

Minutes of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors
Work Session
Tuesday, April 10, 2007
7:00 PM
Minutes

In attendance were Board of Supervisors Gary W. Volovnik, David R. Nyman and John R. Cressman. Also present, Solicitor John B. Rice, Solicitor Patrick Armstrong and Township Manager Anne W. Klepfer, as well as members of the public.

Item #1. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the February 13, 2007 Work Session Minutes, were approved by **motion** of Mr. Nyman, **seconded** by Mr. Cressman and **approved 3-0**.

Item #2. Payment of Bills

Bills totaling \$20,244.00 dated March 28th and April 1-10th, 2007 were approved by **motion** of Mr. Nyman, **seconded** by Mr. Cressman and **approved 3-0**.

Public Comment Period #1- There was none

Item #3. Managers Report: Anne W. Klepfer

Bucks County Covered Bridge Festival: Mrs. Klepfer provided the Board and public with information about the Bucks County Covered Bridge Festival scheduled for June 9-10th at Tinicum Park in Erwinna, PA.

Resolution for UCC Appeal Procedures: Mrs. Klepfer discussed a proposed Resolution setting forth procedures for filing an appeal of the Uniform Construction Code. The Board debated whether or not both East and West Rockhill Township should adopt identical Resolutions or whether or not the Resolution should be adopted by the Appeals Board. The solicitor's office will confer with West Rockhill Township and advise the East Rockhill Board how to proceed. They also discussed some minor clarifications for the Resolution with regard to where the application is filed and the composition of the Board who will hear the appeal based on the jurisdiction of the appeal.

Financing for Road Improvements: Mrs. Klepfer reported that she has received two bank proposals but is waiting to hear whether or not East Rockhill Township's application to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank is approved or not. The rate from the state will be the lowest but she is not sure about the timing for settlement on the loan.

Fuel Bids: The fuel bids have been received and tabulated by the Consortium and will be ready for contract award at the Regular Meeting on April 17, 2007.

Item #4 Public Works Report: Steve Funk

Steve Funk reported that he and Chief Mettin met with Mr. Dornstreich to address his concerns about speeding on Branch Road. Mr. Funk reported that he relocated the caution signs and painted white lines on the road for speed monitoring by the Police and Mr. Dornstreich seems satisfied. Mr. Funk also reported that the Branch Road sewer extension is complete and connections can be made as soon as the DEP permit is received. Mr. Funk also said his crew was busy patching Richland town Road.

Mr. Funk also asked the Board to consider approving a budget amendment to permit him to hire a full-time/seasonal employee for open space maintenance. The Board asked Mr. Funk to get them some numbers and they will consider it.

Item #5. PWTA Report: John R. Cressman

Mr. Cressman discussed Sellersville's intent to sell approximately 20 EDU's for \$5,200 each.

Item #6. Solicitor's Report: John B. Rice, Esq.

Mr. Rice informed the Board that his office has responded to Mr. Massey's appeal of the Zoning Hearing Board's decision.

Mr. Nyman **moved** to approve the Solicitor's Report, **seconded** by Mr. Cressman and **approved 3-0.**

Item #7. Engineer's Report: No Report this evening.

Item #8. PACC Report: Mr. Cressman

Mr. Cressman filled in for Mr. Nyman at the March PACC meeting. Mr. Cressman reported that the William Penn Grant applied for by PACC was not funded. He also reported that PACC is trying to set a tour of BMP's including successful rain gardens.

Item #9. Other Business

PBA Water Main Extension: Mr. Volovnik asked Mrs. Klepfer for an update on the PBA water line extension. The Board discussed their support for residents whose wells will be impacted by the use of Well #7 and their desire for Mrs. Klepfer to make it clear to PBA that if the residents want their wells dug deeper then the Board expects PBA to extend the water line and cap it at their homes in case the deeper wells fail later. Mrs. Klepfer will communicate this to PBA.

Donation: The Board asked Mrs. Klepfer to write a thank you note to Coopersburg H.O.G. to thank them for their donation and advise them that it is being applied to the Park and Recreation Fund.

Bus Stop at Schwenkmill and Branch Road: Mr. Cressman asked Mrs. Klepfer to look into the possibility of getting the bus shelter at Schwenkmill and Branch Road removed due to site distance problems. He feels it presents a safety hazard.

Public Comment Period #2

There were no public comments.

Item #9. Adjournment:

With no further business anticipated, at 8:05 PM, Mr. Nyman **moved** to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss litigation and real estate, **seconded** by Mr. Cressman and **approved 3-0**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne W. Klepfer, Township Manager

Approved: _____