

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

September 24, 2024

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 PM on September 24, 2024, following the 2025 Preliminary Budget Work Session review, 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
	Gary Volovnik	Supervisor Vice-Chairperson
	Jim Nietupski	Supervisor Member
	Marianne Hart 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 2025 Preliminary Budget Work Session October 22, 2024 6:15pm
- Next Board of Supervisors Meeting October 22, 2024 at 7:00pm
- Pennridge Community Center Annual Report: Dave Nyman
Mr. Nyman announced the many services available for members 55 years and older in addition to Legacy Room rental is available to the general public.

Public Comment #1:

- Jim Snyder, 45 Stone Edge Road, stated more signage and reflective paint are needed at the newly constructed roundabout at Park Avenue and Three Mile Run Road.
- Christine Stock, 1700 Old Bethlehem Pike, stated safety concern in her yard from an accident with a driver going through her fence and hitting a tree that hit another tree.
- Larry Wheatley, 5 Boulder Drive, asked for status of 809-901 Three Mile Run Road, stated the railroad overpass on Three Mile Run Road has graffiti, status of 925 Three Mile Run Road, fireworks were being discharged on Woodbridge Court on Labor Day and new home at 2479 Hill Road had trucks parked in the street on a hill.
- Claudia Malone, 66 Ridge Run Road, stated her support for traffic calming road paint or speed humps in her development.
- Paul Kulp, 31 Irish Meeting House Road, asked for the status of Rock Hill Quarry and stated Rockhill Road is posted 25 mph. The Rock Hill Quarry is currently under a PA DEP cessation order pending a decision from DEP.
- Alicia Herbert, 14 Blue Rock Road, stated her opposition to speed humps in Ridge Run.

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 August 27, 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 September 20, 2024 for a total amount of \$211,685.28 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Board and Commission Reports:

Penridge Regional Police Department: Chief Dickinson

The Chief shared the August 2024 Penridge Regional Police activity report.

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

Penridge Wastewater Treatment Authority: Dave Nyman

The August 2024 minutes and flow reports were provided to the Board. A November open house is being planned.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept the Penridge Wastewater Treatment Authority 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. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize execution of a proposal dated April 24, 2024 from Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. for one (1) aeration tank refurbishment in the amount of \$459,975.00 and CKS Engineers oversight proposal for not to exceed amount of \$10,000.00 at the East Rockhill Treatment Plant #1 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, 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 September 20, 2024 were provided to the Board.

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.

Stone Edge Culvert. Mr. Baluh stated survey field work has been submitted to Traffic Planning and Design.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, 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.

Draft Chapter 18 Sewer Ordinance Amendment.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize advertisement of the draft Chapter 18 Sewer Ordinances Amendment as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

East Rockhill Township Public Works Maintenance Building.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to reject the General Construction base bid from NCI Construction, Ltd. base bid in the amount of \$2,579,000.00 for being non-responsive and non-responsible for the East Rockhill Township Public Works Building as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept the General Construction bid from Gordon H. Baver, Inc. base bid in the amount of \$2,768,000.00 for the East Rockhill Township Public Works Building as presented. Following discussion of alternate bid options, Mr. Volovnik amended his motion and to accept the General Construction bid from Gordon H. Baver, Inc. base bid in the amount of \$2,768,000.00 and alternate bid in the amount of \$24,000.00 for premium color if selected for the East Rockhill Township Public Works Building as presented. Mr. Nietupski seconded the motion, as amended. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to accept the Mechanical Construction bid from Integrity Mechanical, Inc. base bid in the amount of \$174,500.00 and accept the Plumbing Construction bid from Integrity Mechanical, Inc. base bid in the amount of \$210,000.00 for the East Rockhill Township Public Works Building as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept the Electrical Construction bid from Yates Electrical Services, Inc. base bid in the amount of \$495,000.00 for the East Rockhill Township Public Works Building as presented. 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. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to acknowledge receipt of the Department and Emergency Services reports. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

New or Other Business Supervisors' Items:

- Mr. Nietupski stated the need to review speed humps and traffic calming.
- Mr. Nyman stated a policy needs to be established to provide for neighbor input.

- Board consensus was to review an existing policy provided from another municipality at a future meeting.
- Dennis Herbert, 14 Blue Rock, asked if more stop signs could be installed.
- Mr. Baluh stated stop signs need to meet PennDOT requirements and the Ridge Run development would not qualify.

Public Comment #2:

- Lou DiTonno, 1 Boulder Drive, asked for the status of Township water test results. Results were just received and are under review. Mr. DiTonno was directed to read the news article on Perkasio Regional Authority homepage. Mr. DiTonno stated a cable was removed allowing drivers from Park Hill Estates access to Hill Road and construction trucks are driving on Stone Edge Road. Residents are living in the Park Hill development and therefore the cable was removed to allow for public safety.
- Jim Snyder, 45 Stone Edge Road, stated his preference for speed tables but did not want to create water problems and would like to see the culvert waterway cleared of all debris.

Adjournment:

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn the regular meeting. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Hart Morano
Township Manager