

**Minutes of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors**  
**Work Session**  
**Tuesday, August 12, 2008**  
**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman David R. Nyman. Also present was Vice-Chairman John R. Cressman, Supervisor Gary W. Volovnik as well as Township Manager Anne W. Klepfer, and Solicitor John B. Rice, Esquire, and Engineer Tim Fulmer, P.E., as well as members of the press and public.

**Item #1. Approval of Minutes**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, the July 8, 2008 Work Session Minutes were **approved 3-0**.

**Item #2. Payment of Bills**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, to approve the Bills List totaling \$35,796.88 dated August 12, 2009. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor**.

Public Comment Period #1: There were no public comments.

**Item #3. Manager's Report:**

Word Works Agreement: The Board reviewed the Word Works agreement for the consulting firm to design and launch a new website for the Township. Mr. Cressman asked if it would be updated or entirely overhauled. The contract calls for an additional \$6,000 per year beyond the \$4,000 the Township currently pays for management and upkeep of the website. Mrs. Klepfer informed the Board that based on responses received from the Citizen Survey conducted, the consensus was that the current website has a lot of information but that the information is hard to access and the site is not user friendly. It's appearance and capabilities are also dated. The proposal from Word Works is for a complete overhaul of the site. It will add search capabilities, it will make critical information available with one mouse click or less and it will be re-organized to reflect how residents might look for information rather than how municipal officials might look for information. The proposal is also for the Township staff to handle much of the routine updating of documents and the calendar so the hourly charges will be reduced after the Township staff becomes proficient at that responsibility.

Anne Fenley commented that she finds the current website difficult to use and navigate.

By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, the motion to approve the Word Works Agreement dated July 31, 2008 was **unanimously approved**.

Resolution NO. 2008-14: This Resolution recognizing Steve Funk for thirty years of service to the Township was deferred until the Regular Meeting due to Mr. Funk's absence this evening.

**Item #4. Public Works Report:** No Report.

**Item #5. PWTA Report:**

Mr. Cressman reported that the minutes for the last PWTA meeting will be ready for the Regular Meeting and deferred his report.

**Item #6. Solicitor's Report:**

S1-Zoning District Ordinance: The Board of Supervisors discussed and reviewed a draft of the S1-Zoning District Ordinance prepared by Solicitor Rice as a revision to an ordinance submitted through a Request for a Zoning Change. The zoning ordinance revision is based on objectives outlined in the Township's Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Cressman and Mr. Volovnik said that while they realize they are reviewing an ordinance now, the potential impact of development under the ordinance concern them. They are concerned about impact on off-site facilities, traffic on surrounding roads, flooding and storm water management issues, increased crime and road improvements. Further discussion was tabled until the September Work Session.

Perkasie Borough Authority: Solicitor Rice reported that he is making revisions to the draft agreement that PBA submitted to the Township regarding the proposed Cedar View Water Extension project. Resident Anne Fenley asked if affected property owners are being required to connect to the public water. The Board is not in favor of instituting a mandatory water connection requirement, however it is believed that residents should want to connect given the known TCE contamination of the water table and that if connection is made as a result of the water extension project the costs for the connection as well as the private lateral connection costs are proposed to be covered by grant funds. Any late connections will be subject to Perkasie Borough Water Authority's connection fees and homeowners will be responsible for the cost of connection from the right-of-way to their homes.

Solicitor Rice also discussed the Water District Ordinance and Conservation Easement documents with the Board. Minor revisions are still being worked on but they should be ready for consideration by the Board shortly.

America Responds with Love Agreement: Mr. Rice reported that the Not-for-Profit group had their Attorney look at the revisions made to the proposed agreement for them to lease land from East Rockhill Township. The Township cannot agree to the wording they desired and they can't seem to agree to the wording the Township is requiring. A final draft will be forwarded to them and they will be advised that if they cannot agree to the terms, then they will need to find another location.

Community College Developer's Agreements: No action is needed, however Solicitor Rice informed the Board that he has Developers' Agreements for the Community College ready for signature.

**Item #7. Engineer's Report:** Tim Fulmer was filling in for C. Robert Wynn. He had nothing on his report to discuss with the Board.

**Item #8 PACC Report** – Mr. Nyman reported that while PACC has not been meeting over the summer formally, representatives of PACC have been meeting to explore converting the regional planning committee into a formal Council of Governments (C.O.G.).

**Item #9. Other Business:**

Mr. Cressman asked Mrs. Klepfer to take care of some maintenance items such as updating the bulletin boards in the park, cleaning up broken glass in the skateboard park and notifying the Greenjackets that they need to conform to the Township's parking regulations.

The Board also asked Mrs. Klepfer to continue working with the Solicitor's office on the Fireworks Ordinance and indicated that they were comfortable to limiting the use of fireworks to 200' from any structure and/or prohibiting the use of fireworks in the higher density residential zoning districts such as the R-1 and Suburban districts.

**Public Comment Period #2** – The Board fielded questions from members of the press.

**Item #9. Adjournment:**

Mr. Cressman **moved** and Mr. Volovnik **seconded**, to adjourn the meeting into a Real Estate Executive Session at 8:25 P.M. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne W. Klepfer  
Secretary / Manager

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_