

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

**August 19, 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 John Rice, Esquire, Engineer C. Robert Wynn, P.E., Township Manager Anne Klepfer and members of the press and public.

**Item #1: Approval of Minutes**

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

**Item #2: Payment of Bills**

Mr. Cressman **moved** to approve payment of the bills list dated August 19, 2008 totaling \$259,455.09, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik and **approved 3-0**.

**Public Comment I** – Deane Riniker of 213 Crest Drive asked the Board when the developer plans to complete the final paving and clean up the site? He said the basins are severely over grown and the street is in poor condition. He also complained about a small strip of grass that is not being maintained properly. Public Works Director Steve Funk said he would take care of the grass strip. Township Engineer Bob Wynn said the developer's agreement calls for the improvements to be completed by the end of this September. His office has been trying to follow up with the developer but has not had much luck getting any response. If the improvements are not completed by September the Township can take action to find the developer in default and seize the financial security to have the improvements completed. His office will continue to try to work with the developer to avoid this but it may be necessary.

Sandy Gordon from Greenleaf Circle was present. She asked if the new type of storm water basin design the Township is considering for the basin behind her home will attract more mosquitoes or geese. Township Engineer Bob Wynn said that the wetland basins have been found to have fewer mosquitoes because they attract other bugs that eat the mosquitoes. There are similar basins that have been installed in other municipalities that have been checked by the Bucks County Health Department and to date there have been no problems. As far as geese go, the birds don't like grass and plants that grow higher than 18" which is why you see them in mostly open areas. The wetland vegetation proposed for the basin will likely be inhospitable to the geese.

Mrs. Gordon also asked if there was any update on the fireworks regulations. The Board informed her that they are still reviewing a draft ordinance prepared by the Solicitor that will restrict the use of fireworks in residential areas. Mrs. Gordon said that she is having less of a problem with the fireworks but now the same neighbor is blasting their radio and there is a neighborhood ATV problem. It was explained that riding ATV's in the street is prohibited and that the police should be called. In order to enforce the noise ordinance the Township would need to be able to catch them while riding the ATV's to measure the noise. Otherwise the Township can send a letter if the riders can be identified.

**Item #3:      Manager's Report: Anne Klepfer**

Resolution No. 2008-14: The Board of Supervisors wished to recognize Steve Funk for 30 years of service to East Rockhill Township. Mr. Nyman read **Resolution No. 2008-14** which recognized Mr. Funk and then thanked him and praised his special talent of getting something out of nothing and negotiating equipment and assistance from neighboring municipalities. The Resolution was **approved 3-0** by **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **seconded** by Mr. Cressman.

Proposal for Surveying Services: By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik the Board **unanimously** approved a proposal from Dennis M. Litzberger dated August 18, 2008 for surveying services in conjunction with an open space project.

Bid Awards: Received two bids for 1989 Chevrolet Pick-up, highest bid is \$2,231.00 from Ted Covington Sales; received two bids for 1997 Crown Victoria, highest bid is \$631.00 from Ted Covington Sales. Other bids were \$1,009.00 and \$359.00 respectively from Police Car Store LLC of Bala Cynwyd, PA. By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, the Bid from Ted Covington Sales for the 1989 Chevy Pick-up and the Bid from Ted Covington Sales for the 1997 Crown Victoria were **accepted unanimously**.

Public Works Report: Mr. Funk thanked the Board for acknowledging his contributions to the Township. He said that this month they have been using the new road mower to maintain the road right-of-ways. They completed some minor paving and pipe replacement throughout the Township. The re-paving of Three Mile Run Road is delayed in order to wait until PBA has moved forward with their project. The crew was also busy removing graffiti from the Stone Edge Road bridge.

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

**Item #4:      Planning Commission Report:**

Mr. Nyman reported that the Planning Commission reviewed a proposed two-lot subdivision submitted by Rockhill Developers LLC. That was the only item of business.

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

**Item #5:      PWTA Report:**

Mr. Cressman reported that PWTA is working on their Budget and indicated that 4.5 million gallons was the highest daily flow. Mr. Cressman also suggested a newsletter article about the impact of Phosphorous on the creeks and the impact of DEP regulations on Sewer Treatment Plants and the costs associated with operating them.

By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **seconded** by Mr. Nyman, the PWTA Report was **unanimously approved**.

**Item #6: Engineer's Report: C. Robert Wynn, P.E.**

Mr. Wynn had no report this evening.

**Item #7: Solicitor's Report: John Rice, Esq.**

Solicitor Rice reported that the Pennridge School District Developer's Agreements and Plans will be ready for signature and recording shortly. He reviewed the draft Fireworks Ordinance with the Board and discussed the Zoning Ordinance Amendments in that review and revisions to the Ordinance are on-going. He also reported that the Lower Court's decision in the lawsuit against Sellersville Borough was upheld by the appeals court.

**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:**

Mrs. Klepfer asked the Board to approve sending Marianne Morano to the Upper Bucks Leadership Program sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The cost of the program for East Rockhill Township is \$350 due to a scholarship being offered by the Chamber. **By motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, Mrs. Klepfer's request was approved **unanimously**.

**Public Comment II** – No further comments.

**Item #10: Adjournment:**

**On motion** by Mr. Cressman, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board adjourned at 7:42 P.M. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor**.

The next Regular Meeting – September 16, 2008, 7:00 PM. .

Respectfully Submitted,

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Anne W. Klepfer, Secretary / Township Manager

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Date Approved