

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

January 13, 2015

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on January 13, 2015 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
	Steve Baluh, P.E.	Township Engineer
	Jeff Scholl	Public Works Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Mr. Nyman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes from December 9, 2014 Regular Meeting and December 23, 2014 Special Meeting

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' December 9, 2014 Regular Meeting and December 23, 2014 Special 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 2014 Bills List dated January 9, 2015 totaling \$ 15,552.36 and payment of 2015 Bills List dated January 9, 2015 totaling \$ 153,477.39 . With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Comment #1

There was none.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Pennridge Greenjacket Lease 2015-2019 has been executed by the Pennridge Greenjackets for Chairperson execution.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the Chairperson executing the Pennridge Greenjacket lease for 2015 through 2019 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

2014 Manger Overview. Mrs. Morano cited her 2014 Overview which had been provided to the Board of Supervisors and in the public packets. The overview will be placed on the Township website, per Mr. Nietupski' s suggestion.

MS 965 Liquid Fuel Report. 2014 Report completed and will be submitted electronically.

Act 164 compliance. Kathleen Percetti has provided an approved deputy appointment, Suzanne Clarke, West Rockhill Township Tax Collector. Mrs. Percetti receives education credits and will have criminal background clearance upon next election as required.

Tax Freeze on real estate for preserved properties has been enacted for a minimum of five (5) years. The East Rockhill Tax Collector has obtained a quote dated January 13, 2015 in the amount of \$525.00 to upgrade the software program to accommodate tax freeze calculations on Township millage rates and real estate tax bills.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the Township paying for the software upgrade expense as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

No-Smoking. A request for support of no smoking in public places, including Township parks, trails and open space Ordinance and to draft a resolution directed to Bucks County Commissioners to ban tobacco use and tobacco products in County Parks has been received from Doylestown Township for consideration. No action at this time.

February Meeting Schedule. The consensus of the Board was to set a meeting date of February 10 for a Work/Regular Meeting and tentatively plan future Work/Regular meetings on the second Tuesday of the month and utilize the third Tuesday of the month meeting date as needed.

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 December 2014. Of note, demolition of the house at 1510 Ridge Road per the approved budget will be taking place, sewer system upgrade at Township owned property 1920 Ridge Road is to be completed in 2 weeks and delivery of 2015 5-ton dump truck per approved 2014 budget anticipated delivery in two weeks. 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 a Planning Commission meeting on December 11, 2014. The Pennridge School District Land Development plan was reviewed and recommended to the Board for Preliminary / Final approval. The FEMA Floodplain Ordinance was reviewed and recommended to the Supervisors for approval. The 2014 Planning Commission and Bucks County Planning Commission 2014 Projects and 2015 Overview was provided to the Board of Supervisors and in the public packets.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the Planning Commission Report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Penridge Community Center Report: David Nyman

The January – February 2015 Penridge Community Center Newsletter is in the Board's packets and available for the public.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the Penridge Community Center Report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

PWTA Report:

The December 15, 2014 Penridge Wastewater Treatment Authority draft minutes were reviewed. The PWTA minutes and flows are on file.

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

PACC Report: David Nyman

The next PACC meeting will be held January 22, 2015 at the Penridge Community Center.

Police Commission Report: Jim Nietupski

Mr. Nietupski shared the December 2014 Penridge Regional Police report. Of note, an Executive Session was held prior to the December 23, 2014 meeting to discuss personnel, the 2015 budget was approved, Officer Harry Hallman was awarded 2014 Officer of the Year. Mr. Nyman noted the absence of the regular monthly report delineating calls for service by Township and requested that that data continue to be provided. 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.

Penridge School District Land Development. Proposed stadium improvements encompassing a 9,655 square foot field house containing concession, restroom, locker and storage facilities; additional parking spaces and asphalt paths. School representatives were present to review the Plan.

Mr. Nietupski was not in favor of granting waivers for 16 trees to meet shading requirement or recreation facility land requirements.

Mr. Nyman wanted to defer the tree requirement decision until the project was complete and believed the recreation land requirements were being met. Mr. Nyman apprised the Board that he and Mrs. Morano attended a School District Finance Committee meeting asking for support in partnering on a pathway from the Pennridge School Campus to Markey Park on Ridge Road with a DCNR grant opportunity requiring a 50 percent match. Total cost to the school district is estimated at \$71,500.

Mr. Volovnik believed the current relationship between East Rockhill Township and Pennridge School District is positive and felt working together to accomplish greater things for the whole community was beneficial.

Pennridge School District representatives indicated the 16 trees would be planted in another area if the waiver was not approved.

Mr. Nietupski questioned if Mr. Nyman had a potential for appearance of conflict of interest due to his serving as Interim Township Manager in a municipality in which the current Pennridge School District Superintendent's husband is one of five Supervisors. Mr. Armstrong advised that he did not think it was a conflict of interest.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve waivers 1 through 3 on Terraform Engineering letter dated December 11, 2014, require an escrow be established for the 16 tree requirement with the need for them reevaluated in the fall, granting a waiver of the recreation requirement due to the school providing adequate recreational facilities and compliance with and meet requirements of CR Wynn Associates letter dated January 7, 2015. With no additional discussion, the motion passed 2-1 with Mr. Nietupski voting in opposition because of the recreation fee waiver.

Subdivision Plan Review Status. Review dated January 8, 2015 is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

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

Solicitor Report: Patrick Armstrong, Esq.

Waiver of Land Development. Waiver request by Verizon for a colocation on the tower at the municipal complex, 1622 North Ridge Road. Mr. Nick Cuce, representative for Verizon was present.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the waiver of land development subject to \$6,500 fee-in-lieu of, additional \$500 monthly rent, working with the Township Engineer and Township Solicitor, compliance with all building code requirements, execution of a Professional Service Agreement and escrow established as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Covered Bridge Damage Draft Ordinance. The draft of an ordinance requiring restitution for damage caused to the covered bridges in the Township has been provided to the Board.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize advertising the draft ordinance as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Mr. Armstrong requested an Executive Session to discuss the Mager Mandamus.

FEMA Floodplain Ordinance. Advertised for the February 10, 2015 meeting. Bucks County Planning Commission and East Rockhill Township Planning Commission reviews have been received.

Silverdale UCC Joint Board of Appeal. The Solicitor will prepare a draft agreement for the Board's February 10, 2015 meeting.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, 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 and Services Reports listed on the agenda were noted as received. Copies are on file.

Mr. Volovnik thanked the Perkasio Fire Department for their annual holiday ride through the neighborhoods with Santa on the fire truck.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, 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, forgoing his Supervisor salary towards the third Welcome to East Rockhill Township sign suggested it be placed on SR313 coming from Quakertown. Consensus of the Board agreed.
Mr. Nietupski requested an Executive Session to discuss real estate.

Public Comment #2:

- Jim Weikel, Ridge Road, asked about the proposed path and was shown the plan.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager