

MINUTES OF THE
THE EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

June 15, 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, 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. Volovnik and **second** by Mr. Cressman, the minutes of May 18, 2010 were unanimously **approved 2-0**.

Item #2: Payment of Bills

On **motion** by Mr. Volovnik, **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, the Bills List of June 15, 2010 totaling \$111,244.81 was **approved 2-0**.

Special Presentation – John Fenley

Resident John Fenley made a special presentation to the Board on Solar Energy and current financial opportunities available to the public and the Township. Mr. Fenley works for Sun Prime Energy in Chalfont, Pennsylvania. His presentation explained how solar energy works, how many kilowats each panel produces, how many kilowats are needed for an average size home. He reviewed the state and federal credits and rebates available and explained how renewable energy credits work. He explained the environment needed for optimal installation and certain pitfalls that should be avoided. He suggested that the Township consider provisions in its Ordinances that would encourage planning for solar power energy use.

The Board thanked Mr. Fenley, indicating he provided a lot of information for them to think about and asked for his assistance reviewing the draft energy related ordinances currently under consideration. Mr. Fenley agreed to offer his suggestions.

Public Comment I- Non Agenda Items: Mr. Schnitzler expressed his gratitude to the Township for having the bushes at the park professionally trimmed and taking care of the repairs that were needed.

Item #3: Manager's Report:

PP&L Easement Agreement – By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **second** by Mr. Cressman, the Board **voted 2-0** to authorize the Township Manager to execute an Easement Agreement with PP&L for service to the cell tower proposed for 1622 N. Ridge Road, behind the municipal building.

Sheard's Mill Covered Bridge Bids – By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **second** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board of Supervisors **voted 2-0** to award the contract for the Sheard's Mill Bridge Fire Proofing and Painting Project to Certa Pro Painters of Doylestown, Pennsylvania for the estimated contract price of \$20,687.50 subject to satisfaction of the conditions of the bid and contract award by Haycock Township.

Solid Waste Ordinance Amendment: By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **second** by Mr. Cressman, the Board voted **2-0** to authorize advertisement of the Solid Waste Ordinance Amendment subject to finalization by the Solicitor and Township Manager.

Gannett Fleming Agreement – Pump Station Design & Grant Application: By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **second** by Mr. Cressman, the Board **voted 2-0** to authorize execution of an Agreement with Gannett Fleming to design a replacement pump station and submit an H2O Grant application on behalf of the Township, consistent with the proposal dated June 2009.

Survey Work at Pump Station Site: Engineer Steve Baluh informed the Board that his crew was unable to locate the pins to delineate the boundaries of the Township's property at the Pump Station site on Three Mile Run Road. By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **second** by Mr. Cressman, the Board **voted 2-0** to authorize the Township Engineer to have a boundary survey completed for the property for an estimated cost of \$2,000.

Item #4: Planning Commission Report:

Mrs. Fenley reported that the Planning Commission reviewed two sketch plans from Select Properties. They reviewed a sketch plan for the High Tract which consists of three lots with a proposed shared driveway and they reviewed the McClennan property sketch which proposes 196 units of single family and town home type dwellings. Both projects have frontage on Old Bethlehem Pike.

Item #5: PWTA Report: Mr. Cressman reported that the May PWTA meeting only lasted 24 minutes and consisted of regular business items.

Item #6: PACC Report: PACC did not meet in May.

Item #7 Police Commission Report – Mr. Cressman reviewed the Chief's Report.

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

Extension Requests – Mr. Baluh acknowledged receipt of an extension request for the High Tract and noted the applicant's intent to resubmit preliminary plans for the August Planning Commission.

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

Mr. Armstrong reported that he had one litigation item to discuss with the Board in Executive Session.

Item #10: Emergency Services Report: Reports were received from Sellersville and Perkasio Fire Departments. Mr. Volovnik **moved** to accept the reports. The motion was **seconded** by Mr. Cressman and **approved 2-0**.

Item #10: Other Business: None

Public Comment II

Anne Fenley commented that she has observed tractor trailer trucks on two occasions trying to turn into the College from Blooming Glen Road and getting stuck. Mr. Baluh said he would try

to see if they were deliveries for the college. Regular truck traffic is supposed to take entry from Hillendale Road.

Mr. Swartley questioned whether the signage at the intersection of 5th Street and Blooming Glen Road is adequate to inform drivers the one way designation ahead.

Adjournment:

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, **seconded** by Mr. Cressman the Board adjourned to a brief Executive Session for Litigation at 8:30 PM. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor.**

The next Regular meeting will be July 20, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne W. Klepfer, Secretary / Township Manager

Date Approved