

**MINUTES OF THE
THE EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Work Session
September 12, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman David Nyman with member John Cressman present. Also present were Solicitor John Rice, Esq. Solicitor Patrick Armstrong, Esq., Engineer Steve Baluh, P.E., Township Manager Anne Klepfer and Public Works Director Steve Funk, as well as members of the Press and Public.

Item #1: Approval of Minutes:

David Nyman **moved** to approve the minutes of August 8, 2006; the motion was **seconded** by John Cressman. **All voted in favor.**

Item #2: Payment of Bills

David Nyman **moved** to approve the Bill List for September 12, 2006 for bills totaling \$23,458.86; the motion was **seconded** by John Cressman. **All voted in favor.**

Item #3: Manager's Report: Anne W. Klepfer

Items for September 19, 2006 Regular Meeting

Mrs. Klepfer reviewed the following items for Board consideration at the September 19, 2006 Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors: A Resolution endorsing, adopting and recommending training for the National Incident Management System, A Resolution recognizing and acknowledging the 2007 Minimum Municipal Obligation to the Employee Pension Plan, obtaining a proposal for Special Counsel for representation at the Mager Zoning Hearing, and the Community Development Block Grant application and authorizing Resolution. The Board suggested applying for the CDBG money for a contribution to the Senior Center, if nothing else presented itself.

Police Well Pump Invoice from West Rockhill Township

The Board of Supervisors agreed that maintenance of the police facility should be budgeted for in the Budget approved by the Police Commission and that the Regional Police Department should be paying for their own invoices. However, since the matter dates back to June and West Rockhill has already paid half, the Board directed Mrs. Klepfer to have a check prepared for the Regular Meeting to reimburse West Rockhill Township for East Rockhill's proportionate share. The Board suggested that Mrs. Klepfer discuss inclusion of maintenance items in the 2007 Police budget with Chief Mettin.

Health Insurance Recommendation –Keystone Point of Service with no referrals.

Mrs. Klepfer informed the Board that she provided the employees with a detailed memo explaining the changes being considered by the Board and inviting them to speak with her and/or their Supervisors about their questions or concerns so that she could schedule a meeting with the Agent and provide him with their questions. She did not hear back from any employee. Employee Steve Funk was

present and told the Board that he would still like to meet with the Agent before the Board authorizes the change. The Board directed Mrs. Klepfer to place the authorization for the change on the Regular Agenda and to set up a meeting with the Agent for the employees before the Regular Board meeting.

Home School Association

Stefanie Brzezicki was present to discuss what she and the other home school parents could do in terms of improvements to the Markey Park house or Park in lieu of rent or fees for their continued use of the building. The Board discussed perhaps some flower planting, general clean-up around the park or house. The possibility of asking the Boy Scouts to move some of their storage items to the barn instead of in the house was discussed as well. The Board said they are happy to work with the home school group and thanked Mrs. Brzezicki for coming to their meeting.

Bank Proposals

Mrs. Klepfer, Treasurer, stated that she obtained a proposal from First Service Bank of Sellersville/National Penn Bank for their Government Banking Investment program. Mrs. Klepfer said that she believes that the Township can get a better return on their investments than what they are presently getting and she would also like to consolidate accounts. National Penn Bank's Sweep Account product allows local governments to consolidate their bank and maximize their investment. The Board liked the idea but asked Mrs. Klepfer to get proposals from Quakertown National Bank and First Savings of Perkasie and then summarize the proposals for the Board to consider.

Item #4: PWTA Report: John Cressman

Mr. Cressman brought the Board up to speed on the settlement that was voted on and approved regarding the Hilltown litigation. East Rockhill voted against the settlement agreement because no "plug" between systems was mandated. Solicitor Rice asked if Mr. Cressman for a copy of the settlement. The Board asked Mrs. Klepfer to call Kevin Franks and ask for a copy of the agreement. Mr. Cressman reported that he spoke to Mr. Franks about trying to get East Rockhill Township the minutes from the meeting prior in time for East Rockhill's Regular monthly meeting. The August minutes arrived today and were distributed to the Board. July Minutes went out with the Board's packets.

Item #5: Solicitor Report: John B. Rice, Esq.,

John Rice reported that he will have the Joint UCC Board of Appeals Ordinance prepared and advertised for consideration at the September Regular Meeting as well as the EIT Ordinance and the Verizon Franchise Agreement and Ordinance. He will have the Real Estate Transfer Tax Update Ordinance prepared and advertised for consideration at the October Meeting.

Item #6: Engineer Report: Steve Ballah P.E.

Cliff's Auto Body Land Development Plan – Applicant Dan Crowley and the applicant's engineer Dave Key with Cowan were present to answer questions from the Board and discuss the appearance of the building they are proposing. The Board was shown a photo of a sample of the type of modular building they are proposing. The Board asked that the applicant adjust the roof line to create a 6/12 pitched roof. The applicant agreed. The applicant had also previously agreed to a \$5,000 cash escrow fund for a five year period to insure against adverse affects on any nearby wells. John Cressman **moved** to grant final plan approval to the revised final plan for Cliff's Auto Body subject to the August 3, 2006 letter from C. Robert Wynn and Associates, the \$5,000 cash escrow and adjusting the roof to a minimum of a 6/12 pitch. David Nyman **seconded** the motion and **all voted in favor**.

Mr. Baluh reviewed the Planning Commission agenda with the Board and advised the Board that so far his office had received one proposal for the purchase and installation of shade trees. He hoped to get at least one more proposal for the Board to consider at their Regular Meeting. Mr. Baluh said that he and Mrs. Klepfer were continuing to discuss a fee in lieu implementation.

Item #7 - PACC Report

Mr. Nyman reported that the Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee spent the majority of their last meeting discussing the Water Resource Plan and the implementation schedule. Mr. Nyman encouraged everyone to attend the September 28th, 7:30PM PACC meeting at the Bucks County Community College when Dennis P. Livrone from the Bucks County Planning Commission will be doing a presentation on the plan.

Item #8 – Other Business

Branch Road Sewer Extension – The two affected property owners on Branch Road were present to discuss the Township's alternate plan to extend sewer to their homes to address failed systems. The original plan was for a gravity line, but the bids received by the Township made that option cost prohibitive. The Board is now considering a force main with grinder pump system. The residents were generally in favor of the plan. They asked if the route could be adjusted to straight across by way of the Keeler property. The Township agreed to approach the Keeler's and try to adjust the plan. The Board asked Township Engineer Steve Baluh to do a sketch after Steve Funk speaks with Mr. Keeler about the adjustment.

Item #9 – Board of Supervisors Items

David Nyman reported that the Scheards Mill was recommended by the Pennsylvania Museum and Historic Commission for designation to the National Historic Register.

John Cressman discussed the possibility of a dedicated school resource officer funded by multiple municipalities or adoption of a fee or charge for every time the police get called to the High School campus. The Board considered this matter.

Public Comment Period - There was none.

Item #10: Adjournment: On motion by Mr. Nyman, **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, to adjourn into executive session at 9:07pm. **All voted in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne W. Klepfer
Secretary

Date Approved _____