

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

January 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 John B. Rice, 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 and real estate would be conducted at the end of the meeting.

Item #1: Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Volovnik **seconded** by Mr. Cressman the minutes of December 16, 2008 were approved **unanimously**.

Item #2: Payment of Bills

Mr. Volovnik **moved** to approve payment of the bills list as of December 31, 2008 totaling \$19,426.29 and the bills list dated January 20, 2009 totaling \$134,647.83 for a total of \$154,074.02. The motion was **seconded** by Mr. Cressman and **approved 3-0**.

Public Comment I: Mark Dornstreich complimented the road crew on their winter maintenance efforts.

Item #3: Manager's Report: Anne Klepfer

Eagle Scout Recognition: By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **second** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board **unanimously** Adopted **Resolution No. 2009-05** recognizing Andrew David White for completion of his Eagle Scout project and attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.

H20 PA Grant Application: By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **second** by Mr. Cressman, the Board **unanimously** adopted **Resolution No. 2009-06** authorizing application for the H20 PA Grant program for funds to replace or upgrade the pumping station.

Sellersville Fire Company Dinner: It was decided that Mr. Cressman and Mr. Nyman would attend.

Mr. Cressman **moved** to approve the Manager's Report. The motion was **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik and **approved 3-0**.

Item #4: Planning Commission Report: Anne Fenley reported that the Planning Commission reviewed the AT&T cell tower zoning hearing board application and recommended preliminary approval to the Peace Lutheran Church land development plan.

Mr. Cressman **moved** to approve the Manager's Report. The motion was **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik and **approved 3-0**.

Item #5: PWTA Report: Mr. Cressman reported PWTA had a very short meeting and he didn't have anything additional to report.

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

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

Blooming Glen Road: The Board opened the floor to take public comments on whether or not to leave the one-way restriction in place on Blooming Glen Road. Beverly High of 1200 Branch Road commented that during athletic events, there are cars parked on both sides of Blooming Glen Road and all over the place and she ends up picking up all of their trash. With regard to the road restrictions she suggested that additional signs or increased enforcement are needed to prevent one-way violators. Mark Dornstreich of 1501 Branch Road stated that the one way restriction on Blooming Glen has increased traffic on Branch Road. He requested that the existing farm equipment crossing sign be relocated and that an additional sign be posted. Mr. Dornstreich said that Joe Bush from the County is cooperating with him with regard to access when the iron bridge is under repair. He also commented that he never encountered any problems with 2-way traffic on the bridge prior to the restriction.

Mr. Nyman stated that he thinks the one way restriction balances the traffic flow.

Mr. Kevin Kochanski of Winterberry Drive said that the one-way restriction encourages drivers to cross the bridge more quickly and they don't stop for the pedestrian crossing. He commented that parking along the road could cause site distance and safety problems and he reviewed a sketch he prepared of a possible parking-lot that could improve the parking problem during athletic events. He agrees that more parking is needed.

Anne Fenley also of Branch Road commented that her personal opinion is that Blooming Glen Road should be a two-way street. However, Mrs. Fenley is in favor of restricting school buses from use of the bridge. Chairman Nyman commented that the only way to legally reduce bus and other larger vehicle traffic is by limiting them to one-way traffic because the bridge's design does not support a weight restriction.

Having received public comments at this meeting, at prior meetings and via correspondence, Chairman Nyman asked if there was a motion with regard to the traffic pattern on Blooming Glen Road. By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **second** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board by a **3-0 vote** approved maintaining the Blooming Glen one-way designation currently in place for an indefinite term.

Vouchers: By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **second** by Mr. Volovnik the Board **3-0** voted to approve the Authorization Voucher dated January 7, 2009 and accepts the First Baptist Church improvements thus far completed and commence the 18 month maintenance period as recommended by the Township Engineer.

Extensions: Mr. Wynn reported that he is in receipt of an extension for the High Tract through July 21, 2009, the Goepfert minor Subdivision through April 30, 2009, and the Wright Subdivision through December 31, 2009.

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: John Rice, Esq.

PBA Water Extension Agreement: Solicitor Rice reported that the Agreement allowing for the joint administration of the Cedarview Water Extension Project is ready for the Board's approval. He summarized the Agreement. Resident Mark Dornstreich of Branch Road inquired if the public water connections would be mandatory. Mr. Rice explained that the agreement authorizes the administration of a grant for a project to connect 48 homes to public water. All wells servicing residential use on those properties must be capped and the homes connected to public water. By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **second** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board **unanimously** approved execution of the Agreement.

PBA Conservation Easement: Solicitor Rice reported that the Conservation Easement should be available for finalization next month along with the Water District Ordinance.

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

Item #8: PACC Report –Mr. Nyman reminded the Board that the next PACC meeting is January 22nd and he will have a report in February.

Item #9: Emergency Services Report:

Mrs. Klepfer noted that Annual Reports from Perkasio Fire Company, Dublin Fire Company and Quakertown Borough Fire Company. The Board acknowledged monthly reports from Perkasio, Sellersville and Dublin Fire Companies, by **motion** of Mr. Cressman, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, **voting 3-0**.

Item #10: Other Business:

Personnel: Chairman Nyman announced that the Board has agreed to extend Mrs. Klepfer's employment agreement for an additional five years. By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **second** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board **unanimously** approved an updated employment agreement for Mrs. Klepfer.

Moyer Zoning Hearing: By motion of Mr. Volovnik and second by Mr. Cressman the Board voted 3-0 to have the Township consultants review the Moyer Zoning Hearing application with Zoning Officer Michael Gardner and make a recommendation for appropriate size restrictions for any residential structure built on the undersized property should a variance be granted by the Zoning Hearing Board.

Public Comment II – Perkasio Fire Company Chief David Worthington suggested that Mrs. Klepfer include a reminder to residents to trim tree branches along their driveways that might interfere with a fire truck reaching their home.

Item #10: Adjournment:

On motion by Mr. Cressman, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board adjourned into an Executive Session to discuss real estate and personnel matters at 8:25 P.M. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor**. The next Regular meeting is February 17, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne W. Klepfer, Secretary / Township Manager

Date Approved