

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

October 21, 2014

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on October 21, 2014 in the Township meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Building, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasie, PA 18944.

Present:	David Nyman	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 7:01 p.m. by Mr. Nyman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2014 Budget and Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' September 9, 2014 Budget and Regular Meeting as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment of the Bills

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve payment of Bills List dated October 17, 2014 totaling \$ 450,774.91. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Comment #1

- Hans Schnitzler, Stone Edge Road, asked about the status of Select Properties development and horizontal lines on walking path. Select Properties will be discussed later on the agenda and the Township did not install.
- Jim Weikel, Ridge Road, thank you for allowing the Lions Club to do hayrides at Mood's Covered Bridge.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Salt Bids 2014-2015 Season. Mrs. Morano presented the Board with bids from Costars and Bucks County Consortium for road salt for 2014-2015 Season.

On motion by Nyman, seconded by Nietupski, to award the 2014-2015 salt bids to Morton Salt, Inc. through Costars at the rate of \$56.85 and if additional quantities

are necessary, Morton Salt, Inc. through Bucks County Consortium at the rate of \$57.57. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Sign Placement Request: Heritage Conservancy has made a request to place two 30" x 30" diamond fluorescent yellow sign that states 'Slow Wildlife Xing' with a rectangular 18"x24" sign below that states 'Next ½ mile' with a solar assist light attached to the top. During February to April the lights will be activated. Placement is requested on Rockhill Road per submitted plan.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to accept the request by Heritage Conservancy as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Electric Generation: Quotes for contract expiring November 2014.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve electric generation proposal with IGS Energy for a 36-month period at a rate of 0.0709 gross receipt tax included as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Zoning Hearing Application 8291 Covered Bridge Road, Foulke: Seeking relief to convert a nonconforming detached garage to a B1 – Detached Dwelling use. The Applicant is seeking a variance from Section 27-402 of the East Rockhill Township Zoning Ordinance to permit a side yard setback of 16.65 feet where a side yard setback of 30 feet is required.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, Board has no position however they would like to ZHB to confirm the viability of septic and well. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Resolution 2014-18 Eagle Scout Recognition: In recognition of Township resident James R. White obtaining the achievements of Eagle Scout for a project at Pennridge Little League on Walnut Street.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve Resolution 2014-18 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

1920 Ridge Road Rental: The current tenant has given notice effective October 31, 2014. Mrs. Morano will seek reimbursement for damage to floors and proceed with necessary repairs to have the home reoccupied as soon as possible.

ARLE 2012 Grant: Signal improvements have been completed and a reimbursement request sent to PennDOT.

November Meeting Schedule: The consensus of the Board was to reaffirm the advertised meeting date of November 11 for a work session and November 18 for a regular meeting at 7:00pm.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, 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 September. Mr. Scholl's report is on file.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, 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 October.

Penridge Community Center Report: David Nyman

The Penridge Community Center Annual Report is in the Board's packets. Mr. Nyman highlighted the Annual Report. Of note the Center has been awarded two grants for building improvements.

PWTA Report

The September 22, 2014 Penridge Wastewater Treatment Authority draft minutes were noted as received. The PWTA minutes and flows are on file.

PACC Report: David Nyman

Mr. Nyman reviewed the September 25, 2014 PACC notes. Of note Penridge School District was thanked for enacting a tax freeze on preserved properties.

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

Police Commission Report: Jim Nietupski

Mr. Nietupski shared the September 2014 Penridge Regional Police report. Of note Rodney Blake was appointed Officer in Charge and the Police Officer Benevolent Association would like to begin negotiating the new contract. The report is on file.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, 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: October 6, 2014 update is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

Messina Subdivision Withdrawal: The notice of withdrawal for the subdivision located on Rockhill Road dated October 8, 2014 is in the Board's packets. The consensus of the Board was to accept the withdrawal.

Resolution 2014-19 for ARLE 2013: To approve operating the signal at Dublin Pike SR 0313 and Mountain View Drive SR 0563. Mr. Nyman noted that the installation of this traffic signal is on schedule pending design completion and approval by PennDOT.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve Resolution 2014-19 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Floodplain Ordinance: DCED and the Township Engineer recommend the Floodplain Regulations be a stand-alone ordinance that will require changes to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. It was the consensus of the Board to approve distributing the draft Ordinance for East Rockhill Planning Commission and Bucks County Planning Commission review.

Select Properties: The applicant has asked for input on a proposed round-a-bout, it was the consensus of the Board to advise the applicant to take whatever steps necessary to satisfy PennDOT standards.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, 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.

Proposed Stormwater Ordinance Amendment: Mr. Armstrong opened the Public Hearing as advertised to consider an Ordinance amending Chapter 26, Part 3, to meet current Stormwater regulations and MS4 requirements. With no public comment the Hearing was closed.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt Ordinance 276, Zoning Ordinance Amendment as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Lenape Manufacturing Well Sites: Mr. Armstrong reminded the Board in 2009 East Rockhill Township entered into an agreement with DEP requiring property owners within that area who maintained wells for geo-thermal or agricultural purposes were required to execute an agreement and declaration or cap their wells. Two property owners have not executed the required paperwork. It was the consensus of the Board to have Mr. Armstrong take steps to resolve the issues amicably and to keep DEP notified.

Stone Edge Bridge Attachment. Mr. Armstrong has forwarded a draft license agreement to Comcast.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve conditional attachment to Stone Edge Bridge subject to Township Engineer and Township Solicitor finalizing the agreement as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Mr. Armstrong requested an executive session to discuss Mager and tax appeal litigation.

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

New or Other Business – Supervisor Items

- Mr. Nietupski received follow-up from two residents in attendance who reside close to Helman Field at Pennridge School District. There were no problems. He would like feedback from residents on the long term impact of making changes to the Pennridge Regional Police Department.

Public Comment #2:

- Jim Weikel, Ridge Road, stated that the lights at the new Pennridge Veterinarian Office are too bright.
- John Fenley, Branch Road, would like to execute Lenape documents.

- Anne Fenley, Branch Road, stated she was pleased with Branch Road paving at 'S' turns and appreciated the grass being cut in both fields near her house.
- Rosemarie Wheatly, Boulder Drive, requested a Pennridge Regional Police Department survey be mailed.
- Larry Wheatly, Boulder Drive, asked with no bids received what were other options? Mr. Nyman stated we can recreate an East Rockhill Department or stay with Pennridge Regional.

There was general discussion regarding the Pennridge Regional Police Department with Mr. Nietupski asking if residents were in favor of a 2.25 mill increase to maintain Pennridge Regional Police Department for 24-7. The Board requested that there be an article in the November e-news to elicit further comments.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adjourn into executive session to discuss litigation. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager