

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

November 11, 2014

Work Session Meeting Minutes

The work session meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 p.m. on November 11, 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
	Jeff Scholl	Public Works Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Mr. Nyman with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in recognition of our Veteran', past and present.

Approval of Minutes from October Budget Meeting

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' October 21, 2014 Budget Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment of the Bills

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve payment of Bills List dated November 7, 2014 totaling \$ 192,640.34. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Comment #1 – Non-Agenda items

There was none.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

2015 Proposed Draft Budget. Mrs. Morano reviewed the 2015 proposed draft budget. Of note, there is a proposed Infrastructure Fund 0.60 mil increase for repayment of Rockhill Road Bridge debt, a proposed General Fund 1.45 mil increase for Pennridge Regional Police Department to provide patrol time and 24 hour calls for service, and recycling grant revenue no longer covers the recycling collection expense at the Municipal Complex. It was the consensus of the Board to allocate the Recycling Removal expense of \$7,500 to Highway Supplies and remove commingled and paper recycling bins from the Municipal complex, only permitting yard waste drop-off. The meeting was opened to public comment.

- Mr. Weikel, Ridge Road, asked how many part-time officers are there? There are two.
- Larry Wheatley, Boulder Drive, stated that an East Rockhill Township police department start up would cost \$1.7 million.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve advertising the Preliminary 2015 Draft Budget with General Fund option 2b 1.45 mil increase for funding 45 percent (45%) of the Pennridge Regional Police Department budget and a proposed 0.60 mil increase for Infrastructure debt (Rockhill Road Bridge), for public review, comment and further consideration. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

PennDOT Partial Completion Report: Chairperson's signature required to process loan payments. PennDOT final completion report for Richlandtown Road has been submitted electronically.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize Chairperson Execution of the MS-999 Completion Report as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Real Estate Tax Freeze approved by the Pennridge School Board in June. In coordination with East Rockhill Township's fiscal year, the millage rate will be frozen on affected properties effective January 1, 2015.

Mrs. Morano requested an executive session to discuss real estate.

Public Works Report: Jeff Scholl

Mr. Scholl updated the Board on Public Works activities in October. Mr. Scholl's report is on file.

Solicitor Report: Patrick Armstrong, Esq.

Mr. Armstrong will be reviewing the proposed stand-alone Floodplain Ordinance for zoning compliance and the associated Zoning Ordinance revisions.

Mr. Armstrong requested an executive session to discuss two litigation matters, Mager appeal and real estate tax assessment appeal.

Department Reports

Department Services Reports listed on the agenda were noted as received. Copies are on file.

New or Other Business – Supervisor Items

Mr. Nietupski commended the voters of East Rockhill Township, noting that 57 percent (57%) voted in a mid-term election.

Public Comment #2:

- Anne Fenley, Branch Road, asked for an update on an Ordinance for enacting a fine of \$1,000 for damage to Covered Bridges. Mr. Armstrong will provide an example of an Ordinance for Board consideration.
- Jim Weikel, Ridge Road, Public Works did a good job patching Three Mile Run Road.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn into executive session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager