

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

July 23, 2024

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 PM on July 23, 2024, in the meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Office, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasie, PA 18944.

<u>Present:</u>	Dave Nyman	Supervisor Chairperson
	Jim Nietupski	Supervisor Member
	Marianne Morano	Township Manager
	Will Oetinger, Esq.	Township Solicitor
	Steve Baluh, P.E.	Township Engineer
	Jeff Scholl	Public Works Director
	Chief Dickinson	Pennridge Regional Police Department

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM by Mr. Nyman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of the public and press were present.

Announcements or Presentations:

- Next Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting is August 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Public Comment #1:

- Jennifer Wright, 400 Three Mile Run Road, stated her neighbor is using their retention basin to hit golf balls and they are going into her yard, provided copies of Perkasie Regional Authority well test results and believes well #5 should be shut down.
- Mr. Nyman stated the Township has no jurisdiction over Perkasie Regional Authority, the Department of Environmental Protection oversees water utility.
- Janis Rindone, 12 Ridge Run Road, stated she received a notification letter indicating no parking is permitted on her road with a suggestion the Township be notified if guests would be temporarily parking in the street so police could be notified. She is opposed to doing that.
- Alicia Herbert, 14 Blue Rock Drive, also received the no parking notification letter and is opposed to the no parking regulation and the suggestion to give notice of guests temporarily parking in the street.
- Chief Dickinson stated the Township Manager and he discussed concerns raised at numerous Board meetings regarding pedestrian safety which resulted in the no parking notification letter reminding residents on the impacted streets of existing no parking regulations. The letter was to address those concerns, not to cause anxiety.
- Jim Snyder, 45 Stone Edge Road, noted the roundabout construction is scheduled to begin soon and would like to drive on Liberty Trail in place of the posted detour.
- Lou DiTonno, 1 Boulder Drive, stated he parks in the street at certain times throughout the year when he cannot park in his driveway.

- Mark Ezzo, 2904 Hill Road, asked who is paying for the roundabout and stated there should be a moratorium on building. The developer is paying for the roundabout.
- Angie Winorski, 10 Blue Rock Drive, received the no parking notification letter and asked when the Ordinance was enacted and how she would know about the no parking regulation.
- Mrs. Morano stated the Code of Ordinance has a 2000 date and the letter was sent as a courtesy intended to minimize impact to residents in place of police going out and issuing tickets. All roads are or have been posted no parking, however some of the no parking signs appear to have been removed. Police can issue tickets for any road posted no parking. The website is a tool to stay informed and she recommended she create an account to receive news posting emails.
- Larry Wheatley, 5 Boulder Drive, stated it is common courtesy to not park in the street and at times he cannot pull safely out of his driveway because of parking in the street.
- Chuck Weaver, 47 Ridge Run Road, stated his support of the no parking notification letter. As a daily walker he is concerned for the neighborhood safety when there are no sidewalks.
- Scott Parker, 4 Pebble Circle, would like speed humps.
- Lou DiTonno, 1 Boulder Drive, stated Stone Edge Road is the problem not Boulder Drive.

Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:

Approval of Minutes.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors June 25, 2024 Regular Meeting as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Approval of Bills Payable.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve payment of the Bills List dated July 19, 2024 for a total amount of \$336,041.55 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Board and Commission Reports:

Pennridge Regional Police Department: Chief Dickinson

The Chief shared the June 2024 Pennridge Regional Police activity report.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to accept the Pennridge Regional Police Department report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority: Dave Nyman

The June 2024 minutes and flow reports were provided to the Board.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to accept the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Hart Morano

Zoning Hearing Board Application 2313 Muskrat Road. Mr. Tyler Freed P.E. and Mr. Alexandrov were present to answer questions regarding requested variances for minimum lot size and rear yard setback. A copy of the complete application and Wynn Associates stormwater review letter were provided to the Board.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to take a neutral position on the Zoning Hearing Board application as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

East Rockhill Sewer Treatment Plant #1 Aeration Tanks Refurbishment Proposals.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to table discussion of the aeration tank refurbishment proposals and seek a proposal from CKS Engineers to provide oversight of the refurbishment. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt **Resolution 2024-09** for application of a multimodal transportation grant at State Route 313 and Ridge Road as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to accept the Township Manager report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Works Report: Jeff Scholl

Public Works activities as of July 18, 2024 were provided to the Board.

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

Township Engineer Report: Steve Baluh, P.E.

Mr. Baluh noted a Branch Road path streambank repair is delayed for a second turtle search and Old Bethlehem Pike is open for local traffic up to the Park Avenue and Three Mile Run Road intersection however the detour sign will be posted at Forrest Road.

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

Township Solicitor Report: Will Oetinger, Esq.

Stormwater Operation and Maintenance Agreement Rockhill Road.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize Chairperson execution of a Stormwater Operation and Maintenance Agreement and Access Easement at a property located on Rockhill Road owned by Perkasio Regional Authority identified as tax map parcel 12-009-009 for a treatment facility when received and authorize waiver of escrow in the amount of \$29,723.70. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Stormwater Operation and Maintenance Agreement Callowhill Road.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize Chairperson execution of a Stormwater Operation and Maintenance Agreement and Access Easement at a property located on Callowhill Road owned by Jacob and Kimberly Bartells identified as tax map parcel 12-013-014-001 for a new single family dwelling when received. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, 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. Nyman, to acknowledge receipt of the Department and Emergency Services reports. With no additional discussion, all presented voted in favor.

New or Other Business Supervisors' Items:

There was none.

Public Comment #2:

- Rich Rindone, 12 Ridge Run Road, stated safety vs. practicality and speed humps will slow down cars.
- Jim Snyder, 45 Stone Edge Road, stated he prefers speed tables not speed humps.
- Tina O'Rourke, 1819 Old Bethlehem Pike, asked for the status of public sewer on Old Bethlehem Pike. DEP final response when received will not allow public sewer connection until Park Hill Estates development has been dedicated.
- Jennifer Wright, 400 Three Mile Run Road, asked for an update to the Stone Edge culvert, requested the Board of Supervisors tell Perkasio Regional Authority to not use well 5 and recommended no one drink Perkasio Regional Authority water. It was noted that survey work on private property is needed for the Stone Edge culvert design.
- Mr. Nyman stated staff can review speed humps in light of upcoming budget considerations.
- Mr. Nietupski stated in general the Township does not go out and look for problems.

Adjournment:

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adjourn the regular meeting. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Hart Morano
Township Manager