

Minutes of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors
Work Session
Tuesday, May 8, 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, Township Manager Anne W. Klepfer, Township Engineer C. Robert Wynn as well as members of the public.

Item #1. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the April 10, 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 \$289,995.96 dated May 8th 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

Furmanski Tree Replacement Discussion: The applicant, Mrs. Carolyn Furmanski, her son and their Engineer Mr. Paul Dietz of Urwiler and Walter were present to review their Waiver Request Letter dated April 19, 2007 specifically as it pertains to the Township's Tree Replacement Ordinance. After Solicitor Rice informed Mr. Dietz that assertions in his letter are not applicable, Mrs. Furmanski apologized to the Board for the poor advice she was given regarding how to ask for a waiver of the requirement. Calculations indicate that 82 trees would need to be replaced and that the cost to pay a fee in lieu of replacing them totaled approximately \$37,000. Mrs. Furmanski said that this would pose a hardship on her and she might not be able to complete the subdivision necessary for her son to build a house next to hers. She noted that the trees that were cut down were planted by the Furmanski family and are not part of the natural canopy of the forest. She indicated that most of them were planted to close together and should have been weeded out even if a building lot was not planned. Mr. Dietz agreed to revise his letter and ask for the appropriate waiver. Mr. Volovnik and the Board told Mrs. Furmanski that they are happy she is staying in East Rockhill Township and that her son has decided to live next to her. The Board asked if Mrs. Furmanski would agree to make a \$10,000 contribution to the Tree Fund in lieu of replacing the trees and agree to a covenant to pay the full replacement amount should the building lot be sold to someone other than her son. Mrs. Furmanski was agreeable to this. Mr. Dietz said he would revise his Waiver Request letter accordingly and asked that the project be placed on the May 10, 2007 Planning Commission agenda for consideration of waivers and approvals since that was

the last item to address. The Board of Supervisors agreed and directed Mrs. Klepfer to have the Furmanksi Subdivision added to the Planning Commission agenda.

Financing for the Road Improvements. – Solicitor Rice Summarized Ordinance No. 233 that authorizes the increasing of non-electoral indebtedness of the Township under the Local Government Unit Debt Act in the principal amount of \$150,000 for the Improvement of Certain Roadways within the Township. Mr. Volovnik opened the floor for public comment and there was none. By **motion** of Mr. Nyman and **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, **Ordinance No. 233** was **adopted unanimously**.

Mr. Rice summarized **Resolution No. 2007-11** to authorize the Township to enter into a loan agreement with the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank. The Resolution was **unanimously adopted by motion** of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Nyman.

Sinking Fund/Bank Accounts- By **motion** of Mr. Nyman and **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, the Board **unanimously** authorized Mrs. Klepfer to open two new bank accounts and establish a Sinking Fund for the Road Improvement Debt Service. One bank account is for the proceeds of the street light assessment and the other one is for the proceeds of the road improvement borrowing.

Bid Awards- By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Nyman the following contracts were awarded by **unanimous vote** to:

1. Oil & Chip Projects to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions LLC for a unit price of \$1.12 for single coat and \$2.24 for double application for an estimated contract price of \$83,838.72 subject to the terms and conditions of the bid proposal.
2. Micro Seal Projects to Asphalt Paving Systems Inc. for a unit price of \$1.50 for a single application and \$2.29 for a double application for an estimated contract price of \$36,903.00 subject to the terms and conditions of the bid proposal.
3. Inlet Tops and Boxes to Commonwealth Precast Pipe subject to the unit prices contained in the Consortium bid of April, 2007.
4. Polly Black Vynal Piping to Ferguson WaterWorks subject to the unit prices contained in the Consortium bid of April, 2007.

Quakertown Rail Resolution – By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Nyman, **Resolution No. 2007-12** supporting the TMA Bucks effort to restore passenger rail service between Lansdale and Upper Bucks County was **approved unanimously**.

Blooming Glen Road Traffic Study- The Board reviewed the McMahon Associates Traffic Study and noted that it erroneously indicates that Blooming Glen Road is a PennDot road. They also questioned whether any of the bus traffic was included in the traffic counts. The Board asked Mrs. Klepfer to schedule the Traffic Engineer for their June Regular Meeting for public comments on the study and to notify the School District of the Township's intent to consider the recommendations contained in the report.

Three Mile Run Walking Path: The Board reviewed the location of the walking path that they mapped out. They don't anticipate more than a half dozen trees needing to be removed. They would like it to run parallel to Three Mile Run Road from the Perkasio Borough property, pass the well property to the Township's property where it will cross the road and connect into the looped walking path at the park. The Board was clear that the path should keep as far away from the Strause property as possible. Mrs. Klepfer is to communicate this to PBA.

The Manager's Report was **unanimously approved** by **motion** of Mr. Nyman and **seconded** by Mr. Cressman.

Item #4 Public Works Report: Steve Funk

Mr. Funk reported both residents on Branch Road are connected to the recent sewer extension, the Public Works Department completed some patching to the park entrance drive and along Three Mile Run Road.

Mr. Nyman **moved** to accept the Public Works Report. The motion was **seconded** by Mr. Cressman and **approved unanimously**.

Item #5. PWTA Report: John R. Cressman

Mr. Cressman said that PWTA continues to monitor the metering of Utility Water. The results of the first month had quite a bit of variation.

By **motion** of Mr. Nyman and **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik the PWTA Report was **unanimously approved**.

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

Mr. Rice reported that he prepared a Sewage Management Operation and Maintenance Agreement for the Cloonan lot. By **motion** of Mr. Nyman and **seconded** by Mr. Cressman the Board of Supervisors **unanimously approved** the agreement and authorized the execution of it.

Mr. Rice also indicated that the County has approved the Township's proposal to add deed restrictions to ten acres of open space in exchange for removing restrictions on five acres of another property subject to an agreement. By **motion** of Mr. Nyman and **seconded** by Mr. Cressman the Board **unanimously** authorized the Township Engineer and Solicitor to prepare the necessary legal descriptions, plot plan and agreement.

By **motion** of Mr. Nyman and **seconded** by Mr. Cressman the Solicitor's Report was **unanimously accepted**.

Item #7. Engineer's Report: Mr. Wynn indicated that he had nothing to Report this evening.

Item #8. PACC Report: Representative attended.

Item #9. Other Business

Mr. Nyman announced that on May 24, 2007 at the Perkasio Fire House the County Bridge Maintenance department is hosting an informational meeting on installing fire suppression systems in covered bridges. Mr. Nyman also asked Mr. Funk to help out the County Maintenance Department whenever possible.

Mr. Nyman announced that the annual Bucks County Police Association Memorial Services is scheduled for May 10, 2007 at St. Andrews Church in Newtown Township.

Mr. Volovnik asked Mr. Funk to contact PBA about restoring the shoulder of the Road along Three Mile Run Road where Mr. and Mrs. Arnold used to be able to mow. Mr. Funk said he would take care of it.

Mr. Volovnik also mentioned that several residents have contacted him complaining about over flow parking on Butler Lane from public events being held at the Keelersville Club. He asked that the President of the Keelersville Club be contacted and told if they don't correct the situation that the Township will.

Mr. Volovnik asked Mrs. Klepfer if the Driving Range pays for itself. Mrs. Klepfer indicated that over the past few years it has maintained a \$2-5 thousand dollar fund balance.

Mr. Nyman asked if the Township could request a traffic study to determine if the speed could be lowered on Old Bethlehem Road between Ridge Road and the new Lake House Inn.

Public Comment Period #2

There were no public comments.

Item #9. Adjournment :

With no further business anticipated, at 9:00 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: _____