

**East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors**

**December 19, 2023**

**Regular Business Meeting Minutes**

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on December 19, 2023, in the meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Office, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasio, PA 18944.

Present:	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 7:02p.m. by Mr. Nyman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of the public and press were present.

**Announcements or Presentations:**

- Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting January 2, 2024 5:00pm
- Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting January 23, 2024 7:00pm
- Executive session took place preceding tonight's meeting for potential litigation

**Public Comment #1:**

- Mark Ezzo, 2904 Hill Road, asked about tree clearing and environmental concerns on the McClennen Tract located between Old Bethlehem Pike and Hill Road. Both items were considered during the development stage and are according to recorded Subdivision Plan and a Court Order. Mr. Ezzo requested a copy of the Court Order.
- Tina O'Rourke, 1819 Old Bethlehem Pike, asked if Old Bethlehem Pike sewer extension documentation was submitted to DEP and if that extension was approved will the Township commit to making a concerted effort to engage the community beyond the first-class letter already mailed. Yes, the submission was sent to DEP. Board consensus was to invite East Rockhill residents to a public meeting to answer questions they may have about the sewer extension once DEP approval has been granted.
- Lou DiTonno, 1 Boudier Drive, stated Stone Edge culvert flooded during the recent heavy rain event. Mr. Volovnik stated numerous locations throughout the Township flooded and yes the Township is aware. Mr. DiTonno, asked if the Township had met with the farmer adjacent to the culvert. Yes, and are waiting for them to respond.

**Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:**

**Approval of Minutes.**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors November 28, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Approval of Bills Payable.**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve payment of the Bills List dated December 15, 2023, for a total amount of \$177,099.12 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 November 2023 Pennridge Regional Police activity report. The report is on file.

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

**Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority: Dave Nyman**

The November 2023 minutes and flow reports were provided to the Board.

**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.

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

**Zoning Hearing Board Application 2382 Three Mile Run Road, Michael & Cindy Helbling.** Mr. Michael Helbling was present to answer questions regarding a variance request for impervious surface of 11.12% where 10% is required in the AP zoning district. The denial letter, Zoning Hearing Board application and supporting documentation were provided to the Board.

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

**Board Volunteer Application.** Mrs. Morano announced volunteer applications are being accepted for a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Andrew Slike's volunteer application was provided to the Board and he was present to introduce himself.

**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 as of December 14, 2023. Of note, the 2023 fall leaf collection has been completed and was the largest collection to date, flooding occurred during recent heavy rain events, but water receded quickly and the tractor repairs are anticipated to be completed within 30 days. 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.

**Township Engineer Report: Steve Baluh, P.E.**

There was none.

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

**Draft Zoning Ordinance.**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to table consideration and have the revised draft zoning ordinance placed on the January 23, 2024 meeting agenda. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Sewer Reservation Agreement Pennridge Airport.**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize the Township Solicitor prepare a Pennridge Airport sewer reservation 7<sup>th</sup> amendment agreement for two sewer reservations payable according to the current fee schedule. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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

**Department and Emergency Services Reports:**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to acknowledge receipt of the Department and Emergency Services reports. With no additional discussion, all presented voted in favor.

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

There was none.

**Public Comment #2:**

- Larry Wheatley, 5 Boulder Drive, read a response he received from Governor Shapiro stating the Rock Hill Quarry is governed at the local level and he received a letter from REPA also regarding the Rock Hill Quarry. Rock Hill Quarry is under DEP jurisdiction per a Federal Court Order.
- Chuck Weaver, 47 Ridge Run Road, asked if the road from Hill Road to Old Bethlehem Pike through the McClennen Tract will be open to the public and did not feel the width of new road was adequate. Yes, the new road will be a public road but at this time is gated for security during construction, however Pennridge Regional Police Department have a key.
- Greg Landis, 606 Lawn Avenue, stated ReNew Church has submitted a lighting plan to the Township in response to a neighbor concern and the Church will be having a December 23, 2023 6:30p.m. service which will involve vehicle traffic and headlights.

- Tina O'Rourke, 1819 Old Bethlehem Pike, asked for the status of the roundabout at Park Avenue and Three Mile Run Road. It is planned to be constructed in the Spring 2024.

**Adjournment:**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn the regular meeting. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Hart Morano  
Township Manager