

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

December 16, 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 C. Robert Wynn, P.E., Township Manager Anne Klepfer and members of the press and public. Chairman Nyman announced that an Executive session for personnel was conducted prior to the meeting and that an Executive Session for real estate and litigation will be conducted at the end of the meeting.

Item #1: Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Cressman **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik the minutes of November 18, 2008 were approved **unanimously**.

Item #2: Payment of Bills

Mr. Volovnik **moved** to approve payment of the bills list dated December 16, 2008 totaling \$49,026.98 and advance the Treasurer funds to pay utilities, insurances and bills due prior to the next meeting, **seconded** by Mr. Cressman and **approved 3-0**.

Public Comment I There were no public comments made at this time.

Item #3: Manager's Report: Anne Klepfer

Word Work Presentation: Pamela Learned and Michelle Noonan presented a summary of the Website remake project. They displayed and provided the Board with a map of the site navigation to demonstrate how they improved navigation and made searching easier and more intuitive. They also demonstrated how they consolidated and reorganized the voluminous data that already existed. To celebrate the launching of the new website they presented the Board with a cake decorated with the Township's home page. Chairman Nyman cut the cake and thanked Ms. Learned and Ms. Noonan for their professionalism and great ideas.

Resolution No. 2008-19: A Resolution adopting the final 2009 Budget totaling \$4,246,470. By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **second** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board voted to adopt the 2009 Budget by a **vote of 3-0**.

Resolution No. 2008-20: A Resolution Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for 2009 at 5.225 mills General and 1 mill Fire for a total of 6.225 mills. By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **second** by Mr. Cressman, the Board voted to adopt Resolution No. 2008-20 by a **vote of 3-0**.

Resolution No. 2008-21: A Resolution setting the Street Light Assessment at \$30.00 per affected property. By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **second** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2008-21 by a **vote of 3-0**.

Hilltown Agricultural Security District Application: By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **second** by Mr. Volovnik the Board **voted 3-0** to send a letter of support for Tax Parcel No. 12-14-59's inclusion in the Hilltown Agricultural Security District.

Fire Company Letter: By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **second** by Mr. Cressman, the Board **voted 3-0** to send a letter of support to Bucks County Emergency Services in support of Perkasio Borough Fire Company's application to be a Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest first responder.

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

Item #4: Planning Commission Report: The Planning Commission did not meet in December.

Item #5: PWTA Report:

Mr. Cressman reported that PWTA had a very short meeting and he didn't have anything to report.

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.

Vouchers: By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **second** by Mr. Volovnik the Authorization Voucher dated December 12, 2008 for Crestview and Leister was **approved 3-0**.

Extensions: Mr. Wynn reported that he is in receipt of an extension from B&D Builders through June 30, 2009 but had not yet received an extension for the Rockhill Builders project on Callowhill Road. Mr. Volovnik **moved** to deny the Rockhill Builder's project based on the Township Engineer's recommendations absent an extension received no later than December 31, 2008. Mr. Cressman **seconded** the motion and the motion **carried 3-0**.

Mr. Cressman **moved** to approve the Engineer's Report. The motion was **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik and was **unanimously approved**.

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

Delaware Valley Health Insurance Trust Ordinance: Solicitor Armstrong introduced Ordinance No. 244 and indicated that it had been properly advertised for a public hearing and consideration of adoption and a copy was made available at the Law Library and at the Township Office. The purpose of the Ordinance is to authorize the Township to enter into an Agreement with Delaware Valley Health Insurance Trust to provide health and dental medical insurance to the Township and to enter into an Agreement for such coverage. The Public Hearing began at 7:30 PM and there were no public comments and ended immediately. Present for discussion and information about DVHIT were Anna Linn and Rick Lee. By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **second** by Mr. Volovnik **Ordinance No. 244** was **unanimously adopted**.

DVHIT Agreement: By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **second** by Mr. Cressman, the Board **unanimously voted** to approve the DVHIT Agreement.

Tax Anticipation Note Resolution: By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **second** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board by **3-0 vote** adopted **Resolution No. 2008-22** authorizing a Tax Anticipation Note Borrowing from First Service Bank (National Penn Bank) at a rate of 3.59% conditioned upon bank fees being waived.

PBA Water Extension Agreement: Solicitor Armstrong reported that the agreement is still being finalized.

AT&T Conditional Use Hearing Applications: The Board acknowledged receipt of a Conditional Use application for a new cell tower. However, the application also requires zoning relief and the Solicitor's Office will advise the applicant to proceed to the Zoning Hearing Board first.

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

Item #10: PACC Report –Mr. Nyman summarized the discussions from the November PACC Meeting. They are still focused on trying to formalize PACC. The next PACC meeting is January 22nd.

By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **second** by Mr. Volovnik the PACC report **was accepted**.

Item #9: 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 #10: Other Business:

Public Comment II – There were no public comments.

Item #10: Adjournment:

On motion by Mr. Cressman, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board adjourned into an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters at 8:00 P.M. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor**. The Board next meets to re-organize on January 5, 2009 at 6:30 PM followed by a Work Session. The next Regular meeting is January 20, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne W. Klepfer, Secretary / Township Manager

Date Approved