

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

October 26, 2021

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on October 26, 2021 following the 2022 Preliminary Budget review in the meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Office, 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
	Will Oetinger, 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.

Members of the public and press were present.

Announcements or Presentations:

An Executive Session will follow the meeting for real estate and litigation.

Public Comment #1:

- Tom Reiss, 53 Stone Edge Road, asked for the status of Stone Edge Road culvert (PennDOT definition of a bridge is anything over 20 feet wide span and Stone Edge Road is 14 feet) and cleaning out the creek bed. DEP has been contacted to schedule a meeting and Township will obtain pricing to have a contractor cut vegetation flush to grade and remove any loose debris 50 feet from the edge of each side of the culvert. There cannot be any earth disturbance or removal of tree roots.
- Sue Clark, 46 Stone Edge Road, stated she did not see a speed board located close to Hill Road. Ms. Clark will contact the Police Chief for placement.
- Louis DiTonno, 1 Boulder Drive, asked what steps would take place after DEP meeting. The meeting will determine if prior concept is feasible under today standards and what options are viable under DEP current guidelines.
- Ron Schulberger, 2386 Hill Road, asked when PPL will be clearing dead trees on his road in the right-of-way. Mrs. Morano will contact PPL.

Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:

Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2021 Regular Meeting.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' September 28, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment Unpaid Bills dated October 18, 2021 in the amount of \$400,769.92.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve payment of the Bills List dated October 18, 2021 in the amount of \$400,769.92 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano
Bucks County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt **Resolution 2021-15** adopting the Bucks County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

2022 Preliminary Budget.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize advertising the Preliminary 2022 Draft Budget as presented for public inspection. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

2022 Meeting Dates.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize advertising the 2022 Board of Supervisor regular meetings at 7:00pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month except for the months of April and December when the regular meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday, April 19 and December 20, 2022 and other meetings as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor. The annual Reorganization meeting will be held January 3, 2022 at 5:00pm.

Perkasie Regional Authority on Boulder Drive. Mrs. Morano followed up from a public comment received at the September 28, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting stating that Perkasie Regional Authority trucks were on Boulder Drive as part of the billing cycle. Mr. Wheatley was not present and therefore Mrs. Morano will advise him via email.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, 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 as of October 19, 2021. Of note, due to a paving project on Rockhill Road leaf collection has been delayed a week and there are ongoing phone line problems at the Three Mile Run pumping station that a third party is investigating. The report is on file.

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.

Pennridge School District Revised Land Development. Ms. Carolyn DuBois, RLA, K&W Engineers and Mr. Craig Bramble, Jr, Pennridge School District were present to review adding 263 new car parking spaces and 46 new bus parking spaces and grading for a playing field. Wynn Associates October 22, 2021 review letter was reviewed and applicant will comply with all outstanding items.

- Mr. Volovnik asked if the parking spaces would accommodate all student drivers. Yes.

- Mr. Nietupski recommended the Perkasio Borough residents be advised parking spaces were to be added near them.
- Mike Bibic, 117 Three Mile Run Road, stated students will not pay to park on campus.
- Ms. DuBois announced the project would be done in phases over a 3-year period.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to grant preliminary final revised land development approval to Penridge School District New Parking and Practice Field, 1200 N. 5th Street, Bucks County tax map parcel 12-9-200-1 contingent on compliance with Wynn Associates October 22, 2021 review letter, executing agreements and establishing required escrows. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Subdivision Plan Review Status. Review dated October 22, 2021, is in the Board's packets. Extensions requests were acknowledged for the McClennen Tract to January 7, 2022; the Weidner Tract to February 12, 2022 and the Green Ridge Estates West to January 31, 2022.

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

Township Solicitor Report: Will Oetinger, Esq.

There was none.

Board and Commission Reports

Pennridge Regional Police Department: Chief Paul Dickinson, Jr.

The Chief shared the September, 2021 Pennridge Regional Police activity report. Of note, the Department is performing school checks with 29 occurring in September. The report is on file.

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: Anne Fenley

Mrs. Fenley shared highlights of the October 7, 2021 work session and October 14, 2021 regular meeting, noting review of applications from McClennen Tract. The agenda and October 7 approved minutes and October 14 draft minutes were provided to the Board.

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: David Nyman

Mr. Nyman shared the October 25, 2021 meeting report. Of note, there was over \$400,000.00 in damages from Tropical Storm Ida and Hilltown sewer EDU's were purchased from Sellersville Borough (11) and Telford Borough (14). The September 2021 minutes and flow reports, Scott Denlinger, Esq. September 23, 2021 and East Rockhill Township October 5, 2021 correspondence were provided to the Board.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to accept the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority 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 at PSATS October 15 business meeting a bridge repair award program is available and Stone Edge Road may be a consideration for submission. Additionally, he would like the Stone Edge Road funds, as received from a prior developer, tracked in the budget. Mrs. Morano stated all monies in the Capital Reserve Fund are spent as they were received and they are tracked in an excel file and provided to the appointed auditors.

Public Comment #2:

- Cheri Crowther, 51 Stone Edge Road, did not attend the last Supervisor meeting. Mrs. Morano directed her to the approved minutes and to contact her with any questions.

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 8:02p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager