

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

April 14, 2015

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on April 14, 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
	C. Robert Wynn, 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 March 10, 2015 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' March 10, 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 Bills List dated April 10, 2015 totaling \$ 200,656.03. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Comment #1

There was none.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Zoning Hearing Application for Joseph Chapman owner Covered Bridge Road TMP 12-6-92: Seeking relief from 27-402.b of the Zoning Ordinance to permit the construction of a single family dwelling on a lot less than 1.8 acres and with minimum side yards of 16 feet where minimum side yards of 30 feet are required. Mr. Chapman was present. Consensus of the Board was they were not opposed to application.

2015 Road Projects Bid Results: Bids for an overlay project on Three Mile Run Road from Old Bethlehem Pike to Stone Edge Road and Oil and Chip applications on Three Mile Run Road, Schoolhouse Road, Schwenkmill Road as advertised were reviewed by the Board. It was noted the lowest paving bid amount was over the prevailing wage threshold which was not included in the bid package because the estimated cost was under \$100,000. The Board consensus was to rebid the paving project and table the oil and chip bids for

consideration at May's meeting. The rebid should include an alternate bid for the additional portion of Three Mile Run Road down to Schoolhouse.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to reject the Paving Bids as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Fuel Bids for the 2015-2016:

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to award the unleaded regular 87 octane bid amount 0.1470 and ultra-low sulfur diesel bid amount 0.1400 to Superior Plus Energy Service for the 2015 – 2016 fuel bids as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Request to sell EDUS from Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority (PWTA): All members were advised of the sale of 25 EDU's to Hilltown Water and Sewer Authority and was presented to the Board for consideration.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the sale of 25 EDU's for \$4,250.00 each EDU as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Rockhill Road Bridge Retro-Reimbursement: Payment received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$847,274.99 and deposited into the Infrastructure Fund. Principal payment in the amount of \$149,121.38 was made to the 2014 Note thereby closing the note and principle payment of \$698,153.61 to the 2012 note leaving a balance of \$201,846. Mrs. Morano will send a thank you letter to Senator McIlhinney for his support. Mr. Volovnik thanked Mr. Nyman for all his efforts obtaining the retro-reimbursement on behalf of the Township.

Mr. Armstrong will follow-up with Mrs. Morano on approved uses of Infrastructure Fund revenue surplus.

May Meeting Schedule. The consensus of the Board was to set a meeting date of May 12, 2015 for a Regular Meeting.

Mrs. Morano requested an Executive Session to discuss real estate.

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 March. Of note, Schoolhouse Road by Three Mile Run Road storm drain pipe needs to be installed, skin patching to commence April 15 at an estimated expense of \$6,000, the proposed low volume grant opportunity may not include paving Butler Lane, golf driving range opened April 13, and mowing will start the last week of April. 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 March.

PWTA Report: John Cressman

Mr. Cressman reviewed the March 23, 2015 Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority draft minutes. 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

There was not a PACC meeting in March.

Police Commission Report: Dave Nyman

Mr. Nyman shared the March Pennridge Regional Police report. The report is on file. John Cressman, 5 Shale Circle, asked about regulations for abandoned cars. The Township staff will follow up.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, 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: April 1, 2015 Review is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

Pennridge School District: Has made a request to start the installation of the water line relocation portion of the Helman Field improvement prior to execution of agreements and escrow establishment.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve Pennridge School District request to commence the installation of a water line before execution of the development agreement and escrow, contingent on no building permits being issued. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Dunkin Donuts, Perkasio Borough: Plans dated February 12, 2015 have been reviewed by the Township Engineer for a proposed Dunkin Donuts at the corner of Fifth Street and Blooming Glen Road.

Consensus of the Board was to have the Township Engineer draft a letter to Perkasio Borough requesting a highway occupancy permit be obtained from East Rockhill Township for Blooming Glen Road, establishment of an escrow to cover consultant expenses, compliance with the Borough's stormwater quality component and request Township be included in meetings with PennDOT. The Board was amiable to co-application with Perkasio Borough for an ARLE grant for traffic light upgrade only not intersection curbing improvements.

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.

Township IT Services: Mr. Armstrong has reviewed a contract provided from Alura Business Solutions to provide Township IT management services.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve Alura Business Solutions Agreement as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Comcast Franchise Renewal: Draft agreement has been reviewed and will be forwarded to Mrs. Morano for Comcast's review.

Firearm Request: Has been received on behalf of the Firearms Industry Consulting Group asking for amendments to Township Park Ordinances. Mr. Armstrong noted the Ordinance was updated in 2013 after receiving a similar request from the NRA. Consensus of the Board was to update the wording as requested when the Ordinance is updated. Comments we made that if the Firearms Industry Consulting Group would pay the expense for the ordinance change, the Board would consider taking action and change it now.

Mr. Armstrong requested an Executive Session to discuss Mager litigation.

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

New or Other Business – Supervisor Items

Mr. Nietupski requested an Executive Session for a real estate matter.

Public Comment #2:

There was none.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn into executive session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager