

MINUTES OF THE  
THE EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 16, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Chairman John Cressman, who led the Salute to the American Flag. Also present were Supervisor Jim Nietupski, Solicitor John B. Rice, Engineer Steve Baluh, Public Works Director Jeff Scholl and members of the press and public.

**Item #1: Approval of Minutes**

By **motion** of Mr. Nietupski and **second** by Mr. Cressman, the minutes of January 19, 2010 were unanimously **approved 2-0**.

**Item #2: Payment of Bills**

On **motion** by Mr. Nietupski, **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, the Bills List of February 16, 2010 totaling \$104,182.01 was **approved 2-0**.

**Public Comment I- Non Agenda Items:**

Mr. David Nyman of Schwenkmill Road provided the Board with a typed summary of his thoughts on a response to the public comments and concerns submitted by Mildred B. Hendricks to the Board at their Work Session.

Mr. Nyman asked the Board of Supervisors for a copy of the Economic Development Committee proposal Mr. Nietupski distributed to Board members at the February 9, 2010 Work Session. Mr. Nietupski responded that it is a draft Resolution that has not yet been considered or discussed by the Board and he is not ready to make it public yet. Mr. Nyman took exception to this response and reminded Mr. Nietupski of his pledge to make Township records more accessible to residents. Mr. Nietupski responded that he did not wish to debate Mr. Nyman and that the proposal would be reviewed by the Board in the near future.

Mr. John Walton of 1920 Ridge Road, a Township rental property, addressed the Board. He apologized to the Board for getting behind in his rent, but said it was a tough time and promised to be on time with his rent in the future. Mrs. Klepfer told Mr. Walton that each month she receives his rent later and later into the month and then it becomes more difficult to collect the next month's rent. She explained to Mr. Walton that the Township borrows money and pays interest on that loan just so that the Township can pay all its bills on time. She explained to him that the Township depends on the rental income to pay its bills and she expects him to pay his rent on time. Mr. Walton again thanked the Board and promised to have his rent paid on time.

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

Public Works Report: A snow storm prevented Mr. Scholl from giving his report at the Work Session. Mr. Scholl reported that the Township is 60% through its salt budget but that we got through the storms well except that he had replaced a truck transmission on the fly. He reported that his crew continues to clean snow up from the walking paths and corners but all in all he thought the Township weathered the storms well.

**Item #4: Planning Commission Report:** The Planning Commission Meeting was cancelled in February.

**Item #5: PWTA Report:** John Cressman

Mr. Cressman reported that PWTA reorganized and reviewed who the officers are for 2010. He also reported that Perkasio Borough is conveying EDUS to Hilltown as part of their law suit settlement agreement.

**Item #6: PACC Report:** Mr. Cressman explained the history of the Penridge Area Cooperative Committee and emphasized that participation in and funding for it has always been voluntary. He reported that in January the members of PACC discussed Hilltown's letter withdrawing their membership and PACC's response. Mr. Cressman said that the other members of PACC feel that Hilltown's letter indicates a misunderstanding of what PACC is about and how it operates. PACC would like to continue to communicate with Hilltown and would welcome them back to participate, attend or communicate with PACC.

**Item #7 Police Commission Report** – Mr. Cressman reviewed the Chief's Report for January and February to date. He noted that Officer Daniel Forbes was awarded the Officer of the Year Award and that letters of Recognition were given to Officer Daniel Branch and Officer Daniel Forbes for apprehending a burglar following an attempted burglary.

**Item #8 Engineer's Report:** Steve Baluh P.E.

Voucher's Dated February 15, 2010: Engineer Baluh noted one voucher listed on his Voucher Report. It is to reimburse the Township for Legal Fees previously billed for the Wismer Subdivision. By **motion** of Mr. Nietupski and **second** by Mr. Cressman, the Board **voted 2-0** to approve the Voucher Report dated February 15, 2010.

**Item #9 Solicitor's Report:** John B. Rice, Esquire.

AT&T Conditional Use Decision: Solicitor Rice presented the Board with a draft Decision to deny the application of AT&T for the construction/location of a cell tower. By **motion** of Mr. Nietupski and **second** by Mr. Cressman, the Board **voted 2-0** to approve the decision as prepared by Solicitor Rice.

Reconsideration of the High Tract: By **motion** of Mr. Nietupski and **second** by Mr. Cressman the Board of Supervisors **voted 2-0** to re-instate the High Tract Subdivision with conditions, including submission of revised preliminary plans for a three lot subdivision before April 1, 2010. The conditions will be outlined in a letter sent to the applicant by John Rice.

**Item #10: Emergency Services Report:** Reports were received from Dublin, Sellersville and Perkasio Fire Departments. Chief David Worthington also distributed Perkasio Borough Fire Department's Long Range Capital Budget Report for the Board's information.

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, the Board **voted 2-0** to acknowledge the reports received. **With no discussion, all voted in favor.**

**Item #10: Other Business:**

Mr. Nietupski noted that it was his motion to send direct notification to adjacent property owners informing them that the Township is considering cellular tower land leases at the Sewer Plant property and municipal complex property.

Mr. Nietupski also questioned what files Mr. Nyman removed from file room. Mr. Nyman replied that he removed some of his personal files that he maintained from his last four years as Supervisor.

**Public Comment II** – There was none.

**Adjournment:**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, **seconded** by Mr. Cressman the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM With no additional comment, **both voted in favor.**

The next Regular meeting will be March 16, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Anne W. Klepfer, Secretary / Township Manager

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Date Approved