

**Minutes of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors**  
**Work Session**  
**Monday, February 10, 2009**  
**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM 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 Solicitor John Rice, Esquire, 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. Cressman, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the Work Session Minutes of January 5, 2009 were approved 3-0.

**Item #2. Payment of Bills**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, to approve the Bills List dated February 10, 2009 totaling \$32,528.67. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor.**

*Public Comment Period #1* – None

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

Crestview Estates: Mr. Bill Blazer addressed the Board with regard to written requests he made to the Township. First, he asked to be excused from paying sewer rent for the house he built at 231 Crest Drive. The house has not sold and although he made the plumbing connection, there is no water service to the property yet. The Board indicated they would be willing to temporarily suspend the rent until a water meter is installed and no later than the issuance of a Use and Occupancy Permit but they asked the Township Manager to investigate whether or not there are any other properties with a similar concern and tabled their decision until the Regular Meeting. The Board advised Mr. Blazer that the suspension of rent would be effective January 1, 2009 and any rent for prior periods must be paid. Mr. Blazer next asked the Board of Supervisors why he had to pay legal fees for the Township to find him in default of his developer's agreement when he completed all the improvements he could do until the remainder of his lots sold. Mr. Blazer was reminded that he only complied after the Township notified him that he was in default of his agreement to complete the improvements in the time specified. Mr. Blazer, also questioned why the Township would not release the security for work he completed and needed to pay his creditors until after he paid an earlier release for the Township Engineer's services. Mr. Blazer was told he needed to pay C. Robert Wynn Associates with Authorization Voucher #16 before the Township would release Voucher #17 so that the Township could be assured Mr. Wynn would be paid in a timely fashion.

Mr. Wynn reminded Mr. Blazer that he has a history of not paying him in a timely fashion.

Dennis Litzenberger Professional Services Proposal: By **motion** of Gary Volovnik and **second** by John Cressman, the Board **unanimously** approved a proposal from Dennis Litzenberger for \$3,160 to survey a property for a proposed Conservation Easement.

PADEP Grant Contract for the Cedarview Water Extension Project: By **motion** of John Cressman and **second** by Gary Volovnik, the Board **unanimously** authorized Chairman David R. Nyman and Secretary Anne W. Klepfer to execute the PADEP Grant Contract for funding to extend water lines to the Cedarview subdivision.

Municipal Utility Alliance: Mrs. Klepfer recommended to the Board that the Township participate in the Municipal Utility Alliance bid for electric procurement. There is no obligation to award a contract; the authorization needed is to participate in the bidding process. By **motion** of Gary Volovnik and **second** by John Cressman, the Board **unanimously** approved participation in the Municipal Utility Alliance.

Resignation from Park and Recreation Board: With regret and their sincere gratitude, the Board accepted the resignation of Ms. Terri Thomas from the Park and Recreation Board by **motion** of John Cressman and **second** by Gary Volovnik and a **3-0 vote**. Ms. Thomas has served on the Board for approximately 14 years and served as Chair at different times. The Board directed Mrs. Klepfer to prepare a letter acknowledging her service and thanking her.

Appointment to the Park and Recreation Board: The Board welcomed Kevin Kochanski and by **motion** of John Cressman and **second** by Gary Volovnik **unanimously** voted to appoint Mr. Kochanski to the Park and Recreation Board for the term vacated by Ms. Thomas.

Memorial Sculpture for Willard H. Markey. Mrs. Klepfer reported that the Park and Recreation Committee reviewed the request from Mr. Markey's family to install a sculpture, that they would procure, in Mr. Markey's honor at Markey Park. The Park and Recreation Board felt it was appropriate because the sculpture will honor the individual for whom the park was named and because the sculpture is consistent with the park activities. They recommended the Board of Supervisors approve this specific request and assist with the installation. John Cressman **moved** to approve the installation of Willard H. Markey memorial sculpture as recommended by the Park and Recreation Board. The motion was **seconded** by Gary Volovnik and **approved 3-0**.

