

**East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors**

**April 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 April 23, 2024, in the meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Office, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasie, PA 18944.

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	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 7:00 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 May 28, 2024 7:00 PM

**Public Comment #1:**

There was none.

**Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:**

**Approval of Minutes.**

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors March 26, 2024 Regular Meeting as presented. Mr. Nietupski withdrew a request for an amendment. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Approval of Bills Payable.**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve payment of the Bills List dated April 19, 2024 for a total amount of \$282,751.53 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 March 2024 Pennridge Regional Police activity report.

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

**Planning Commission: Marianne Hart Morano**

The April 11, 2024 agenda and draft minutes were provided to the Board. Mrs. Morano stated 400 Branch Road land development and waivers were reviewed and recommended for preliminary approval.

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

**Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority: Dave Nyman**

The March 2024 minutes and flow reports were provided to the Board. Mr. Nyman participated by phone. He noted there is still not agreement among all the member municipalities regarding recertification renewal.

**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.

**Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee: Gary Volovnik**

The March 28, 2024 minutes were provided to the Board.

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

**Township Manager's Report: Marianne Hart Morano**

**Zoning Hearing Board Application 935 Three Mile Run Road.** Mr. Steve Piccari and Mrs. Susan Piccari were present to answer questions regarding requested special exception to change from a non-conforming F-27 Automobile Repair Shop to a non-conforming B-9 Residential Conversion in the Suburban Zoning District at 935 Three Mile Run Road. The Zoning Hearing Board application and supporting documentation were provided to the Board.

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

**Pennridge Regional Police Department 2024 Budget.**

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to follow the 2024 adopted budget to hire a Patrol Officer. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Public Works Report: Jeff Scholl**

Mr. Scholl updated the Board on Public Works activities as of April 18, 2024.

**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.**

**Consideration of Preliminary Land Development** submission at 400 Branch Road, tax map parcel 12-013-008, for a 6,600 square feet addition located in the Commercial Office Zoning District. Mr. Larry Byrne, P.E. and Mr. Shane Dam were present. Lighting is to be 20 feet in height and a crosswalk continues to be under review.

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to grant preliminary land development approval at 400 Branch Road contingent on compliance with Wynn Associates April 8, 2024 correspondence and concurrence with Planning Commission waiver request recommendations as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Renew Bible Church located at 1600 N. Fifth Street** emergency exit for Renew Bible Church located at 1600 N. Fifth Street. Mr. Greg Landis, Mr. Scott Mease, P.E. and Mr. Dave Artman were present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Steve Gozur, Traffic Planning and Design was present.

Consensus of the Board was to have a 12 feet wide emergency road, either stone or grass geo-blocks, to allow emergency exit of vehicles from the facility.

**Stone Edge Culvert** Traffic Planning and Design submitted a proposal for initial services to determine reasonable alternatives to accommodate flooding concerns at Stone Edge culvert was provided to the Board. John Liberaotre, P.E., Traffic Planning & Design was present. Survey work is not included in the scope of work. Expenses are to be paid from Capital Reserve Stone Edge Road allocation.

- Jim Snyder, 45 Stone Edge Road, asked if the train bridge should be looked at first to determine if that will always cause flooding at the culvert.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept Traffic Planning and Design Proposal dated March 25, 2024 in the amount of \$38,080.00 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Township Solicitor Report: Will Oetinger, Esq.**

**Conditional Use Adjudication** for Perkasio Regional Authority for the expansion of a G1 Utilities Use to add water filtration and treatment facilities at 730 Three Mile Run Road tax map parcel 12-009-009.

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

**Three Mile Run Road and Old Bethlehem Road Reclassification Draft Ordinance**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize the Planning Commissions review and subsequent advertisement of the draft Ordinance unless there is substantive changes to reclassify Three Mile Run Road east of SR313 and Old Bethlehem Road minor collector road to local access road as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**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 Emergency Services reports. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**New or Other Business Supervisors' Items:**

- Mr. Nietupski stated he voted in opposition of a resolution that would have supported legislation to eliminate the elected tax collector position at the annual PSATS convention.
- Executive Session will take place following tonight's meeting for real estate.

**Public Comment #2:**

- Chuck Weaver, 47 Ridge Run Road, stated he does not want to lose the ability to drive over Stone Edge culvert during possible construction.
- Jennifer Wright, 400 Three Mile Run Road, stated continued concerns regarding PFAS contamination levels.
- Mark Ezzo, 2901 Hill Road, stated water quality concerns.

**Adjournment:**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn the regular meeting into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Hart Morano  
Township Manager