarding the application.

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to advise the Zoning Hearing Board that the Board of Supervisors fully support the JC Woodworking application. 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.

The Solicitor was asked to insert language indicating that proposals should be of a multi-year nature of at least 5 years.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the Draft RFP for Police Services as amended to be due September 30, 2014. With no additional discussion, the motion passed 2 – 1, with Mr. Nietupski voting in opposition.

**Dump Truck Loan Proposals:** Three porposals in the amount of \$105,000.00 for the purchase of a 2015 five-ton dump truck were presented to the Board for consideration.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the QNB proposal for a five-year loan with an interest rate of 2.25% with no early payoff penalties as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Comcast Franchise Agreement Renewal:** Comcast Cable has presented a draft proposed agreement to replace the expiring agreement. Mr. Nyman indicated some experience in dealing with these agreement and will submit some suggested revisions.

**Fee Waiver Request:** Request to waive the \$300 installation fee for a driveway pipe at 2 Boulder Drive, Sellersville, PA, to address a water complaint by an adjoining property.

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve waiving the driveway pipe installation fee in the amount of \$300.00 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Barn Roof Replacement at 1802 Ridge Road** had structural damages which generated extra charges of \$750.00. Future bracing will also be necessary by Township staff.

**2015 Budget Dates.** The consensus of the Board was to set meeting dates on the second Tuesday meeting date in September (9), October (14), November (11) for 2015 Budget review and Regular Meeting.

**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 July. Of note, Old Bethlehem Pike paving completed and the distribution box has been replaced at Treatment plant. With the Old Bethlehem Paving coming in under budget, the remaining funds will be used to repairs sections of Branch, Rockhill and Hill Roads.

Mr. Scholl's report is on file.

**On motion** by Mr. Volvonik, 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 August.

**PWTA Report: John Cressman**

In Mr. Cressman's absence, the Board reviewed the July 28, 2014 Penridge Wastewater Treatment Authority draft minutes. The PWTA minutes and flows are on file.

**PACC Report: David Nyman**

There was not a PACC meeting in July. The next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2014.

**Police Commission Report: Jim Nietupski**

Mr. Nietupski shared the July Pennridge Regional Police report. Mr. Nyman noted that this will be Chief Metten's last meeting. 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:** July 29, 2014 Report is in the Board's packets.

**Peace Lutheran one-year Extension Request:** Extension dated July 30, 2014 to 8/30/2014 was noted as received.

**Escrow Voucher:** Authorization Voucher No. 11 dated July 18, 2014 payable to First Baptist Church in the amount of \$13,105.16 for release of letter of credit.

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve release of Escrow Voucher in the amount of \$13,105.16, dated July 18, 2014 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Draft Stormwater Ordinance Amendment** was presented to the Board for consideration to address Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection requested modifications.

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve advertising the Stormwater Ordinance Amendment for the September meeting date as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**On motion** by Mr. Volvonik, 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.**

**Capizzi Agreements:** Mr. Armstrong announced that the Capizzi Agreements were here for signature by the Chair.

Mr. Armstrong requested a short Executive Session for Attorney-Client information.

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

**New or Other Business – Supervisor Items**

None

**Public Comment #2:**

Bucks County Herald reporter asked for clarification regarding the RFP.

Ann Fenley, Branch Road, agreed with Supervisor Nietupski and expressed concern about creating a listing of historic properties. She expressed frustration over the disagreement existing within the Penridge Regional Police Commission. She requested clarification regarding the proposed road repair on Branch Road ("S" curve).

Chuck Turley, Campus Drive, questioned the replacement of dead trees in the Fifth Street basin – they will be replaced this Fall.

Petrona Charles, East Rock Road, suggested consulting a tree expert and was assured that our Township Engineer was.

Ken Texter, Blooming Glen Road complimented the Board on a well run meeting.

**Adjournment**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Nyman  
for Marianne Morano  
Township Manager