

**Minutes of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors
Work Session & Budget Work Session
Tuesday, October 13, 2009**

Minutes

Budget Work Session

The Board of Supervisors met at 6:30 PM at a publicly advertised Work Session for the purpose of reviewing draft 2010 budget material provided by the Township Manager. The Township Manager reviewed General Fund line items and sewer capital expenditures with the Board of Supervisors. Revenues are down approximately 5% from 2009 levels and a balanced general fund budget with expenditures reduced to correspond with the reduction in revenues was presented. Mrs. Klepfer stated that the Police services contribution is left at the same figure as approved in 2009.

Due to time constraints, the Board declined to deliberate or open the draft budget up for discussion. Chairman Nyman asked fellow Board members to review the draft budget for further discussion and review at the next Work Session.

The Budget Work Session adjourned into the Regular Work Session at 7:10 PM.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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 ~~combined~~ Work Session Minutes of September 8, 2009 were approved 3-0.

Item #2. Payment of Bills

On motion by Mr. Volovnik **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, the Board **voted 3-0 to approve** the Bills List dated September 8, 2009 totaling \$347,239.26. *Note from the Secretary: Bills dated October 1st (221.23), September 17th (1,535.49) and September 30th (3,632.66) were paid and ratified at the October 20, 2009 Meeting.*

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

Item #3. Manager's Report: Anne Klepfer

Trash District: The Board reviewed the fact finding and public comments on the option to expand the Trash District to include additional neighborhoods for inclusion in the municipally contracted trash and recycling program. Mrs. Klepfer summarized that the public comments received indicated that residents are divided almost evenly on the proposal. She indicated she received a lot of helpful information and indicated that there

are a number of residents who currently utilize a pay-per-bag method who would not benefit from the existing municipal contract specifications. Mrs. Klepfer said that the information she received would be useful when writing specifications for a future contract, but that the current contract specifications cannot be altered.

Chairman Nyman recognized a number of residents in the audience and asked for public comment on this subject.

Mr. Chris Tate of 9 Firethorn Drive told the Board that he would have a problem returning to Allied Waste. He informed the Board that he had past experience with Allied Waste and that their customer service is lousy. He said if the contract was re-bid annually so that the bids were current and reflective of the current market he would be in favor of it.

Mr. Bill Wilson of Ridge Run asked the Board if billing and administration would be through the Township or the hauler. Mr. Wilson also confirmed that the Township would be involved in problem solving and contract administration. He indicated he would be supportive of the idea if it will save wear and tear on the Township roads.

Mr. Marvin Youngstrand of Crest Drive shared his opinion with the Board of Supervisors. He stated that he doesn't like the idea of a particular type of trash service being mandated. He likes the flexibility of finding a method or service that works best for his family. He takes his trash to the Telford trash station and pays by the bag to dispose of the trash and recycling.

Mr. Jim Menzak of Meadow Lane inquired whether or not the Township's contract addresses yardwaste and large item disposal? It was explained that large item disposal of freon-free items is included in the contract. There is also an optional pay-per-bag option for yardwaste or use of the Township's drop-off center. He asked if everyone will have to be serviced by a trash hauler. Mrs. Klepfer indicated that the Ordinance currently in effect requires everyone to have a hauler or receipts from a DEP approved disposal site. However, she is aware that some residents in the current trash district do not have accounts with the hauler. It would be up to the hauler to notify the Township which properties are not in compliance and to make a complaint.

Chris Lewis of Blue Rock Road indicated that he is totally opposed to the idea. He like's his hauler and likes the influence of the competition.

Rhonda Youngstrand asked if some neighborhoods could be left out while others included if there were sufficient support from those neighborhoods. She said her neighborhood is mostly made up of families with declining family size and she estimated that 2/3 of them are against the idea. Chairman Nyman, indicated it is possible to do that and her comments and information provided are very helpful.

The Board thanked the attendees for their comments. Mr. Nyman summarized that there doesn't seem to be clear support for this idea. He suggested the Board continue to

consider all the comments and information provided before pursuing this idea any further.

Item #4. Public Works Report: Mr. Funk reported that the contractor for PBA will be starting trench repairs to Cedarview Drive and Evergreen Circle on Thursday. The work will be done by C&S Contractors and Reed Paving. He reported that his crew will complete the road overlays in the Spring.

Mr. Funk reported that his crew completed the paving overlay of Three Mile Run Road from Schoolhouse Road to Schwenkmill Road. Approximately 1,000 tons of blacktop was used. The road was also line painted by Guide Mark. The replacement of stormwater pipes on Branch Road near the Pettit tract was also completed.

Item #5. PWTA Report: Mr. Cressman reported a settlement was reached between Hilltown and PBA over a lawsuit involving PWTA. He said it his opinion that the resolution isn't necessarily in East Rockhill Township's best interest. Mr. Rice agreed to review the settlement agreement on behalf of East Rockhill Township.

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

Building Codes Services Ordinance: Mr. Rice indicated that an Ordinance authorizing an inter-municipal agreement for Building Codes Services with Silverdale Borough has been authorized and will be on the Board's October 20, 2009 Meeting Agenda for consideration along with the Inter-Municipal Agreement and corresponding fee schedule.

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

Greenjacket Youth Football Organization – Mr. Wynn reported that most of the work has been completed and that it looks good.

Rockhill Road Bridge: Mr. Wynn reported that he sent a follow up letter to PennDot about the current status of the bridge and action that the Township took since the PennDot Inspection Report was received last year. Mr. Wynn stated that he responded to the recommendations contained in the report last year but never received any communication from PennDot on the matter.

Item #8. Other Business: There was none.

Public Comment Period #2 – Anne Fenley asked the Board to reconsider the language in the Well Capping Acknowledgement. In its current form she cannot agree to the conditions because it fails to distinguish her continued use of the wells for geothermal heat and property owners who have requested well capping exemptions for landscaping. The Board directed Mr. Rice's office to tweak the Acknowledgement to a form satisfactory to the Township and Mrs. Fenley.

Item #9. Adjournment: By motion of Mr. Cressman, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the meeting unanimously adjourned to a personnel and litigation Executive Session at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne W. Klepfer
Secretary / Manager

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