

**MINUTES OF THE
THE EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

May 20, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman David Nyman, who led the Salute to the American Flag. Also present were Vice Chairman John Cressman, Supervisor Gary Volovnik, Solicitor Patrick Armstrong, Esquire, Engineer Tim Fulmer, P.E., Township Manager Anne Klepfer and members of the press and public.

Item #1 Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Cressman, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the minutes of April 15, 2008 were approved **unanimously**.

Item #2 Payment of Bills

Mr. Volovnik **moved** to approve payment of the bills list dated May 20, 2008 totaling \$160,790, **seconded** by Mr. Cressman and **approved 3-0**.

Public Comment I – There were no comments at this time.

Item #3 Manager's Report: Anne Klepfer

Eagle Scout Recognition Resolution: Chairman Nyman read **Resolution No. 2008-11** which recognizes Albert John Esposito for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and recognizing his contributions to the Community. **By motion** of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the Resolution was **adopted by a vote of 3-0**. Supervisor Cressman will have the honor of presenting the recognition to Albert John.

Golf Course Survey: Word Works consultants Pam Learned and her husband Stephen West presented the public opinion survey results in a draft power point presentation. Ms. Learned provided the Board with an executive summary, a copy of the power point presentation and a tally of the written general comments submitted on the surveys. The results will be posted on the Township's website for viewing by the public.

Ms. Learned told the Board that East Rockhill Township should be very proud of a terrific 38% response rate in paper replies. A total of 179 replies were also made online, including non-residents which ups the response rate to over 40 percent. This is indicative of a very engaged citizenry.

In summary, interest in the golf course is ambiguous as about half of those surveyed are either somewhat or strongly in favor of the project and at the same time, an equal number of respondents think the golf course should be built immediately as those who think the project should be abandoned.

Men, more than women, and households with higher income, support building the golf course, but most say they wouldn't use it.

Respondents initially do not like the idea of paying additional taxes for the golf course during its start-up years, but when asked what would be an acceptable amount, they were willing to pay \$30-\$50 in additional taxes for it.

The survey also asked responders about communications by the Township. The Township's newsletter and newspaper reports reach the most people. Of the 45% who use the Web site, all but 5% find it useful. However, 55% didn't realize the Township has a website, or haven't used it. Residents were also split on whether or not the Township should use email newsletters to communicate with residents with 47% in favor and 41% not in favor of the service.

The Board of Supervisors thanked Ms. Learned and Mr. West for their efforts in conducting the survey and presenting the results. The Board said they will read through the information and discuss it further beginning at their June Work Session. Based on discussion, Ms. Learned indicated that she will revise the final version of the report and work with Mrs. Klepfer to get everything posted to the website as promised.

By motion of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the Manager's Report was **unanimously approved**.

Item #4: Planning Commission Report – Anne Fenley reported that the Planning Commission reviewed the B&D Builders plan, recommended Draper DBS for final plan approval, reviewed the Holly Brooks Farm Subdivision and discussed the Bedminster Comprehensive Plan.

By motion of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the Planning Commission Report was **unanimously approved**.

Item #5 PWTA Report – Mr. Cressman summarized the minutes from April and reported that the May meeting was held May 19th due to Memorial Day. He also announced that PWTA hired Lisa Salno as the Administrative Assistant to Kevin Franks. With regard to the on going discussion of additional EDU's, more will be allocated to member municipalities proportionate to capital contributions.

By motion of Mr. Nyman and **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board **approved** the PWTA Report **3-0**.

Item #6: Engineer's Report- Tim Fulmer, P.E.

Draper DBS Final Plan: Planning Commission recommended Final Plan Approval conditioned upon compliance with the May 1, 2008 C. Robert Wynn Associates letter. Brad Clymer from Mast Associates represented Draper DBS. He reviewed the May 1, 2008 review letter with the Board. Outstanding items that approval would be conditioned upon included PADOT permits for the HOP and for Perkasio Borough Authority's water line extension, and the calculation of fees in-lieu-of Recreation land. Mr. Fulmer said his office calculated the fee at \$4,984.00. **By motion** of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by

Mr. Volovnik, the Board **voted 3-0** to grant final plan approval to the Draper DBS land development plan subject to compliance with items listed in the May 1, 2008 C. Robert Wynn Associates letter including the recreation fee in-lieu-of.

Extensions: The Township received an extension from Hollybrook Farms through June 30, 2008 to complete its review.

Vouchers: **By motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **seconded** by Mr. Cressman voucher requests from First Baptist Church (\$228.72) and Penridge School District (\$747.27) for inspection services as listed on the May 7, 2008 Authorization Vouchers report was **approved 3-0**.

By motion of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the Engineer's Report was **approved 3-0**.

Item #7: Solicitor's Report – Patrick Armstrong, Esq.

Pending Ordinances: Mr. Armstrong reported that the Zoning Ordinance Amendment previously scheduled for consideration this evening has been advertised for adoption at the June 17th Regular meeting along with the SALDO Amendment due to the fact that the newspaper did not print the legal notice as requested.

Penridge School District Zoning Hearing: **By motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, the Board **voted 3-0** to authorize the Township's Solicitor to attend, on behalf of the Township, the Penridge School District's zoning hearing for the height of athletic field lighting. The Board would like to submit a written statement of their recommended conditions for approval to the Zoning Hearing Board.

By motion of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik the Solicitor's Report was accepted **unanimously**.

Item #8 Emergency Services Report:

The Board acknowledged reports from Perkasio, Sellersville and Dublin Fire Companies, **by motion** of Mr. Cressman, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, **voting 3-0**.

Item #9 Other Business :

The minutes should reflect that the Record Plan for the East Rockhill Township Five-Acre Subdivision Plan was signed per the recommendation of the Township Engineer.

Public Comment II

Follow-up questions from the press regarding the public opinion survey were fielded by the Board. Chairman Nyman indicated the next step would be to begin to analyze and review the results at the work session in June.

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Item #10: Adjournment:

On motion by Mr. Cressman, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board adjourned at 8:55 P.M. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor.**

The next Regular Meeting – June 17, 2008, 7:00 PM. .

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne W. Klepfer, Secretary / Township Manager

Date Approved