

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

September 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 September 9, 2014 following the budget work session in the Township meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Building, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasio, 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.

Recognition of the Commitment and Dedication of Volunteer Fire Fighters

Commending Perkasio Fire Department Battalion Chief 26 Shawn Eby, Perkasio Fire Department Captain 26 Joseph Ferrara, Perkasio Fire Department Firefighter John Yannaccone, Perkasio Fire Department Firefighter Timothy Yannaccone, Haycock Fire Department Deputy Chief 63 Gretchen Francis And Haycock Fire Department Marine Captain Daniel Suszko for their service on July 5, 2014 at 20:35 hours responding to a rescue at the Hansen Quarry in East Rockhill Township.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski to adopt Resolution 2014-15 and recognize and thank the efforts of the Volunteer Fire Department and Volunteer Marine Rescue as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

With all six emergency responders in attendance, Mr. Nyman presented each with a copy of the Resolution and thanked them for their volunteer service to the community.

Approval of Minutes from August Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' August 12, 2014 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 September 5, 2014 totaling \$231,225.14. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Comment #1

- Hans Schnitzler, Stone Edge Road, thanked Public Works for a magnificent job with Markey Park landscaping and inquired about the time frame to fix cracks in the walking path. As soon as time permits.
- Lou DiTonno, Boulder Drive, thanked the Board and staff for the Boulder Drive stormwater improvements.
- Megan Banis-Clemens, Thousand Acre Road, supports East Rockhill staying in Pennridge Regional Police and expressed a desire for 24-7 police coverage.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Minimum Municipal Obligation Resolution 2014-16. A Resolution adopting the 2015 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the East Rockhill Township Pension Plan.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt Resolution 2014-16 Non-Uniform Municipal Obligation. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Comcast Cable has made a request to attach a 1.25" conduit using 1.50" masonry bolts on the railroad side of the Stone Edge Road Bridge to install a Comcast cable so the Three Mile Run watershed is not disturbed. The consensus of the Board was to grant the request conditioned on Contract for Professional Service Agreement execution, escrow established and the Township Engineer's review, the Solicitor will prepare an agreement and a Road Occupancy Permit must be issued.

Pennridge High School is proposing a Homecoming Parade starting at Perkasio Fire Hall down Fifth Street to Pennridge School District Main Entrance on Saturday, October 24, 2014 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Township staff will confirm the details with Pennridge Regional Police Department and the District.

Floodplain Regulations. As a result of the revision to the Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Map, Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development has sent a notice that the Municipalities Floodplain Regulation Ordinance must meet current standards by March 16, 2015. The Township Engineer will prepare the Ordinance for Board consideration.

Landscape Donation. Mrs. Morano thanked Contemporary Gardens for the new landscape design and plant donation installed around the Municipal building.

October Meeting Schedule. The consensus of the Board was to set a meeting date of October 14, 2014 for a Regular Meeting with a budget meeting at 6:30 pm.

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 August. Of note, Haines & Kibblehouse gave notice trucks were not available to haul materials for the Richlandtown Road paving project as previously approved by PennDOT. PennDOT has been advised and approved proceeding with the project using other trucks. 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 September.

Pennridge Community Center Report: David Nyman

The September – October 2014 Pennridge Community Center Newsletter is in the Board's packets. Mr. Nyman noted 50th anniversary events are ongoing.

PWTA Report: John Cressman

Mr. Cressman reviewed the August 25, 2014 Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority draft minutes. The PWTA minutes and flows are on file.

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

PACC Report: David Nyman

Mr. Nyman noted the next PACC meeting will be held September 25, 2014.

Police Commission Report: Jim Nietupski

Mr. Nietupski shared the August Pennridge Regional Police report and July 2014 statistics. Of note, Sergeant Rodney Blake was appointed Officer in Charge and State Police does not report how many calls are received. The report is on file.

Mr. Nyman commented his disappointment an Officer in Charge was not appointed earlier to allow time to work with the Chief before his departure. He expressed concern that the Pennridge Regional website has inaccurate information, and questioned if another letter needed to go to the Commission due to Commission Chairperson Jay Keyser commenting that East Rockhill Township did not respond to their letter per bullet items. Mr. Nyman addressed where each Commission question was answered in the response letter.

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.

Subdivision Plan Review Status: August 26, 2014 Report is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

ARLE 2012 Grant: ~~for~~ signal improvements at SR313 and SR563 with extra funds designated at SR563 and Ridge Road are complete and awaiting PennDOT approval.

ARLE 2013 Grant: ~~for~~ Traffic signal installation at SR313 and Mountain View Drive field work is done and base plans and traffic study plan are being prepared. Submission in anticipated in October to PennDOT for their review and creation of the final plan.

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.

Resolution 2014-17: Small Capital Borrowing in the Principal Amount of \$105,000 for the purchase of a 2015 5-ton truck.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to not change Solicitors due to an Attorney conflict as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt Resolution 2014-17, Small Capital Borrowing, as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Proposed Ordinance 276: The hearing to amend the Stormwater Management Chapter 26 Part 3 to revise definitions and miscellaneous requirements to be consistent with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection was postponed to the October meeting date due to the publication not advertising the Public Notice.

Mr. Armstrong requested an Executive Session to discuss 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 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 Emergency Service Reports. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

New or Other Business – Supervisor Items

- Mr. Nietupski suggested polling residents regarding possible withdrawal from the Pennridge Regional Police Department.
- Mr. Nyman noted that numerous articles regarding Pennridge Regional Police Department funding and East Rockhill's consideration of other coverage options have been in local newspapers.
- Mr. Volovnik noted our concerns are about cost and options should be explored.

Public Comment #2:

- Lou DiTonno, Boulder Drive, asked about Stone Edge Road bridge replacement. Flood easements need to be obtained to replace the bridge with one that would not flood.
- Hans Schnitzler, Stone Edge Road, thanked the Board for an excellent job paving Old Bethlehem Pike.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik to adjourn into executive session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager