

MINUTES OF THE
THE EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 15, 2011

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 was Vice-Chairman Gary Volovnik and Member Jim Nietupski. Solicitor Patrick Armstrong, Engineer Steve Baluh, Township Manager Anne Klepfer, and members of the press and public were also present.

Item #1: Approval of Minutes

By **motion** of Mr. Nietupski and **second** by Mr. Volovnik, the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2011 were unanimously **approved 3-0**.

Item #2: Payment of Bills

On **motion** by Mr. Volovnik, **seconded** by Mr. Nietupski, the lists of checks presented on a Bill List for February 15, 2011 totaling \$140,179.20 was **approved 3-0**.

Public Comment I- Non Agenda Items: Mr. Hans Schnitzler of the Ridge Run Development praised Jeff Scholl and his Road Crew for the fantastic job they did with snow removal this winter. He also thanked them for clearing the paths at the Community Park but mentioned that they were icy and suggested salt could be applied. He also noted that crack sealing was needed.

#3: Manager's Report:

Bank Resolution 2011-04: By **motion** of Mr. Nietupski and **second** by Mr. Volovnik the Board **3-0** adopted **Resolution Number 2011-04** re-establishing signatories for the Payroll Checking Account at First Service Bank (NPB).

Chroma Group Proposal: By motion of Mr. Nietupski and second by Mr. Volovnik the Board voted **3-0** to accept Chroma Group's proposal for Web Site Management and E-News production.

Plumbers Licensing Ordinance Amendment: Mr. Nietupski **moved** to authorize the Solicitor to prepare the proposed amendment to confirm licensing requirements for plumbers working in the Township. The **motion** was seconded by Mr. Volovnik. Mr. Nietupski stated that he wants to review the draft ordinance thoroughly before authorizing advertisement to make sure that it is reasonable and not excessive regulation. The motion **carried 3-0**.

Item #4: Planning Commission Report:

Mr. Nyman reported that the Planning Commission reviewed a two lot subdivision called the Messina Minor Subdivision. He also noted that the 2010 Year End Report for Planning Commission activity has been submitted to the Board of Supervisors and reflects the countywide trend of reduced activity.

Item #5: PWTA Report: Mr. Cressman reported that the officers/slate for PWTA was retained at reorganization and that the plant continues to operate below capacity.

Item #6: PACC Report: There was no PACC meeting in January. Due to a conflict with the Conditional Use hearing the next PACC meeting will be March 31, 2011.

Item #7 Police Commission Report – Mr. Nietupski reviewed the Chief's Police report and statistics for each township. He stated that it is West Rockhill Township's year to have two

voting members and that he is Chairman of the Police Commission as well as East Rockhill Township's representative. At the last meeting Chief Mettin announced that Gerald Gaittens is the Officer of the Year. He also noted that Charles Baum's District Court district is being expanded. The new building is slightly behind schedule due to weather and the completion date has been pushed back to October.

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

Oak Tree Time Extension: Mr. Baluh noted receipt of a thirty day time Extension for review of the Oak Tree Land Development.

Fifth Street Basin Retrofit Project: By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **second** by Mr. Nietupski, the Board voted 3-0 to authorize the Township Manager Anne Klepfer, to execute the DEP contract for the Growing Greener Grant for the Fifth Street Basin Retrofit Project subject to confirmation of the Tree Vitalization Grant or similar outside funding, and subject to review the contract documents by the Township Solicitor. The motion **carried 3-0**.

Voucher Report dated February 11, 2011: Vouchered releases for Bucks County Community College (\$523.09), Penridge School District (\$316.98) ad Fox Hill Subdivision (\$2,700) were approved **3-0** by **motion** of Mr. Nietupski and **second** by Mr. Volovnik.

First Venture Group Correspondences: The Board discussed Mr. Jim Higgin's request to turn back three (3) edus and revise his reservation agreement to reflect one (1) edu. The Board stated that we would consider the request on condition that First Venture Group pay for the legal expense for altering the agreement, that First Venture Group pay any outstanding balances with the Township or Township's consultants and sign a Professional Service Agreement and post an escrow to ensure these conditions. The Board thanked Mr. Nyman for suggesting the latter requirement.

Item #9 Solicitor's Report Patrick Armstrong, Esquire told the Board he would get them a draft of the Plumbing License Ordinance Amendment for their March Meeting for consideration for adoption in April.

The monthly reports were **unanimously** accepted by the Board by **motion** of Mr. Nietupski and **second** by Mr. Volovnik.

Item #10: Emergency Services Report: Reports were received from Sellersville, Dublin and Perkasio Fire Departments. Perkasio Fire Chief Dave Worthington noted there is a Coalition for Sprinklers that is publishing a study of the impact of sprinklers in those communities that have for several years required them in single family. Mr. Charles Turley of Greenleaf Circle asked what percentage of the average single family home cost would be attributable to sprinklers? Mr. Worthington stated that the cost is largely dictated by whether or not the home is on public water or not. Mr. Volovnik **moved** to accept the Emergency Service Reports. The motion was **seconded** by Mr. Nietupski and **approved 3-0**.

Item #11: Other Business: Mr. Cressman asked to review the year end reports for the Emergency Service providers.

Public Comment II - David Nyman asked why PWTA isn't sending out their packets, calendars, etc. to each member's manager electronically. Mrs. Klepfer stated that she only receives the minutes electronically.

Mr. Nyman commented that he would like to see the Police Department report on speed enforcement measures for Old Bethlehem Pike on a monthly basis for at least six months. He agrees that more public follow-up is necessary.

Adjournment:

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, **seconded** by Mr. Nietupski the Board adjourned the meeting into Executive Session for Litigation and Real Estate at 8:20 PM. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne W. Klepfer, Secretary / Township Manager

Date Approved