

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

October 24, 2017

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held following the 2018 Preliminary Budget Work Session at 7:00p.m. on October 24, 2017 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
	John Rice, 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.

Public Comment #1

- Diana Moyer, 921 Three Mile Run Road, asked about the status of the blue bus at the corner of Three Mile Run Road and Old Bethlehem Road. A zoning violation citation has been issued and a court date is scheduled for November 8, 2017.

Announcements:

Upcoming Meetings

Board of Supervisors, November 28, 2107; Park and Recreation, November 14, 2017

Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee, October 26, 2017

Pennridge Regional Police Commission, October 25, 2017

Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority, November 20, 2017

Planning Commission, no meeting in November.

Township Offices will be closed November 10 in observance of Veteran's Day and November 23 and 24 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Action Items:

Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2017 2018 Budget Meeting and September 26, 2017 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' September 26, 2017 2018 Budget Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' September 26, 2017 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment of Unpaid Bills dated October 20, 2017 in the amount of \$458,909.09.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve payment of 2017 Bills List dated October 20, 2017 with General Fund totaling \$158,238.76; Fire Fund totaling \$106,126.58; Open Space Fund totaling \$2,991.21; Sewer Fund totaling \$95,910.57; Park & Recreation Fund totaling \$1,682.14; Street Light Fund totaling \$1,735.59; Capital Improvement Fund totaling \$52,082.20; Police Headquarter Debt Fund totaling 5,797.22; Capital Reserve Fund totaling \$3,492.95; State Aid (Liquid Fuel) Fund totaling \$24,292.36 and Escrow Fund totaling \$6,559.51 for a grand total of \$458,909.09. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Planning Commission Vacancy Appointment

The Planning Commission has reviewed applicants and recommended Joseph Chellew to fill the vacancy position. Mr. Chellew was present and thanked the Board for the opportunity.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to appoint Joseph Chellew to fill the Planning Commission vacancy appointment. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Reiss Lot Line 2562 Hill Road Preliminary / Final Approval

Lot line adjustment subdivision proposes to convey 0.1 acres of TMP #12-8-18 (William Tharp) to TMP #12-8-18-1 (Brad & Tanya Reiss). The resulting Tharp and Reiss properties will be 2.467 acres (net) and 1.10 acres (net), respectively. Both properties contain existing dwellings which are served by onsite sewage disposal systems and wells. Site is located within the Resource Protection Zoning District. Patrick Cavanaugh, PLS, Cavanaugh Surveying Services, was present.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to grant conditional preliminary / final approval to the Reiss Lot Line adjustment contingent upon compliance with the C. Robert Wynn Associates letter dated October 4, 2017. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

East Rockhill Township Employee Manual Proposed Resolution 2017-19

An update to the September 26, 2017 Employee Manual was presented to the Board with recommended changes from the Township's workers compensation insurer.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt Resolution 2017-19 Employee Manual Guide to Policies and Benefits as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Hearings.

There was none.

Reports of Committees, Boards and Commissions

Penridge Regional Police Commission: Chief Blake

Chief Blake shared the September, 2017 Penridge Regional Police activity report. Of note, a drug take back is scheduled for October 28, 2017 from 10am to 2pm at headquarters, the crossing guard at Fifth Street and Campus Drive has been successful. The report is on file.

Penridge Community Center: Dave Nyman

The fourth quarter 2017 Penridge Community Center Newsletter is in the Board's packets and available for the public.

Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority

The September 25, 2017 draft minutes and August 2017 flow reports are on file.

Supervisors New or Other Business

There was none.

Report of Officials

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Street Tree Removal Request Draft Procedure. A draft procedure was presented to address sidewalks that have lifted as a result of street trees. Consensus of the Board was (1) sidewalk to be lifted a minimum of 2 inches as a result of tree roots; (2) tree removal request submitted to Township from Homeowner with photos; (3) Board of Supervisor approval required; (4) request approved; Township staff will remove the tree and the tree will not be replaced. Within 6 months of tree removal Homeowner will repair/replace the sidewalk.

Street tree replacement pilot program will be a budget consideration. Chief Worthington noted fire apparatus height should be a factor with tree canopy.

Public Works Report: Jeff Scholl

Mr. Scholl updated the Board on Public Works activities in September 2017. The report is on file.

Engineer Report: Steve Baluh, P.E.

Subdivision Plan Review Status. Review dated October 5, 2017 is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

Solicitor Report: John Rice, Esq.

Pennridge Airport Business Park Approval. The applicant has requested consideration of buffer/riparian buffer financial security waiver due to the extent of the buffers being unknown with the phase I.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to grant waiver of SALDO requirement 22-515.1 buffer financial security for Pennridge Airport Business Park Phase I. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Mr. Rice requested an Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation.

Department and Emergency Services Reports

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. Copies are on file.

Public Comment #2:

- Diana Moyer, 921 Three Mile Run Road, asked about conditions placed on the Airport and if stormwater would be addressed. She stated that stormwater comes from the Airport property and is eroding residential properties along Three Mile Run Road. One of the conditions in relation to Pennridge Airport hangar approval is to improve stormwater to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer.

- Glenn Davis, 921 Three Mile Run Road, thanked Mrs. Morano with her prompt assistance in regards to a Zoning violation.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager