

**Minutes of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors**  
**Work Session**  
**Tuesday, November 13, 2007**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. In attendance were Board of Supervisors Vice-Chairman David R. Nyman and Supervisor John R. Cressman. Also present was Solicitor John B. Rice, Esq., Township Engineer C. Robert Wynn, P.E., Township Manager Anne W. Klepfer as well as members of the press and public.

**Item #1. Approval of Minutes**

**On motion** by Mr. Cressman, **seconded** by Mr. Nyman, the Work Session Minutes of September 11, 2007 were approved 2-0.

**Item #2. Payment of Bills**

**On motion** by Mr. Cressman, **seconded** by Mr. Nyman, to approve the Bills List totaling \$15,146.41 dated September 11, 2007. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor.**

*Public Comment Period #1* – None

**Item #3. Managers Report:**

2008 Draft Budget: Mrs. Klepfer reviewed the draft 2008 Budget she prepared. The Budget totaled \$4,443,430 for all funds. All taxes and assessments are maintained at their 2007 level. Residential Sewer Rates are proposed to remain the same. The Budget is \$64,465 greater than the combined budget for all funds in 2007. The increase is directly attributable to capital expenditures proposed in the Open Space Fund, Capital Project Fund and Liquid Fuels Fund. The General Fund and Sewer Fund are both reduced from the 2007 balancing figures.

Mrs. Klepfer reviewed with the Board the following and reached the following consensus:

1. The consensus to transfer Driving Range Fund Balance at the end of a year to the Parks and Recreation Fund for park operation and maintenance expenses.
2. The need to increase the non-residential (commercial, light industrial, institutional etc.) sewer rates from \$375 annually to \$400 annually billed quarterly.
3. The Wage schedule for full-time employees as proposed by the Township Manager.
4. Oil & Chip projects totaling \$74,080 with the decision of which roads will be improved made later.

5. Application to DCED through Senator Wonderling's office for \$10,000 for matching funds for a DEP Recycling grant to purchase a new leaf vacuum.
6. To include \$5,200 the equivalent of \$1.00 per person in the budget as a possible contribution to start up a regional EMS service.
7. Increasing the cost of a U&O to \$75.00

Mr. Cressman **moved** to authorize the Township Manager to advertise the draft 2008 Budget for public comment. The motion was **seconded** by Mr. Nyman and **approved 2-0**.

EMS: Mr. Nyman provided an update on the preliminary discussions about creation of a regional EMS organization. Each participating municipality is being asked to appoint a representative to the new organization. Mr. Nyman said he is willing to continue to represent East Rockhill Township, but asked that the vote be deferred until the Regular Meeting.

Blooming Glen Road – Mr. Nyman stated that he would like the Board to consider the one-way restriction for at least a year and then re-evaluate the decision. The Board also discussed whether or not it is feasible or desirable to restrict trucks and buses from using the bridge. The discussion was tabled until the Regular Meeting.

Auditing of telephone and utilities: Mrs. Klepfer asked if the Board was familiar with companies that audit three years worth of your utility bills to try to find savings in exchange for about 20% of the found savings for 18 months. The Board said that was an administrative decision and they hadn't any objections if Mrs. Klepfer wanted to pursue such an audit.

Lease on 1920 Ridge Road: Mrs. Klepfer recommended amending the lease to require the lessee to pay for heating oil. Mr. Cressman **moved** to make the recommended change to the lease. The motion was **seconded** by Mr. Nyman and **carried 2-0**.

**Item #4. Public Works Report: Steve Funk, Public Works Director**

Mr. Funk reported he has received good comments on the paving of Blooming Glen Road from the Township line to Branch Road and of Schwenkmill Road from Branch Road to 5<sup>th</sup> Street. He also had to install a holding tank for some of the sewer plant by-product that was previously disposed of with a trash company. It will now be cheaper with the Township to contract with PWTA for the disposal as needed.

Mr. Funk prepared a design for a proposed gate to be used across park entrances in the Township. Discussion of the design was tabled until all three Supervisors are present.

**Item #5. PWTA Report: John R. Cressman** – Mr. Cressman reported that PWTA had a quiet meeting. He distributed a copy of a Resolution adopting a Management Plan for the 654 new connections, of which 182 belong to East Rockhill Township.

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

PBA Well Guaranty: Draft agreements have been exchanged with the solicitor for Perkasio Borough Authority. The Board directed Mr. Rice to finalize the agreement language with the Solicitor for PBA.

Friezo Conditional Use Decision – the written decision for the approved Friezo Conditional Use application was disseminated for review and signature.

Pilleggi Sewage Maintenance Agreement- Mr. Nyman **moved** and Mr. Cressman **seconded** the motion to approve the Sewage Maintenance Agreement for the proposed Pilleggi Shopping Center. The motion was **approved 2-0**.

Local Services Tax: Mr. Rice reported that instead of amending the ordinance that is in place, the ordinance for consideration of the Board at the December Regular Meeting will repeal and replace the current ordinance.

**Item #7. Engineer's Report: C. Robert Wynn, P.E.**

Speed Bumps at the Pines: The Board reviewed Mr. Wynn's letter of October 11, 2007. First, Mr. Wynn reminded the Board that purpose of speed humps is usually to reduce the speed of through traffic, which doesn't seem to be the problem at the Pines.

Mr. Wynn determined there are approximately five (5) locations on Campus Drive where speed humps could be installed. The cost could be between \$35,000 to \$40,000.

The Board asked that a speed study be conducted to better evaluate whether speeding is or isn't a problem.

Master Tree Plan: Mr. Wynn reviewed the Ordinances and Tree Plan he prepared for East Rockhill Township with funding from the TreeVitalize program. Mrs. Klepfer said if the Board is happy with it, the next step is for her to submit it to the representative from TreeVitalize who is following up on the project.

Mr. Funk commented that he thought the proposed street trees along Branch Road, identified as area #5 would be a mistake because of the maintenance problems the trees would cause. Mr. Wynn said he would propose Japanese Zelkova trees which would create the desired effect without the maintenance problems.

The Board wants to move forward quickly with adopting the Ordinances. They would need to get sent to the County Planning Commission and Township Planning Commission for review and comment.

**Item #8. PACC Report**: Mr. Nyman gave the PACC report. He said the Greenway Roundtable had a respectable turn-out and was productive. The roundtable replaced the regular PACC meeting in October.

**Item #9. Other Business:** There was none.

**Public Comment Period #2** – Mr. Wayne Seifert of the Bucks County Covered Bridge Society was present. He stated that he fully supports making Blooming Glen Road one-way.

Jeffery Bryan, a landscaper who is contracted by the Township to mow several properties/areas was present. He thanked the Board for their business and stated that he just wished to put a face with the name and let the Township know he is appreciative of the work. The Board thanked him for his good work.

**Item #9. Adjournment:**

Mr. Cressman **moved** and Mr. Nyman **seconded** the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne W. Klepfer  
Secretary / Manager

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_