

MINUTES OF THE
THE EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 18, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman John Cressman, who led the Salute to the American Flag. Also present were Vice-Chairman Gary Volovnik, Supervisor Jim Nietupski, Solicitor Patrick Armstrong, Engineer Steve Baluh, Township Manager Anne Klepfer and members of the press and public.

Item #1: Approval of Minutes

By **motion** of Mr. Nietupski and **second** by Mr. Volovnik, the minutes of April 20, 2010 were unanimously **approved 3-0**.

Item #2: Payment of Bills

On **motion** by Mr. Volovnik, **seconded** by Mr. Nietupski, the Bills List of May 18, 2010 totaling \$140,254.24 was **approved 3-0**.

Public Comment I- Non Agenda Items: There were no public comments.

Item #3: Manager's Report:

EDU Turnback: Mrs. Klepfer asked the Board to consider a request to turnback one edu from 1536 Park Avenue. The new owner of the property is paying for two edus because the previous owner had a trailer home hooked up to public sewer on the same property as the house. The trailer has now been removed and the new owner does not need the second edu and wants to discontinue rent on it. By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **second** by Mr. Nietupski, the Board **approved 3-0** the "turn back" of one edu from 1536 Park Avenue effective this date.

Stream Bank Erosion Project. Mrs. Klepfer reported that the Township Engineer has discussed the stream bank erosion on the East Branch of the Perkiomen Creek. The problem will qualify for an emergency permit from DEP to take steps to prevent further erosion. However, the work needs to be completed within 30 days of receipt of the permit and the Township still needs to investigate sources of funding and determine the best time to do the work. The East Branch of the Perkiomen Creek is a trout stocked stream and the Township will need to do the work when DEP determines it is the least disruptive.

Item #4: Planning Commission Report:

Mr. David Nyman substituted for Mrs. Fenley and provided the Planning Commission report. He reported that the Planning Commission completed their review and drafting of the Village Commercial Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission also listened to residents and neighbors of the High Tract proposed 3-lot subdivision off Old Bethlehem Pike. The applicant did not show up for the meeting but the Planning Commission listened to their concerns regarding stormwater management, wells, tree removal and blasting impact. The Planning Commission also reviewed the revised Geisert Subdivision final plan and recommended approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Item #5: PWTA Report: Mr. Cressman reported that the April PWTA meeting only lasted 19 minutes. They discussed participation in the Municipal Utilities Alliance for bulk purchase of electricity.

Item #6: PACC Report: Mr. Nietupski reported that the meeting attendance included Dublin Borough, East Rockhill Township, West Rockhill Township and Bedminster Township as well as the Chamber. The developing areas of possible cooperation that members are interested in pursuing included joint purchasing of electricity, waste management and recycling/yardwaste, and natural gas/propane fueling stations and fleet conversion.

Item #7 Police Commission Report – Mr. Nietupski reviewed the Pennridge Regional Police Department’s April Monthly Activity Report for East Rockhill Township as distributed at the April 28th Police Commission Meeting. Mr. Nietupski corrected his previous report that the Commission authorized \$6,000 worth of expenses to finalize a bid package, and noted that the expense authorized was finalizing the floor plans. Mr. Nietupski also announced that an Executive Session meeting of all three Supervisors from both East Rockhill Township and West Rockhill Township is scheduled to take place at the office of Grim Biehn and Thatcher on Tuesday, May 25th.

David Nyman of Schwenkmill Road asked why the statistics Mr. Nietupski reported are different from those included in the public packets. Mr. Nietupski stated he would look into why the Chief’s report for East Rockhill’s Meeting had different statistics for East Rockhill than those contained in the report he provides to Commission members.

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

Geisert Subdivision, five lots, Blooming Glen Road: By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **second** by Mr. Nietupski the Board **voted 3-0** to approve the revisions to the previously approved Geisert Subdivision with all of the conditions of the previous plan and the revised easement description.

Voucher’s Dated May 10, 2010: Engineer Baluh noted one voucher listed on his Voucher Report. It is for \$ 837.75 in Construction Observation/Escrow Administration for the Bucks County Community College. By **motion** of Mr. Nietupski, **second** by Mr. Volovnik, the Voucher Reported dated April 7, 2010 was **approved 3-0**.

Item #9 Solicitor’s Report: Patrick Armstrong, Esquire

Solicitor Armstrong reported draft copies of the Village Commercial Ordinance prepared by the Planning Commission, a solar energy ordinance, geothermal well ordinance and wind energy ordinance are being drafted for review by the Board at their June Work Session.

By **motion** of Mr. Nietupski and **second** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board **voted 3-0** to approve Departmental Reports #3-#9 on the Agenda.

Item #10: Emergency Services Report: Reports were received from Dublin, Sellersville and Perkasio Fire Departments. Mr. Volovnik **moved** to accept the reports. The motion was **seconded** by Mr. Nietupski and **approved 3-0**.

Perkasio Borough Fire Department Chief Dave Worthington recommended that the backyard wood burning furnace ordinance be kept simple and common sense to make it easy for the police to enforce. Mr. Worthington also reported that the new Fire Truck should be received in July.

Item #10: Other Business:

Public Comment II – Mr. Ross DeMario of 412 Three Mile Run Road addressed the Board regarding the invoice he received for a \$34 street light assessment. He asked the Board to reconsider the inclusion of his property in the Street Light District. While his lot was developed as part of the Woodbridge Subdivision, the street lights are on interior roads and his lot and one other lot front Three Mile Run Road. The nearest street light is over 200’ from his property at the entrance to the Ridge Run Subdivision. Mr. DMario stated he wouldn’t mind paying for it if his property benefited from the added safety street lighting provides.

The Board of Supervisors asked Mr. DiMario whether he wanted a street light installed near his property, or wanted to be exempted from the \$34 assessment. He stated that he would like a street light installed. The Board instructed Mrs. Klepfer to look into installing a street light on an existing pole near 412 Three Mile Run Road. The Board also suggested Mr. DiMario check with his neighbors to get their thoughts on the street light, because the light is being installed at Mr. DiMario’s request.

Anne Fenley spoke to the Board about their interest in solar energy and learning more about he benefits and rebates available. She said that her son John Fenley works in the industry and would be willing to attend a Board Meeting to talk to the Board about it. The Board asked Mrs. Klepfer to schedule a time that would be convenient for Mr. Fenley to address the Board.

Adjournment:

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik the Board adjourned to a brief Executive Session for Litigation at 7:55 PM. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor.**

The next Regular meeting will be June 15 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne W. Klepfer, Secretary / Township Manager

Date Approved