Newsletter Content: Mrs. Klepfer reviewed the proposed newsletter content with the Board of Supervisors and asked them to send their thoughts or suggestions to her. The newsletter won't be published until early April.

Hough Associates Proposal and Municipal Cooperation Resolution: By **motion** of Gary Volovnik and **second** by John Cressman the Board **unanimously** approved the 2009

proposal for professional services from Hough Associates for the collection, reporting and grant application of 2008 Recycling data; **and adopting Resolution No. 2009-07** authorizing and entering into an inter-municipal agreement with Hilltown Township and Dublin Borough to jointly participate in a Recycling Compliance and Sustainability Consortium.

Street Light Proposal for Route 313 and Mt. View Road: This item was tabled until March.

Mowing Proposals: Mrs. Klepfer provided the bid tabulation for the mowing proposals she prepared. She advised the Board that Mr. Funk and she were in the process of checking references and doing background checks on the lowest bidder and would have a recommendation for the Board in March. She advised that the costs were significantly lower and should bring a significant savings to the Township.

I&I work: Mrs. Klepfer and Mr. Cressman met to East Rockhill Township Plant Manager Kevin Frank to review flow data and the Township's Chapter 94 Report. Mr. Frank recommended that the Township continue to investigate possible inflow and infiltration in the system. Mr. Frank indicated he would be willing to assist the Township if needed. Mr. Cressman asked Mr. Funk if one of the public works crew members could be assigned to work on this project with Mr. Frank or himself. Mr. Funk said he would make it a priority.

**Item #4. Public Works Report:** Mr. Funk said he didn't have anything to add to Mrs. Klepfer's report. He said he was surprised at how much less expensive some of the mowing proposals were compared to what the Township currently pays and he's willing to give it a try.

**Item #5. PWTA Report: John R. Cressman** – Mr. Cressman reviewed the correspondence from PWTA regarding West Rockhill Township's interest in becoming a member of PWTA. PWTA wants to know if any of the members object to PWTA investigating the details of what would be involved if West Rockhill Township was to become a member. Mrs. Klepfer was direct to respond to PWTA that East Rockhill Township does not object to the ideas of membership for West Rockhill Township or to PWTA researching the matter to provide members with more information.

**Item #6. Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Rice was recently made aware of an application to the Township's Zoning Hearing Board by AT&T to construct a new cellular tower in East Rockhill Township. There are multiple zoning issues that need to be addressed including the location outside of the Township's zoning district for that use, the Airport overlay zoning and the setback for a fall zone. By **motion** of Gary Volovnik and **second** by John Cressman, the Board **unanimously** authorized John B. Rice to intervene and object on behalf of the Township.

Village at East Rockhill Sewage Management Agreement: By **motion** of John Cressman and **second** by Gary Volovnik, the Board of Supervisors **3-0** authorized the execution of

the Sewage Maintenance Agreement for the Village at East Rockhill project (Gulla) as prepared by Mr. Rice.

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

Mr. Wynn reviewed a sketch of the athletic fields and walking path surrounding Moods Covered Bridge. The sketch included to possible parking areas on the southern side of the bridge. Mr. Wynn said he favors the proposed parking area off Branch road directly across from the entrance to Country Hunt at Arrowwood Drive as opposed to the corner of Blooming Glen Road and Branch Road. Mr. Wynn also noted that a NPDES permit would be needed.

Mr. Kochanski, who lives in Country Hunt and who had submitted is suggestions for adding additional parking for these fields, said that he agreed with Mr. Wynn. A parking area across from Arrowwood Drive would be beneficial.

The Board asked Mr. Funk to put together a cost estimate for the Board to have in case funding opportunities became available.

**Item #8. Other Business:**

John Cressman asked Mr. Rice to provide him with a copy of Bedminster Township's Cross Roads Ordinance to review.

*Public Comment Period #2* – There was none.

**Item #9. Adjournment:**

Mr. Cressman **moved** and Mr. Volovnik **seconded** the motion to adjourn the meeting to an Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Open Space at 8:45 P.M. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne W. Klepfer  
Secretary / Manager

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