

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

January 28, 2020

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on January 28, 2020 in the Township meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Building, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasio, PA 18944.

Present:	David Nyman	Supervisor Chairperson
	Gary Volovnik	Supervisor Vice-Chairperson
	Jim Nietupski	Supervisor 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. Nyman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

An Executive Session will follow the regular meeting for real estate.

Bucks County Commissioner Robert Harvie was present to introduce himself to the public and Board of Supervisors. Mr. Harvie indicated the County's interest in sharing ideas and reviewed the new voting machine process.

Public Comment #1

- Jeannine Gravel, 2198 N. Rockhill Road, stated she has observed someone riding a motorbike in the Willard H. Markey Centennial Park between 1:00 and 4:00pm leaving destructive ruts. She questioned the status of the Township filing after the Rock Hill Quarry Federal Court decision was received and hours of operation. Mr. Armstrong stated that the Judge denied the Township filing and extraction operations are under DEP purview.
- Ryan Gottshall, 2201 N. Rockhill Road, thanked the REPA organization for their asbestos consultant information which is sent to DEP and Township. Mr. Gottshall requested the Township consider moving the Extraction zone to another area of the Township.
- Kim Manser Gottshall, 2201 N. Rockhill Road, questioned the status of the Planning Commission vacancy. Two volunteer applications will be considered at the Planning Commission February 6, 2020 meeting.

Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:

Approval of Minutes from December 19, 2019 Regular Meeting and January 6, 2020 Reorganization Meeting.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' December 19, 2019 Regular Meeting and January 7, 2019 Reorganization Meeting as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment of 2019 and 2020 Unpaid Bills dated January 24, 2020 in the amount of \$431,894.61.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve payment of the 2019 Bills List dated January 24, 2020 in the amount of \$42,216.76 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve payment of the 2020 Bills List dated January 24, 2020 in the amount of \$389,677.85 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Planning Commission Report: Anne Fenley

Ms. Fenley shared highlights of the 2019 Annual Planning Commission Report.

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

Penridge Wastewater Treatment Authority Report: David Nyman

The December 9, 2019 Penridge Wastewater Treatment Authority minutes and December 2019 flows are on file. At the January 27, 2020 meeting the Board held reorganization.

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

Penridge Regional Police Commission Report: Officer DiGiovanni

Officer DiGiovanni shared the December 2019 Penridge Regional Police activity report. The report is on file.

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

Penridge Area Coordinating Committee Report: David Nyman

Mr. Nyman reviewed the January 23, 2020 PACC notes. The meeting notes are on file.

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

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Introduction of Arlo Eby. Mr. Eby was present to introduce himself as a candidate for the Zoning Hearing alternate position. The volunteer application and resume were provided to the Board.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to appoint Arlo Eby as a Zoning Hearing Board alternate. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Elected Auditor Appointment.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, appointing Karen Chellew as Elected Auditor for a term expiring December 31, 2021. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Recognition of Nancy Booz.

Mr. Nyman read a resolution recognizing Nancy Booz's 40 years of service on the Planning Commission.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt **Resolution 2020-04** recognizing and commending Nancy Booz for her 40 years of service on the East Rockhill Township Planning Commission as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Destruction of Specific Township Records.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt **Resolution 2020-05** approving the destruction of specific Township records as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Final Approval of 2020 Projects. The consensus of the Board was to have the Willard H. Markey sign and Township office sign have a sign rider for the seasonal golf driving range and fire substation.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to grant final approve of 2020 projects and equipment as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

2019 Manger Overview. Mrs. Morano cited her 2019 Overview which had been provided to the Board of Supervisors and in the public packets. The report is posted to the Township website.

Right-of-Way Sign Request. The Appalachian Mountain Club has requested on-road bike route signs on Axe Handle, Clymer and Richlandtown Roads and the donation of public works time to install the signs. Safety concerns were noted that the requested roads are narrow country roads with no shoulder and the state law requires four feet cushion around bicyclists. Consensus of the Board was to not promote an unsafe bike route and request alternative routes for consideration.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, 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 December 2019. Of note, the road mowing tractor needs a transmission repair that is estimated to cost up to \$18,000 and a clutch replacement will occur at the same time. Mr. Scholl will be attending a low volume course in April to be eligible to apply for grants on low volume roads. The report is on file.

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

Engineer Report: Steve Baluh, P.E.

Wood's Edge Subdivision Release of Escrow Voucher #12.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve Authorization Voucher Number 12 dated January 7, 2020 payable to C. Robert Wynn Associates in the amount of \$300.01 for construction observation and escrow administration from December 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Report on Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Act 537 Sewage Facilities Planning. A DEP letter and meeting minutes were provided to the Board citing DEP concern about long term

maintenance of private septic systems and requesting an amendment to the Township Act 537 plan. It was noted no grant monies are available for the update and an update to the entire Act 537 plan would cost over \$100,000.00 which DEP could require. Mr. Baluh will provide a proposal for the February meeting.

Subdivision Plan Review Status. Review dated January 3, 2020 is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

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

Solicitor Report: Patrick Armstrong, Esq.

Freier Lot Line Easement Agreements.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the Chairperson to execute the Easement Agreements for tax map parcels 12-008-118 and 12-008-119-01 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Municipal Office Addition and Renovation Contracts.

Mr. Armstrong advised the Board that contracts are close to being in final form.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize a Board of Supervisor to execute the Municipal Office Addition and Renovation Contracts according to the accepted bids. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Mr. Armstrong requested an executive session to discuss an enforcement action he and Mrs. Morano recently attended.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept 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 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:

- Joanne Kater, 1710 West Rock Road, asked if anything has happened at the Rock Hill Quarry. A trial date is scheduled for March 2, 2020 for the asphalt plant use and the DEP cessation order remains in effect.
- Jeannine Gravel, 2198 N. Rockhill Road, asked if the Bucks County Judge is aware of asbestos at the Rock Hill Quarry and the amount of stone that would need to be brought in to run the asphalt plant use if extraction on the site was not taking place.

- Dan Soliday, 1300 West Rock Road, stated REPA has engaged an asbestos expert to review the Rock Hill Quarry and would like the Township to also engage an additional asbestos expert and a health expert.
- Sean Trotter, 34 Ridge Run Road, asked at what point the Rock Hill Quarry operator would no longer want to use the property. The operator has a 10-year lease.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager