

Minutes of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors
Work Session
Monday, January 5, 2009
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 immediately following the Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Supervisors. In attendance were Board of Supervisors Chairman David R. Nyman, Vice-Chairman John R. Cressman and Supervisor Gary W. Volovnik. Also present were Township Engineer C. Robert Wynn, P.E. and Township Manager Anne W. Klepfer as well as members of the press and public.

Item #1. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, the Work Session Minutes of December 9, 2008 were approved 3-0.

Item #2. Payment of Bills

On motion by Mr. Cressman **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the Bills List totaling \$31,318.64 for December 31, 2008 and the bills list totaling \$15,041.84 dated January 5, 2009. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor.**

Public Comment Period #1 – None

Item #3. Manager's Report:

2009 Fee Schedule: By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, **Resolution No. 2009-02** adopting the 2009 East Rockhill Township Fee Schedule was **unanimously adopted, as amended that evening.**

2009 Perkasio Borough Inspection Services Fee Schedule: By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, **Resolution No. 2009-03** adopting the 2009 Perkasio Borough Inspection Services Fee Schedule was **unanimously adopted.**

Resolution No. 2009-04: A Resolution Establishing the Tax Collector's Rate of Compensation for the term beginning January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013. By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, Resolution No. 2009-04 **carried unanimously.**

McMahon Associates Proposal: A proposal from McMahon Associates for engineering and bid specification preparation for the Sheard's Mill Bridge CDBG project was submitted. Their cost is \$9,600. Approximately half of this cost has been pledged by Senator McIlhinney, via a grant to Haycock Township. By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **second** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board approved the **proposal, 3-0.**

Item #4. Public Works Report: No Report.

Item #5. PWTA Report: John R. Cressman – PWTA is still working with East Rockhill Township to verify administrative records for the EDUS connected to PWTA.

Item #6. Solicitor's Report: –No report.

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

Blooming Glen Road: Mr. Wynn explained that the Bucks County Community College construction calls for the installation of a concrete island that will direct traffic to exit the college entrance and turn left to proceed north on Blooming Glen Road. Before he gives the College the go-ahead to make the required road improvements, he wanted the Board to confirm that Blooming Glen Road will remain one-way for the foreseeable future.

Mr. Nyman explained that when the Board implemented the one-way designation following a traffic study they commissioned, they agreed to re-evaluate their decision in a year. He asked if there was anyone present who wanted to comment on this subject.

Mr. Bob Maiuro of 405 Blooming Glen Road told Supervisors that drivers blast through the one-way traffic sign. He commented that he has seen emergency vehicles go through it as well and has witnessed some close calls. He feels that if the restriction is kept, that it needs to be enforced better. Mr. Maiuro added that from the amount of traffic that continues the wrong way you would never know that it is supposed to be a one way street.

Mr. Ted Weber of 401 Blooming Glen Road said that he continues to feel that the “Do Not Enter” sign should be on both sides of the street and that another “Do Not Enter” or a “One-way” sign is needed. He listed pros of the decision to make it one way as less traffic on Blooming Glen Road and minimization of conflicts with construction traffic from the college site.

Paulette Mondjack of 106 Bridgeview Drive, indicated that she would prefer the bridge to be open to two-way traffic. She said she was inconvenienced and must travel 2.5 miles out of her way to bypass the bridge. She said history is nice but not practical when developing a park system nearby. She said she would like to see a new modern bridge constructed.

Mr. Nyman said that a new bridge may be feasible in the future, but it would probably cost 3-4 times the \$850,000 it cost to rebuild Moods Covered Bridge.

Mr. Maiuro suggested that the Township use a camera for surveillance to enforce the speed limit.

Mr. Nyman said the Board would also consider additional parking along Branch Road to provide greater access with less conflict to the users of the Township Park.

Mrs. Klepfer indicated that she was in receipt of three additional comments submitted electronically to the Township for the Board's consideration.

The Board said it would take the public comments under advisement and make its decision at the Regular Meeting on January 20, 2009.

Parking Lot Lights: Mr. Wynn suggested that Mrs. Klepfer look into getting PP&L to change out the globes on the parking lot lights and change the type of bulbs used to conserve energy.

Item #8. Other Business:

Mr. Cressman **moved** to donate enough money for one **month's mortgage payment** to the Senior Center. The motion was seconded by Mr. Volovnik and all three **voted in favor**.

Public Comment Period #2 – Mr. Nietupski asked what fees went up and how much. Ms. Klepfer noted various categories on the fee schedule were “tweaked.”

Item #9. Adjournment:

Mr. Nyman **moved** and Mr. Cressman **seconded** the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne W. Klepfer
Secretary / Manager

Approved: _____