

Minutes of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors
Work Session
Tuesday, November 10, 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 W. Volovnik (7:05 PM) as well as Solicitor John B. Rice, Esquire, 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. Nyman, the October 13, 2009 Work and Budget Meeting Minutes were **approved 2-0**.

Item #2. Payment of Bills

On motion by Mr. Cressman **seconded** by Mr. Nyman, the Board **voted 2-0 to approve** the Bills List dated November 10, 2009 totaling \$105,618.88.

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

Item #3. Manager's Report: Anne Klepfer

Pennridge Community Senior Center: Mr. John Much gave the annual report of the Pennridge Senior Center, again requesting any financial assistance possible.

Perkasie Fire Company: Chief David Worthington introduced Tom Flannigan of Volunteer's Financial Services. Mr. Flannigan assisted the fire company with preparation of a capital plan and capital budget. They are currently working on replacing the 1974 MAC Engine assigned to the East Rockhill Township substation. The fire company is asking the Township to guarantee a loan of approximately \$150,000 of non-electoral debt under the Local Government Unit Debt Act. The current fire tax millage will cover the payment of this loan.

2010 Draft Budget: Based on Berkheimer Tax Collection Agency's projections Mrs. Klepfer will adjust the projected EIT to \$750,000 and adjust the Tax Collection fees to \$13,000. Chairman Nyman asked Mrs. Klepfer to re-calculate the cost per EDU to operate the sewer system and to make a recommendation to continue with the 2008 plan to increase sewer rates incrementally to get the rent closer to the cost to the actual operational cost. Mrs. Klepfer said she will also be fine tuning the General Fund balancing number in time for next Tuesday's Regular Meeting.

Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy MS4 Program: The Board of Supervisors confirmed their support of continuing to participate in this program.

Hough Associates Agreement: By **motion** of Mr. Cressman and **second** by Mr. Volovnik, the Board moved to authorize the Agreement with Hough Associates to collect the 2009 Data & submit required reporting and grant applications on behalf of East Rockhill Township. The motion **carried 3-0**.

Records Disposal Resolution: The Board reviewed the draft Resolution that identifies records that can be disposed of. It will be on their Regular Meeting Agenda for consideration of Adoption.

Act 32 Representative: Mrs. Klepfer said she received a notice of interest from the Township Tax Collector Kathy Percetti to serve as the Township's representative on the Act 32 Committee established by Bucks County. The Township Manager will prepare a Resolution rescinding the previous appointments and appointing Mrs. Percetti for the Board to consider at their Regular Meeting.

Item #4. Public Works Report: Mr. Funk reported that his crew will begin restoring the lateral trenches to Township Standards for the homes that were connected to public water under the Cedarview Water Extension project. They have collected 620 yards of leaves so far and are still working their way through the Township. His crew also discovered a manhole along the creek that was not on any of the existing maps. The manhole was not water tight and is believed to be a significant source of I&I. They have ordered a new lid to make it water tight.

Item #5. PWTA Report: Mr. Cressman deferred his report to the Regular Meeting since the minutes from the most recent PWTA meeting are not yet available.

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

Mr. Rice advised the Board that he wished to have a Real Estate Meeting and a Litigation Meeting to discuss the PWTA litigation. He also noted that the subdivision documents for the Allan Nyman subdivision were available for signature.

Item #7. Engineer's Report: There was no report because the Engineer was absent.

Item #8. Other Business/Supervisor's items:

Yellow Jackets Field Request: Rosemary Banis of the Yellowjackets Youth Soccer organization was present to inquire whether or not the Board of Supervisors would be willing to lease the Hildebrandt Farm to them for soccer fields in a similar fashion as the athletic fields at Markey Park were built and are utilized. She estimated the fields they have in mind would require approximately 16-20 acres. Mr. Volovnik said that at this time he is not interested in leasing out the land. Mr. Cressman, Mr. Nyman and Mr. Volovnik said that to explore the idea further the Board would need a proposal from the Yellowjackets that would provide specific details, their budget and a time frame for what they are asking the Board to consider.

Friend of the Court support for Tax Collectors' suite with Pennridge School District: Mr. Nyman provided the Board with a draft Resolution for them to consider for the Regular Meeting. The Resolution would offer the Township's support of the Tax Collectors' law suite currently under appeal to the State Court of Appeals.

Public Comment Period #2 – Anne Fenley commented that the last she heard the golf course project was simply put on hold so she is not in favor of encumbering the land with additional leases for the Hildebrandt farm. She asked if anyone has considered soccer fields for the open space next to the Keeler properties.

Supervisor-elect Jim Nietupski asked if he could observe the Executive Session planned following adjournment. The Board declined his request.

Item #9. Adjournment: By motion of Mr. Cressman, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the meeting unanimously adjourned to a Real Estate and Litigation Executive Session at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne W. Klepfer
Secretary / Manager

Approved: _____