

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors
December 9, 2014
Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on December 9, 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 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Nyman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes from November Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' November 11, 2014 Work Session Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' November 18, 2014 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, the motion passed 2-0 as Mr. Nietupski abstained as he was not in attendance. 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 December 5, 2014 totaling \$ 223,837.10. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Comment #1

There was none.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Resolution Adopting the Final 2015 Budget and Resolution Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for 2015: Mrs. Morano reviewed an amendment in the 2015 proposed Budget which is within legal parameters to increase the Pennridge Regional Police Department allocation. It was the consensus of the Board to advertise a special

meeting on December 23, 2014 at 8:30 p.m. following the Penridge Regional Police Commission meeting and the adoption of the Commission's budget.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to table adoption of the 2015 budget and 2015 tax millage rate until December 23, 2014 at 8:30 p.m. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Resolution 2013-20 Street Light Assessment. **On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt Resolution 2013-20, setting the Street Light Assessment at \$34.00 per designated property for 2015. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Contract Heritage Conservancy: Mrs. Morano presented the Board with a proposed contract from Heritage Conservancy, East Rockhill Township's appointed Township Open Space Consultant.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the Heritage Conservancy Contract not to exceed \$10,000 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Auditor Engagement Letter: Mrs. Morano presented a proposal from Dunlap and Associates to perform the 2014 audit. **On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Dunlap and Associates Engagement Letter. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Escrow Closures. Mrs. Morano presented to the Board a list of escrow account holders who have not responded to correspondence to either return unused funds or pay balance due. Mr. Armstrong will review the procedure for closing escrow accounts.

2015 Meeting Dates. It was the consensus of the Board to advertise the second and third Tuesday of every month in 2015 and hold Reorganization on January 5, 2015 at 6:00pm.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, 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 November. Of note, Mr. Scholl is obtaining Contractor quotes for painting pumping station floor and he further noted that the two recycling containers waste dumpsters no longer needed could be traded for a yard waste container or sold within legal parameters. Mr. Scholl's report is on file.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, 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 November. The next meeting will be December 11, 2014 to review the proposed Floodplain Ordinance and Pennridge School District Land Development submission.

PWTA Report: John Cressman

Mr. Cressman reviewed the November 24, 2014 Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority draft minutes. The PWTA minutes and flows are on file.

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

PACC Report: David Nyman

There was no meeting in November, the next meeting will be held January 22, 2015.

Police Commission Report: Jim Nietupski

Mr. Nietupski shared the November Pennridge Regional Police report. Of note, the 2015 budget has not been adopted and the radio expense will start in 2016 with an annual payment of \$15,000 for seven (7) years. 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: December 2, 2014 Review is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

Floodplain Ordinance: Mr. Wynn advised that we need an updated definition as part of Bucks County Planning Commission review.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, 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.

Mr. Armstrong requested an Executive Session to discuss Mager litigation and the tax assessment appeal.

Mr. Nyman commented he had requested the Solicitor draft a letter of intent addressed to Pennridge Regional Police Commission with notice of withdrawal effective January 1, 2016 to meet the December 15, 2014 deadline. Mr. Armstrong confirmed the letter could be rescinded at a future date.

Mr. Nietupski, was not in favor of sending the letter due to a low risk the Commission would not accept the East Rockhill Township 2015 allocation for 24/7 response time.

Mr. Volovnik was not in favor of sending the letter but was disappointed the police budget was being approved late in the year.

Mr. Nyman withdrew consideration of the letter of intent to withdraw.

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 and Service Reports. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

New or Other Business – Supervisor Items

Mr. Nietupski asked if a letter would be addressed to the Pennridge Regional Police Commission with East Rockhill Township's 2015 final budget allocation and was assured it was here for Board signatures.

Public Comment #2:

- Anne Fenley, Branch Road, requested the status of a new Ordinance for penalties for any damage to our covered bridges. It will be on the next Supervisor agenda. She also asked when a new Ordinance in Perkasio Borough for a Dunkin Donuts would be held. The meeting was held December 1, 2014.

- Jim Weikel, Ridge Road, will the Pennridge School District land development plan come before the Board of Supervisors? Yes after review and recommendations from the Planning Commission.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager