

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

February 10, 2015

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on February 10, 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 January Meetings

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' January 5, 2015 Reorganization Meeting and January 12, 2015 Regular 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 February 6, 2015 totaling \$4,669.36 and payment of 2015 Bills List dated February 6, 2015 totaling \$259,195.19. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Comment #1

There was none.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Retro-Reimbursement Program: Approval received from Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) for 2014 Municipal Bridge Retro-Reimbursement Program totaling \$1,059,094 with an 80 percent reimbursement totaling \$847,275 as per our request. McMahon Associates has completed 'Appendix B' which has been submitted to DVRPC as required.

Resolution 2015-05 Rockhill Road Retroactive Bridge Reimbursement Agreement: Once the agreement has been received by PennDOT funds are anticipated in three months. was

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt Resolution 2015-05 approving Board Chairperson executing documents with PennDOT regarding Retroactive Bridge Project Reimbursement Grant Agreement as awarded by PennDOT. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Resolution 2015-06 Recognizing and Commending William E. Baringer: For completing 50 years of volunteer service with Perkasio Fire Department. Mr. Nyman read the Resolution aloud. Mr. Worthington, Perkasio Fire Chief, commented that the recognition ceremony would be held March 7, 2015 at the Perkasio Fire Department's 125th anniversary celebration. Mr. Nyman will be in attendance to present the Resolution.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt Resolution 2015-06 commending William E. Baringer. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Resolution 2015-07 Emergency Management Plan: **On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt Resolution 2015-07, approving the Emergency Management Plan as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

March Meeting Schedule: The consensus of the Board was to set a meeting date of March 10 for a Regular Meeting.

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 January. Consensus of Board was to bring in part-time employees to help with pothole repair, if needed. Mr. Scholl's report is on file.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, 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 February.

PWTA Report: John Cressman

Mr. Cressman reviewed the January 26, 2015 Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority draft minutes. Mr. Cressman will follow-up with PWTA Engineer to analyze fluctuations in effluent meter readings. The PWTA minutes and flows are on file.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, 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

Mr. Nyman reviewed the January 22, 2105 PACC notes. The meeting notes are on file.

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

Police Commission Report: Jim Nietupski

Mr. Nietupski shared the January Pennridge Regional Police report. Of note, the 2015 meeting dates are the fourth Wednesday except in November the meeting date is November 19. The report is on file.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, 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: January 28, 2015 Status report is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

Escrow Vouchers: Authorization Voucher No. 6 dated February 5, 2015 payable to Kurt & Cynthia Geisert in the amount of \$3,195.00 for lamp posts, cartway restoration and miscellaneous.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve release of Escrow Vouchers dated February 5, 2015 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

ARLE 2013 Signal Grant SR313 and SR563: Update was provided to the Board. A turn lane, required by PennDOT, will be installed by PennDOT on SR313S turning north onto SR563. Widening of the road and installation of turn lane will be coordinated with the traffic signal installation. Plan review is anticipated to be completed in March 2015.

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.

Ordinance 277 FEMA Floodplain Ordinance: Mr. Armstrong opened the Public Hearing as advertised. Mr. Nietupski requested a link to Bucks County Floodplain maps be placed on the Township website. Mr. Cressman, Shale Circle, commented that his daughter's property on Branch Road rating had changed. With no further comment, the Hearing was closed.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt Ordinance 277, FEMA Floodplain Ordinance as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Ordinance 278 Zoning Amendment Ordinance: Mr. Armstrong opened the Public Hearing as advertised. There was no public comment. With no further comment, the Hearing was closed.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt Ordinance 278 amendment to Chapter 27 to revise the definition for floodplain, delete the definition of floodplain soils, add a definition for soils on floodplain, revise floodplain protection standards and to revise the site capacity calculations as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Ordinance 279 Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance: Mr. Armstrong opened the Public Hearing as advertised. There was no public comment. With no further comment, the Hearing was closed.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt Ordinance 279 amendment to Chapter 22 to delete various floodplain related definitions and add definitions for floodplain soils as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to appoint Steve Baluh, to name the Township Engineer as the Floodplain Administrator and Marianne Morano, Township Manager as the Alternate Floodplain Administrator. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Ordinance 280 Covered Bridge Penalty and Restitution Ordinance: Mr. Armstrong opened the Public Hearing as advertised. There was discussion about signs to be updated and the clearance height at Sheard's Mill Bridge to be evaluated to accommodate the incline into the bridge. Mr. Cressman, Shale Circle, thanked the Board for considering the Ordinance. With no further comment, the Hearing was closed.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt Ordinance 280 amendment to Chapter 15 by adding Part 13 Covered Bridges imposing a fine and requiring restitution from drivers who violate the vehicle height, width and/or weight restrictions posted on the approaches to the Covered Bridges along Blooming Glen Road and Covered Bridge Road as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Draft Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. An amended Agreement naming East Rockhill Township with three representatives, West Rockhill Township with three representatives, Dublin Borough with one representative if feasible and adding Silverdale Borough with two representatives for a Joint Board of Appeals was presented to the Board. Mr. Nyman indicated that Dublin had already authorized the Agreement for advertisement.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize the advertisement of the Joint UCC Board of Appeal Ordinance as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Verizon Collocation:

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the requirement of a \$1,000 escrow with the building permit application and the waiver of the execution of a Contract for Professional Service. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Mr. Armstrong announced an Executive Session was held at 6:30pm prior to the meeting with Mr. Mager and his attorney to discuss Mager Mandamus and the discussion will continue after the meeting.

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. 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 requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters relative to the upcoming police contract negotiations.

Public Comment #2:

- Anne Fenley, Branch Road, thanked the Board for the Covered Bridge Ordinance and requested a copy be emailed to her.
- Mr. Deegan and Mr. Keeler also requested a copy of the Covered Bridge Ordinance.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager