

**MINUTES OF THE
THE EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Work Session
November 7, 2006**

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

Item #1: Approval of Minutes:

John Cressman **moved** to approve the minutes of October 10, 2006; the motion was **seconded** by David Nyman. **All voted in favor.**

Item #2: Payment of Bills:

David Nyman **moved** to approve the Bill List for November 7, 2006; the motion was **seconded** by John Cressman. **All voted in favor.**

First Public Comment Period– There were no public comments

Item #3: Manager's Report – Mrs. Anne Klepfer

Parking Restrictions at the Pines- Solicitor Rice has prepared a draft ordinance that incorporates the State Motor Vehicle Code requirements for parking, standing and stopping into the Township regulations for Township roads. The Supervisors asked why the Township needed to do this if there is already a state law governing the same. It is an enforcement issue and incorporating the state law into the Township Code makes it easier for the local police department to enforce the regulations and for citations to be upheld in Court.

David Nyman **moved** to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the ordinance for adoption on November 28, 2006 and to have Public Works Director Steve Funk devise a parking plan and map for the Pines and Pines II for where the no parking areas will be painted. Mr. Nyman suggested that Mr. Funk identify everywhere the Ordinance could apply to in one color and everywhere he recommends in another. John Cressman **seconded** the motion and the motion **carried 3-0.**

Bids for pipe material and bids for salt – Mrs. Klepfer said that the Township's participation in the Bucks County Consortium's bid for Salt and Pipe Materials needs to be completed by the Township awarding contracts to the lowest responsible bidders. John Cressman **moved** to award the contract for salt to Cargill, Inc.- De-icing? Technology for a contract price of \$44.03 per ton delivered; the contract for vinyl and pvc pipe to Chemung Supply Co. for an estimated total contract price of \$6,000.45; and the contract for inlet tops, boxes and grates to Commonwealth Precast Pipe for a total estimated contract price of \$2,240.00 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bids and the bid amounts received by Bucks County Consortium. David Nyman **seconded** the motion which **carried 3-0.**

Agreement with Hough Associates- David Nyman **moved** to authorize the Township Manager to enter East Rockhill Township into an agreement with Hough Associates for the collecting and reporting of Recycling Data for submission to DEP. John Cressman **seconded** the motion which was **approved 3-0**.

Planning Commission Resignation – David Watt has resigned from the Planning Commission effective the end of the year due to the great number of evenings he is busy due to his job. The Board discussed the pros and cons of five or seven member Planning Commission boards. David Nyman **moved** to accept the resignation of David Watt with ~~reservation~~ regret and to send him a letter thanking him for his service to East Rockhill Township and welcoming him back should his schedule change. John Cressman **seconded** the motion and the motion **carried 3-0**.

Heritage Conservancy Services/Invoices – Mrs. Klepfer informed the Board that the previous invoice from Heritage Conservancy exceeded the maximum contracted amount of service. She sought permission to pay the current invoice and to finish any tasks that are time sensitive for the projects Heritage is currently assisting the Township with. David Nyman made a **motion** to that effect. John Cressman **seconded** the motion and the motion **carried 3-0**.

Land Appraisal- David Nyman told the Board that the Township might be in a position to preserve a property that was previously thought to be untouchable. Mr. Nyman **moved** to authorize Mrs. Klepfer to get a property appraisal. John Cressman **seconded** the motion and the motion **carried 3-0**.

Joint Appeals Board – Mrs. Klepfer and West Rockhill Township Manager are recommending the appointment of Christen Pionzio as Solicitor to the Joint UCC Board of Appeals. The Board was generally agreeable and directed Mrs. Klepfer to have the appointment as a business item on the Regular Meeting agenda. The Board also discussed establishing a fee of \$500 and an escrow of \$500 for any expenses that may exceed the \$500 fee.

Public Works Report – No Report this meeting.

Item #4: PWTA Report: Mr. John Cressman

John Cressman reviewed the minutes of the last PWTA meeting and reported that East Rockhill's capital contribution for 2007 will remain the same and the operating costs will go up just a small amount.

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

Inn Use Regulations Amendment – The draft ordinance has been prepared and circulated to the Township Planning Commission, the Bucks County Planning Commission and the Township Engineer and he is waiting for comments.

Adoption of the Pennridge Area Water Resource Plan- The Plan is proposed to be adopted as an Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan is slated for the November 28, 2006 Regular Meeting.

Gulla Subdivision Sketch Plan- One proposal for planning services has been received and Mr. Rice expects a second one. Mr. Gulla is also having second thoughts about utilizing a Professional Planner and suggested a modified plan with a reduced density. The Board instructed Mrs. Klepfer to tell Mr. Gulla that either he can enter into a Professional Services Contract with the Township and finance the services of a professional planner to review his sketch plan or he can proceed with a formal submission and the Township will hire a planner to review his plan, paid for with the escrow for professional services.

Item #6: Engineer Report: Steve Baluh, P. E.

Mr. Baluh reviewed the Christ Church Subdivision and the Branch Road Sewer Plan with the Board of Supervisors.

Item #7: PACC Report: David Nyman

Mr.. Nyman reported on the October PACC Meeting. The primary subject continues to be the development of a regional yard waste composting program.

Item #8: Other Business

There was no other business.

Item #9 Supervisors' Items

Mr. Nyman share a breakdown of Police activity at the High School by month last year.

Public Comment Session II- There were no public comments.

Item #10: Adjournment :

The Board of Supervisors adjourned into executive session on **motion** by Mr. Nyman, **seconded** by Mr. Cressman at 8:30 PM. **All voted in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne W. Klepfer, Manager

Date Approved _____