

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

May 26, 2020

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on May 26, 2020 in the Township meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Building, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasie, PA 18944.

Present:	David Nyman	Supervisor Chairperson
	Gary Volovnik	Supervisor Vice-Chairperson
	Jim Nietupski	Supervisor Member
	Marianne Morano	Township Manager
	Colby Grim, Esq.	Township Solicitor

The meeting was called to order at 7:01p.m. by Mr. Nyman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements:

Based on the Governor's COVID19 Disaster Declaration, the Board of Supervisors have closed their monthly meeting to public attendance and established special meeting protocol for public participation. The entire meeting packet was available on the Township website. Anyone wishing to provide public comment could do so electronically or by submitting a public comment form. All public comment will be read at the Board's meeting.

Mr. Nyman announced an Executive Session was conducted by telephone earlier today to discuss litigation.

Public Comment #1:

There was none.

Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:

Approval of Minutes from April 28, 2020 Regular Meeting.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' April 28, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment of Unpaid Bills dated May 16, 2020 in the amount of \$234,971.19.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve payment of the Bills List dated May 16, 2020 in the amount of \$234,971.19 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Electric Generation

It was noted that the proposed pricing by IGS, our current provider, was a reduction to the current pricing and the 36-month proposal would provide \$9,397.77 savings over the term of the contract.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve IGS energy electric generation contact for 36-months at the cost of \$0.05540 with gross receipts tax, as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Trash District Contract

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to reaffirm Republic Services Trash District Contract option 1B Tote option year 2021 in the amount of \$23.45 and option year 2022 in the amount of \$24.16 and Option 1C Tote option year 2021 in the amount of \$23.04 and option year 2022 in the amount of \$23.75 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Internet Technology

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, approving Computer Cabling Systems Estimate for the Municipal office addition and renovation in the not to exceed amount of \$12,452.40 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Municipal Office Addition and Renovation

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, authorizing a change order for semi-transparent stain product on trusses in the not to exceed amount of \$17,485.00 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Zoning Permit Fee Waiver Request

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, approving a requested zoning fee waiver for the Pennridge School District's 2020 graduation ceremony firework display in the amount of \$500.00. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Fee-In-Lieu of Refund Request

It was noted that the seller of the property could recover the fees from the buyer at closing and the land development as recorded could still be completed.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to deny reimbursement of Foreman Farms, Butler Lane, Recreation Land fee-in-lieu of in the amount of \$1,900.00 street improvement fee-in-lieu in the amount of \$5,000.00 unless the recorded plan can be terminated by the applicant. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Willard H. Markey Centennial Park In-Memoriam Request

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve one plum tree in memory of Kurt Geisert to be planted by his family at a memorial event at Willard H. Markey Centennial Park next to a plum tree planted in memory of Doris Geisert as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Solicitor Report: Colby Grim, Esq.

Agreement of Sale for Conservation Easement

Mr. Grim noted he had not gotten a response from the property owner on the draft Agreement.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the draft Agreement of Sale for purchase of a conservation easement identified as tax map parcel number 12-011-019-007 on Mountain View Drive totaling 13.2 acres for the purchase price of \$99,000.00. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Declaration of a Conservation Easement

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the Declaration of Deed of Easement and Restrictive Covenants (Easement) identified as tax map parcel number 12-009-165 at 1510 Ridge Road totaling five (5) acres from municipal use to future park use as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Non-Uniform Pension Ordinance

A public hearing was advertised and posted to act on an Ordinance to amend the non-uniform pension plan administered by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System pursuant to Article IV of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law. No public comment has been received.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt **Ordinance 293** amending the non-uniform pension plan as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Comment #2:

- Mr. Nietupski asked for the status of the East Rockhill Township Municipal Office addition and renovation. A conference call is scheduled for May 27 with the Contractors to determine the start date.
- The consensus of the Board was to remove and replace plantings and make a buffer at the Municipal complex where a recent sewer line was constructed.
- Mr. Volovnik advised there were eight (8) dead ash trees on Township owned property off Schwenkmill Road. The consensus was for Township Staff to obtain a quote for their removal.

Adjournment:

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn the regular meeting. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager