

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

May 28, 2019

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on May 28, 2019 in the Township meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Building, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasie, PA 18944.

Present:	Gary Volovnik	Chairperson
	David Nyman	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. Volovnik with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Volovnik announced an Executive Session took place prior to tonight's meeting to discuss litigation (DEP Appeals).

Public Comment #1

- Ryan Gottshall, 2201 N. Rockhill Road, questioned if the 2017 and 2018 Rock Hill Quarry Annual Zoning permits were denied; if nuisance ordinances were being looked at; and he suggested credentials should be included in Township correspondence citing a recent letter regarding the Rock Hill Quarry that referenced consultants. The 2017 annual Zoning Permit was issued, the 2018 annual Zoning Permit was denied, and nuisance ordinances continue to be under review. Mr. Gottshall stated he was contacted by a PPL Electric Engineer regarding service to his dwelling who indicated his service would be back fed into new line to assist his property. He believes transmission holders will not be regular polls and trees will be removed.
- Karen Drum, 2205 N. Rockhill Road, questioned if the Township followed up on her request to have a Township representative on the Rock Hill Quarry property. Township legal counsel has advised against it due to creating a Township liability.

Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:

Approval of Minutes from April 23, 2019 Regular Meeting.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' April 23, 2019 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment of Unpaid Bills dated May 24, 2019 in the amount of \$353,448.07.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve payment of Bills List dated May 24, 2019 in the amount of \$353,448.07. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Planning Commission Report: Anne Fenley

Agenda May 2, 2019. Ms. Fenley reported the Comprehensive Plan update continues and the survey results would be made available when the Comprehensive Plan Draft was available for public review.

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

Pennridge Community Center Report: David Nyman

Mr. Nyman noted the May – June newsletter was available for the public. Of note, the Center re-opened on May 22 and an official re-opening will occur June 23, 2019. The Center is co-sponsoring ‘By the Moonlite’ car show on July 27 from 5-9pm at Pennridge High School with all proceeds benefitting the Center, a gunlock presentation is June 19, and Grand View Hospital is conducting a nutrient program on June 17.

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: David Nyman

The April 22, 2019 Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority minutes and March and April 2019 flow reports are on file. Mr. Nyman noted a meeting was held May 20, 2019 and there was nothing new to report at this time.

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

Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee Report: David Nyman

Mr. Nyman reviewed the April 25, 2019 PACC notes. The meeting notes are on file.

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: Sergeant Maloney

Sergeant Maloney shared the April 2019 Pennridge Regional Police activity report. Of note, the April 27, 2019 Drug Take Back resulted in 31.41 pounds collected at Headquarters and 35.07 pounds collected at Grand View Hospital. Bucks County totals for drop box and Take Back Event was 10,086 pounds. The report is on file.

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

Township Manager’s Report: Marianne Morano

Consider Acceptance of Resignation from William Barnish, Planning Commission. It was noted Mr. Barnish has served on the Planning Commission for six years and resigned due to his work schedule.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept with regret the resignation of William Barnish from the Planning Commission effective June 1, 2019 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Update on Waiver of Land Development for 1800 North Fifth Street Roger Styles. Mrs. Morano updated the Board on the waiver of land development that was granted to construct an accessory building prior to a single-family dwelling contingent on the single-family dwelling constructed no later than February 18, 2018. Mr. Styles has advised current accessory building is used for storage and an office for correspondence with no business being conducted. He does not have a specific date on when the single-family dwelling will be constructed.

Proposed Mower Replacement.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the unbudgeted purchase of a 2019 Ferris mower and trade-in and replace a 2011 John Deere mower with 2,500 hours for a total purchase price of \$7,739. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Siding and Window Replacement at 1802 Ridge Road Bid Results. Bids have been advertised and a bid received for siding and window replacement at Township owned property 1802 Ridge Road as budgeted.

- Mr. Gottshall interjected questioning the necessity and expense of siding and window replacement.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept Jefferson LLC total base bid amount of \$24,404 for siding and window replacement at 1802 Ridge Road as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Municipal Office Addition and Renovation Bid Documentation. As authorized at the January 22, 2019 Supervisor meeting, bid documents are being finalized to be placed on PennBID for 30 days. Mrs. Morano requested consideration of a special meeting the second week of July to review bid results and requested authorization to proceed with obtaining financing options. The consensus of the Board was to meet July 8 or July 9 and to proceed with requests for proposals from banking institutions. It was noted the Special Meeting will be advertised and on the Township website calendar.

Perkasie Fire Department. The Perkasie Fire Department has requested the Township Solicitor to review changes to their by-laws regarding disciplinary action. The consensus of the Board was to support the Fire Department and authorize the Township Solicitor to review the document.

April 23 Meeting follow-up – PPL Electric Upgrade. Following up on questions for extending the electric upgrade to past Quarry Road to 2201 North Rockhill Road and ten (10) surrounding dwellings in addition to if poles will be replaced/removed from Township pump station over the hill to the quarry; PPL Electric Utilities response was work will include extending, upgrading and connecting existing lines along Rockhill Road for about one mile, including about 40 pole replacements, new

installations or removals. Current power lines end on either side of the SEPTA rails and connecting these lines will allow PPL to isolate future problems on the line and improve reliability. There are no plans to extend further at this time. PPL Utilities has advised the property at 2201 North Rockhill Road that reliability and voltage is well within tariff limitations and PPL did connect with the property owners to address their specific concerns.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, 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 for April, 2019. The report is on file.

- Karen Drum, 2205 N. Rockhill Road, questioned when Blooming Glen Road would be paved. The portion to which she was referring is located in Perkasio Borough.

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.

Engineer Report: Steve Baluh, P.E.

Subdivision Plan Review Status. Review dated May 9, 2019 is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

Wood's Edge Subdivision Authorization Voucher 6.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve Authorization Voucher Number 6 for the Wood's Edge Subdivision in the amount of \$1,370.14 for construction observation/escrow administration payable to C. Robert Wynn Associates, Inc. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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

Solicitor Report: Patrick Armstrong, Esq.

Resolution for Possible Condemnation – Schwenkmill Road. It was noted an offer of purchase has been extended to the property owner for a parcel adjacent to the Municipal Complex which has been accepted.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt **Resolution 2019-04** authorizing the institution of eminent domain proceedings for the acquisition of Bucks County Tax Map Parcel 12-009-161-002. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Penridge Development Enterprises Business Park Assignment of Financial Security Agreement. It was noted that a revised Agreement was needed due to the property owner switching banks for the Letter of Credit.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize Chairperson execution of the Pennridge Development Enterprises Business Park Assignment of Financial Security Agreement as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Mr. Armstrong requested an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation (Burkey).

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

Department and Emergency Services Reports

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, 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:

- Ryan Gottshall, 2201 N. Rockhill Road, asked if there was a date the Judge would be giving a decision. No there was not. He noted the Township issued a Road Occupancy Permit for ten pole replacements on North Rockhill Road to PPL but there would be 40 poles replaced. The remaining poles are on private property and the Township does not require permits. He questioned mosquito remediation due to a concern on his property. Bucks County Department of Health addresses mosquito/West Nile Virus concerns.
- Todd Hippauff, 29R Rockhill Road, questioned the threshold for competitive pricing. Thresholds are established by the State with regulations for obtaining three phone quotes, placing out for bid and prevailing wage. It was noted the siding and window replacement was close to the budget amount because proposals are obtained for budget preparation.
- Kim Manser, 2201 N. Rockhill Road, stated PPL was installing electric upgrade for Rock Hill Quarry and would not install the upgrade otherwise. She is opposed to her property being excluded from the upgraded electric.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adjourn into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager