

**Minutes of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors**  
**Work Session**  
**Tuesday, July 8, 2008**  
**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman David R. Nyman. Also present was Vice-Chairman John R. Cressman, Supervisor Gary W. Volovnik as well as Township Manager Anne W. Klepfer, and Solicitor John B. Rice, Esquire, and Engineer Steve Baluh, P.E., as well as members of the press and public.

**Item #1. Approval of Minutes**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, the June 10, 2008 Work Session Minutes were **approved 3-0**.

**Item #2. Payment of Bills**

**On motion** by Mr. Cressman **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the Bills List totaling \$113,001.38 dated July 8, 2008. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor**.

Public Comment Period #1: There were no public comments.

**Item #3. Manager's Report:**

EMS Dispatch System/St Luke's Emergency Transport Services Presentation: Mrs. Klepfer followed up on the requests made by St. Luke's at the May 13, 2008 Work Session. The Board of Supervisors indicated that the Township is waiting to meet with the County after their EMS study is done and then they will follow-up with St. Luke's.

Fall Leaf Collection: Mrs. Klepfer indicated that she was informed that East Rockhill Township might no longer have access to the old leaf vacuum that has been on loan from Hilltown Township for five or six years. She also indicated that the equipment was woefully inadequate for the current mandated level of curbside leaf collection which is why she applied to DEP for an equipment grant. However, she learned that it could be between twelve to eighteen months before she knows whether or not funding will be available. In order to continue compliance with the mandatory curbside leaf collection, Mrs. Klepfer recommended to the Board of Supervisors that they use approximately \$24,000.00 of the \$26,000 recycling performance grant received from DEP for the 2006 program to purchase the leaf collector now. If the Township is successful in obtaining the grant, the equipment purchased now could be sold and a new machine purchased with the grant funding. By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the purchase of a new leaf collector at an expenditure of approximately \$24,000 via State contract was authorized **3-0**.

Resignation of Fred Thomas: By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik the Board of Supervisors **unanimously accepted** with reluctance the resignation of Fred Thomas from the Zoning Hearing Board. Mrs. Klepfer will send an acknowledgement and thank you to Mr. Thomas for his service to his community.

Insurance Coverage: By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, the Board unanimously approved a proposal by Brown & Brown of Lehigh Valley to add Employee dishonesty coverage for an annual premium of \$900.00.

**Item #4. Public Works Report:** Steve Funk reported that the 5<sup>th</sup> Street street light should be installed next week and the new street light at Schoolhouse Road is probably four weeks away. The Public Works department has been busy working at the Sewer Treatment Plant and doing some grading work.

**Item #5. PWTA Report: John R. Cressman** – Mr. Cressman reported that 19 additional EDUs will be allocated to East Rockhill Township from the increased capacity achieved from the recycling of water used to operate the plant.

**Item #6. Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Rice, Esq. discussed the draft agreement he has reviewed and revised accordingly to finalize the lease of land to “America Responds with Love” for the planting and harvesting of flowers/bulbs. The agreement will include a map of the proposed area that has now been revised to include approximately 3 acres of land behind the Sewer Treatment Plant.

Solicitor Rice also discussed the need for an Agreement with PBA regarding the Cedar View Water extension. The Agreement is necessary due to the funding requirements attached to DEP grant funding. He offered to prepare the agreement if the PBA solicitor is unable to get to it within the allotted time. The Board desires to have the plans and bid specifications reviewed by C. Robert Wynn Associates in advance of dissemination for bid submittals. They also suggested the specifications and design be reviewed by DEP and FEMA or any other agency responsible for oversight and distribution of the funding. Mr. Funk indicated that he wants to coordinate stormwater pipe replacement with the installation of the water lines.

**Item #7. Engineer's Report:** Steve Baluh, P.E. reviewed a chart he prepared comparing the current zoning to what is proposed by the developer. He will continue his review and complete a review letter.

**Item #8 PACC Report** – PACC is not meeting during July or August.

**Item #9. Other Business:**

Mr. Cressman discussed the progress of the Regional Police Commission on the Police Head Quarter's project. He asked Mrs. Klepfer to have an address assigned to the property for use on official documents. He said that Land Development Plans are nearing completion for submission to the Township for review at the August Planning

Commission meeting. The Pennridge Regional Police Commission could be ready to seek sealed bids in September.

The Board of Supervisors ratified the execution of Record Plans for the Bucks County Community College signed at the June 17, Regular Meeting.

*Public Comment Period #2* – The Board fielded questions from members of the press.

**Item #9. Adjournment:**

Mr. Cressman **moved** and Mr. Volovnik **seconded**, to adjourn the meeting into a Real Estate Executive Session at 8:25 P.M. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne W. Klepfer  
Secretary / Manager

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