

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

August 27, 2024

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 PM on August 27, 2024, in the meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Office, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasie, PA 18944.

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| <u>Present:</u> | Dave Nyman | Supervisor Chairperson |
| | Gary Volovnik | Supervisor Vice-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 7:01 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 September 24, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Public Comment #1:

- Jennifer Wright, 400 Three Mile Run Road, stated a recent police report noted the Township reported a theft at the driving range and reiterated her neighbor is using their retention basin to hit golf balls and they are going into her yard. She also provided copies of Perkasie Regional Authority well test results and believes well #5 should be shut down.
- Mr. Nietupski stated he met with the Perkasie Regional Water Authority Manager who gave documentation that water to their customers is 14-18 ppt for PFAS and is therefore within legal limits. He reminded all that the Township has no jurisdiction in this matter.
- Claudia Malone, 66 Ridge Run Road, stated she recently had an incident with reporting a speeding delivery vehicle and supports traffic calming devices in the development that is not a posted sign flashing the driver's speed.
- Lou DiTonno, 1 Boulder Drive, stated he does not drink his public water.
- Greg Landis, Renew Bible Church, stated PennDOT is currently review their application submission and Pennridge School District recently denied their request for the emergency access onto the school campus. The submission to the Planning Commission will provide a joint emergency exit and secondary exit.
- Jennifer Wright, 400 Three Mile Run Road, stated she has sent people to DEP to have water tested and DEP removed filtration systems from dwellings recently connected to public water.

Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:

Approval of Minutes.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors July 23, 2024 Regular Meeting as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Approval of Bills Payable.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve payment of the Bills List dated August 23, 2024 for a total amount of \$196,467.83 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 July 2024 Pennridge Regional Police activity report. Chief announced a Coffee with Cop event September 19, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Upper Bucks Community College.

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

Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority: Dave Nyman

The July 2024 minutes and flow reports were provided to the Board. Of note, the recent recertification has been submitted and approved by the State.

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

Park and Recreation Committee: Marianne Hart Morano

The August 13, 2024 agenda and draft minutes were provided to the Board.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to accept the Park and Recreation report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Hart Morano

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

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to table discussion of the aeration tank refurbishment proposals and CKS Engineers oversight proposal until 2025 budget review. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Salt Bids 2024-2025 Season.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to award the 2024-2025 salt bids to Morton Salt, Inc. through Bucks County Consortium at the rate of \$60.95 per ton delivered and \$60.00 per ton undelivered as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Presentation of Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) to the Township Pension Plans.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to acknowledge receipt of the 2025 Pension Plans Minimum Municipal Obligation and authorize execution by the Manager. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Park and Recreation Resignation. Consensus of the Board was to have the Township Manager obtain a plaque to be presented at a future meeting.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to acknowledge William Wilson III 27 years of service and resignation on the Park and Recreation Committee as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

2025 Preliminary Draft Budget.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize advertising 2025 preliminary budget work session meetings for 6:15pm on September 24, 2024, and October 22, 2024. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, 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 August 23, 2024 were provided to the Board. Of note, the signal at Campus Drive loop timing will be adjusted, the pole barn roof was repaired on Township owned Schwenkmill Road property and Pines of Penncridge open space trees were removed by third party.

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.

Township Engineer Report: Steve Baluh, P.E.

Green Ridge Estates West Subdivision, 414 S. Ridge Road tax map parcel 12-008-129 for eight single family dwelling lots with six within the Borough and two within the Township located in the R-1 Residential Zoning District. Mr. Dan Yosipovitch, esq., Mr. Steve Lamirmann, Mr. Scott Camburn P.E. were present. Mr. Yosipovitch stated all items in the Township review letter are a will comply and stated their preference is for no homeowner's association if possible. Stormwater Operation and Maintenance Agreements will be executed as necessary.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to grant preliminary final subdivision approval to Green Ridge Estates West and granting of waivers as requested contingent on compliance with Wynn Associates August 23, 2024 correspondence as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Old Bethlehem Pike Act 537 Sewage Facilities Special Study. A copy of DEP correspondence was provided to the Board. Mr. Baluh stated DEP approval was granted contingent on the sewer extension cannot be constructed until Park Hill Estates (McClennen Tract) has been dedicated and a draft sewage management Ordinance has already been reviewed by DEP and will be presented to the Board at a future meeting. A milestone outline will be provided to the Board as requested.

Stone Edge Culvert. Mr. Baluh stated survey work will be submitted to Traffic Planning and Design next week.

Roundabout Park Avenue and Three Mile Run Road. Mr. Baluh stated the curbing will be poured the end of the week and a utility pole box needs to be adjusted.

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

Township Solicitor Report: Will Oetinger, Esq.

Discussion of Penridge Greenjackets Draft Lease. A draft lease was provided to the Board.

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

Conservation Easement 2031 West Rock Road.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize the Township Engineer to prepare a survey and baseline document and the Township Solicitor to prepare title insurance and agreement of sale for a Conservation Easement totaling 8-acres located at 2031 West Rock Road tax map parcel 12-009-112. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, 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 Emergency Services reports. With no additional discussion, all presented voted in favor.

New or Other Business Supervisors' Items:

- Mr. Volovnik stated Harriet Drive and roads in the vicinity need to be overlaid.
- Mr. Volovnik stated two residents have contacted him about deer eating their hostas and gardens. A proposal for possible controlled hunting will be considered at a future meeting.
- Mr. Volovnik supported PFAS testing for Perkasio Regional Authority public water. Consensus of the Board was for Mrs. Morano to have the Township office water tested.

Public Comment #2:

- Mike Derr, 204 Three Mile Run Road, stated the Township should consider testing water throughout the Township.
- Lou DiTonno, 1 Boulder Drive, asked for the status of Perkasio Regional Authority Well 4 project. Construction is anticipated Fall 2025.
- Jennifer Wright, 400 Three Mile Run Road, stated a business on Tunnel Road has wiring and piping storage in the parking lot. The business is located in Perkasio Borough, Mrs. Morano will advise them of the concern

Adjournment:

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn the regular meeting. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Hart Morano
Township Manager