

**Minutes of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors**  
**Work Session**  
**Monday, June 9, 2009**  
**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman David R. Nyman. Also present were Vice-Chairman John R. Cressman, member Gary Volovnik as well as Solicitor John B. Rice, Esquire, Engineer C. Robert Wynn, P.E., Public Works Director Steve Funk 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 May 12, 2009 were approved 3-0.

**Item #2. Payment of Bills**

**On motion** by Mr. Cressman **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board **voted 3-0 to approve** the Bills List dated June 9, 2009 totaling \$55,449.57.

*Public Comment Period #1* – There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

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

Perkasie Borough Authority Report: Mr. David Watt, East Rockhill Township's representative to Perkasie Borough Authority was present to update the Board on PBA business relating to East Rockhill Township. Mr. Watt had the following:

1. Three Mile Run Road Water Line Extension: PBA has applied for a PA H2O Grant and will coordinate with the Township's plans to repair the road.
2. Wells #12 and #14 have been determined to be the most productive and PBA has applied for grant money to install a well pump house and a filtration system to reduce arsenic in the water.
3. Well #7 is activated.
4. PBA would like to defer work on the bike path it agreed to install for East Rockhill Township. Mr. Watt asked when the Supervisors preferred to see it installed. The Supervisors said they would prefer by the end of this year.
5. A litigation matter with Hilltown Township has been tentatively settled.
6. PBA is talking with West Rockhill Township about servicing their village area on the other side of Rt. 309. The primary goal is to get public water to Grandview Hospital and the West Rockhill Elementary School and then the village. They're also talking about sewer.
7. PBA is in talks with Sellersville about integrating the two water systems.
8. PBA asked the Township for an update or report on the proposed police headquarters project.

9. The Cedarview Water Line project is moving right along. PBA was able to work out the details to the easement from Draper DBS.

Mr. Watt stated that he is enjoying his position on Perkasio Borough Authority and asked the Board to write a letter to Perkasio Borough recommending he get re-appointed. The Board agreed and thanked Mr. Watt for his report.

ATV Draft Ordinance – Solicitor Rice discussed the current draft ATV regulations with the Board. The Board decided to adjust the number of riders permitted to be riding at one time from four to three. No other adjustments were made. Mr. Nyman asked that Chief Mettin be given the most current draft of the Ordinance and be asked if he feels the ordinance is enforceable. Mrs. Klepfer should report back at the Regular Meeting.

Zoning Amendment Request: Mr. Gulla and Cheryleen Strothers were present. They submitted a draft ordinance that would amend 1) the zoning map to include the Birdwood property adjacent to the Village at East Rockhill property in the RV district; 2) add a “village business area” use; and 3) adjust building setbacks, signage and other requirements in the district. It was noted that the proposed amendments are consistent with the Township’s Comprehensive Plan. The Board directed Mr. Rice and Mr. Wynn to review the draft ordinance. After review of the draft submitted by Mr. Gulla, the Board will decide whether to move forward with it. If they decided to move forward with it, they will ask Mr. Rice to prepare the Ordinance Amendment for consistency with the Codified Code and submit it to the Planning Commission for review.

DEP Proposed NPDES Regulations: This item was inadvertently skipped.

Employee Hand Book Revision: Mrs. Klepfer said the draft hand book revision has been reviewed and is satisfactory to the Township Solicitor. Since the revision is a comprehensive revision the Board asked Mrs. Klepfer to review it with the Township full-time employees prior to placing it on their agenda for further consideration.

Dublin Borough UCC Appeals – The Board discussed the possibility of amending their agreements and permitting Dublin to join the Rockhill Joint Appeals Board. The Board is not opposed to the idea should they get a formal request from Dublin Borough and should Dublin Borough agree to pay for the costs to amend the pertinent documents.

Well #7 Gate: The Board reviewed the gate proposed by Perkasio Borough Authority for the driveway to Well#7. The Board found PBA’s proposal to be satisfactory.

**Item #4. Public Works Report:** Mr. Funk discussed the options for installing solar panels to reduce electric consumption at the sewer treatment plant. The Board asked Mr. Funk and Mrs. Klepfer to look into applying for the Federal Energy Grant or the DEP Energy Grant. Mr. Funk also talked about the curbing and sidewalk sections in Cedarbrook that need to be repaired. Street trees are causing the damage. The Board discussed whether or not the street trees should be removed. It was decided that Mrs. Klepfer will contact the affected property owners and give them the opportunity to have

their sidewalks and curbing repaired at the same time. The Township will help find a contractor and determine the pricing for residents. Mr. Funk reported on the month's park maintenance activities, road maintenance activities and sewer and conveyance system activities.

**Item #5. PWTA Report: John R. Cressman** – Mr. Cressman reported that PWTA Finance and Administration Committee will be meeting this month.

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

Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Subgrant Recipient Agreement: A draft of the agreement necessary to access federal funds through the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority for the Cedarview Water Line Extension Project has been submitted to Solicitor Rice's office and he is reviewing it. Mr. Volovnik **moved** to authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement subject to final review by the Township Solicitor. The motion was **seconded** by Mr. Cressman and was **approved 3-0**.

Keystone Municipal Trust Ordinance and Agreements: A public hearing was conducted at 8:35. The Board had no questions and there were no public comments on the proposed ordinance to join the Keystone Municipal Trust for Workers Compensation Insurance. By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **second** by Mr. Cressman, the Board **voted 3-0** to adopt Ordinance No. 247 and execute the trust agreements.

**Item #7. Engineer's Report: C. Robert Wynn, P.E.** Mr. Wynn had no report.

**Item #8. Other Business:** No other business.

*Public Comment Period #2* – There were no public comments.

**Item #9. Adjournment:** By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **second** by Mr. Cressman the meeting unanimously adjourned to a litigation meeting at 8:40 PM.

Reconvened: By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **second** by Mr. Cressman the Public Meeting was reconvened at 9:05 PM. By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **second** by Mr. Cressman the Board **voted 3-0** to file a claim against Gerald Harris and the Holly Brook Farms Subdivision with the District Justice failing to comply with the terms of the Contract for Professional Services.

By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **second** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board **voted 3-0** to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne W. Klepfer  
Secretary / Manager

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