

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors
November 28, 2017
Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on November 28, 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
	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.

Public Comment #1

There was none.

Announcements:

Upcoming Meetings

Board of Supervisors, December 26, 2017; Park and Recreation – February 13, 2018, as needed; Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee, January 25, 2018; Pennridge Regional Police Commission, December 27, 2017; Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority, December 11, 2017; Planning Commission, December 14, 2017 to review Foreman Farm Planning Module.

Township Offices will be closed a half-day on December 22, 2017 and all day December 25, 2017 in observance of Christmas.

An Executive Session will follow the Regular Meeting to discuss ongoing litigation (Airport Conditional Use Appeal).

Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:

Approval of Minutes from October 24, 2017 2018 Budget Meeting and October 24, 2017 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' October 24, 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' October 24, 2017 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment of Unpaid Bills dated November 21, 2017 in the amount of \$321,162.86.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve payment of 2017 Bills List dated November 21, 2017 with General Fund totaling \$191,725.49; Open Space Fund totaling \$16,123.47; Sewer Fund totaling \$11,885.98; Park & Recreation Fund totaling \$1,664.98; Street Light

Fund totaling \$1,746.87; Capital Improvement Fund totaling \$9,440.00; Police Headquarter Debt Fund totaling 5,797.22; Capital Reserve Fund totaling \$42,522.02; State Aid (Liquid Fuel) Fund totaling \$31,394.15 and Escrow Fund totaling \$8,862.68 for a grand total of \$321,162.86. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Pennridge Community Center: David Nyman

2017 Annual Report: Mr. Nyman and Mr. Ted Heimbach, Pennridge Community Center Executive Board President were present to provide the 2017 Annual Report. The report is on file.

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

Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority Report

The October 23, 2017 minutes and September 2017 and October 2017 flow reports are on file.

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

Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee Report: David Nyman

The October 26, 2017 meeting notes are on file. The next PACC meeting will be held January 25, 2018.

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

Pennridge Regional Police Commission Report: Chief Blake

Chief Blake shared the October 2017 Pennridge Regional Police activity report. Of note, Pennridge Regional collected 43.38 pounds during the drug take back held October 28, 2017. A total of 10,125.82 pounds was collected in Bucks County. The report is on file.

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

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Stormwater Appeal 1300 West Rock Road: A permit application was received for a 432 square feet carport at 1300 West Rock Road. The previous plan in Township files dated 2004 did not indicate the impervious surface was existing therefore it was determined a stormwater application was required. The property owner Mr. Soliday was present and noted the impervious surface was the result of construction that took place in 2004 which resulted in excess stone being placed where the proposed carport would be constructed and requested a waiver of stormwater review.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to grant waiver of stormwater review subject to an engineered plot plan submission. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Park & Recreation Board: The November 14, 2017 draft meeting notes are on file. Of note, Park and Recreation meeting date changed to the 2nd Tuesday in February, May, August and November. Chairperson Blodgett expressed concern about parking in the Willard H. Markey

Centennial Park during the football and soccer seasons. Mrs. Morano will contact the Pennridge Greenjackets and Pennridge Yellowjackets regarding possible solutions prior to the spring season.

Police Headquarter Debt Fund CD: A Police Headquarter Debt CD in the amount of \$160,000 has a maturity date of December 12, 2017.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize a 24-month Police Headquarter Debt CD in the amount of \$215,000 with Quakertown National Bank. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Auditor Engagement Letter: An appointed auditor engagement letter from Dunlap and Associates to perform the 2017 audit was presented.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize the Township Manager to execute the Dunlap and Associates engagement letter. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Category 4 Licensed Casino Facilities: Proposed Resolution 2017-20 to exercise its Municipal Option to prohibit the placement of Category 4 licensed casino facilities within East Rockhill Township pursuant to Act 42 of 2017 was presented. Mr. Nietupski would entertain rescinding the Resolution should there be interest from a Casino in East Rockhill Township.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt Resolution 2017-20 prohibiting the placement of Category 4 licensed casino facility within East Rockhill Township. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

2018 Preliminary Budget: Mrs. Morano reviewed the 2018 proposed draft budget. Mr. Nietupski asked for the police contribution to be adjusted down by distributing remaining Police Capital Reserve monies to a 46-54 split instead of the Commission approved 50-50 split. Mr. Nyman commented that he believed Mr. Nietupski was in the minority and therefore it was the consensus to take no action. The meeting was open for public comment.

- Ross DiMario, 412 Three Mile Run Road, asked if the document would be available for public review. Mrs. Morano stated that it would be available at the Township office and website.
- Jim Weikel, 1427 North Ridge Road, thanked the Board for another year not increasing taxes.

No further public comment was received.

Mr. Nyman noted this is the fourth year without a tax increase and municipal taxes comprise six percent (6%) of a resident's real estate tax bills, 24-hour police coverage is continuing and monies are budgeted for stormwater management.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve advertising of the Preliminary 2018 Draft Budget as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

2018 Meeting Dates:

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve advertising the 2018 Board of Supervisor regular meetings at 7:00pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month except for the month of April and December when the regular meeting shall be held on the third Thursday. The ReOrganization meeting will be held January 2, 2018 at 6:00pm. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Three Mile Run Road Pump Station Design:

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to ratify the Manager's action to engage CKS Engineers for the design of the Three Mile Run Road pump station renovation not to exceed \$40,000. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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 October 2017. Of note, the signal at SR313 and Fifth Street has a bad timer that will be replaced by the Contractor, fall leaf collection is on schedule with 50 loads of leaves collected to date and the 2017 Mac truck was delivered. The 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.

Engineer Report: Steve Baluh, P.E.

Subdivision Plan Review Status. Review dated November 6, 2017 is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

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

Solicitor Report: Patrick Armstrong, Esq.

Mr. Armstrong requested an Executive Session to discuss the status of the Pennridge Development Enterprises litigation and an enforcement action.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the Township Solicitor report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Department and Emergency Services Reports

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. Copies are on file.

New or Other Business – Supervisors' Items

There was none.

Public Comment #2:

- Jim Weikel, 1427 N. Ridge Road, asked about the repair status for a pole used to hang banners on Ridge Road that was damaged from an accident July 2017. Chief Blake will provide the accident report and follow up on the repair status.
- Ross DiMario, 412 Three Mile Run Road, asked about speeding enforcement on Township roads in particular Three Mile Run Road. Mr. DiMario will provide Pennridge Regional Police with specific times for police presence.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager