

Minutes of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors
Work Session
Tuesday, May 11, 2010
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman John Cressman at the Township Office, 1622 N. Ridge Road, Perkasie PA 18944. In attendance were Board of Supervisors Chairman John R. Cressman, Vice-Chairman Gary W. Volovnik (7:10) and Supervisor James C. Nietupski. Also present were Solicitor John B. Rice, Esq., Township Engineer C. Robert Wynn, P.E., Township Manager Anne W. Klepfer and Public Works Director Jeffrey Scholl. Members of the press and public were also present.

Item #1. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, the Work Session Minutes of April 13, 2010 were **approved 2-0**. **On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, the Board voted **2-0** to approve the Road Inspection Minutes.

Item #2. Payment of Bills

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, **seconded** by Mr. Cressman, the Board **voted 2-0** to approve the Bills List totaling \$42,807.70 dated May 11, 2010.

Public Comment Period #1 - None

Item #3. Manager's Report:

Resident Communications: The Township Manager discussed the following communications:

1. *Method of Assessment for Street Light District:* Mr. Rosario DiMario contacted the Township. He would like the Township to re-consider inclusion of his property in the Street Light District. His lot was created by the Woodbridge Subdivision however it fronts Three Mile Run Road and does not have a street light near enough to benefit his property. Mr. DiMario was invited to attend this meeting but was unable to attend. The Board asked Mrs. Klepfer to invite Mr. DiMario to a future meeting so that they could discuss the method of assessment chosen by the Township and his particular property.
2. *Stop Sign Visibility at Schwenkmill Road and Branch Road:* A resident called to complain that the stop sign for eastbound Schwenkmill Road is obstructed by other signs. The Public Works Department installed a second stop sign on the north side of Schwenkmill Road.
3. *Noise complaint regarding Bucks County Community College outdoor amphitheater.* One complaint was received regarding an outdoor event that included a disc jockey. The Board asked Mrs. Klepfer to communicate with the

College to make sure they are aware of the Township's noise ordinance and to ask them to provide a schedule of events.

4. *Three Mile Run Road and Park Avenue Traffic Control:* A resident called to request that a 4-way stop intersection be implemented at Three Mile Run Road and Park Avenue. The Township Manager will request traffic reports for accidents at that intersection to review. A previous review in 2007 indicated that warrants were not satisfied as most of the accidents would not have been prevented by 4-way stops. However, the Township did make site improvements to improve visibility of the existing stop-signs on Three Mile Run Road.

Correspondence from Felix Slipak: Although Mr. Slipak was not present the Board did discuss his correspondence regarding several land locked parcels he owns and would like to develop as individual building lots. Technically, Mr. Slipak's proposal fits the definition of a land development. The Board of Supervisors however, is willing to consider a waiver of land development if Mr. Slipak provides the Board of Supervisors with additional information and satisfies the Township's concerns about private driveway access standards, disclosure that his proposed access does not satisfy Township standards for a private or public road, zoning regulations on individual lot bases, outside agency permits, stormwater management where applicable or desirable and restrictions from further development of the same parcels. Mrs. Klepfer is to write a letter to Mr. Slipak and ask him to submit professional plans that address their concerns.

Sheard's Mill Bridge Bids: By **motion** of Mr. Nietupski and **second** by Mr. Volovnik the Board of Supervisors **voted 3-0** to note that no bids were received for advertised bids receivable April 28, 2010 and re-authorized the advertisement of bids with a revised bid specification for receipt and opening on June 10, 2010.

Draft Ordinances: The Board discussed draft ordinances for wind/solar/geo thermal uses, corrections to the zoning to address impervious surface issues in certain subdivisions, and the need to amend the Solid Waste Ordinance to provide for fines and penalties for illegal dumping at the Residential Recycling Drop-off Center. The Board would like to continue working on these ordinances in June. Mr. Nietupski also suggested closing the drop-off-center at 1:00 PM to dawn on Sundays. The Board was agreeable but agreed that enforcement of the closure would be difficult and depended largely on resident cooperation.

Munici-pay Credit Card Service & E-Commerce Capabilities: Mrs. Klepfer informed the Board that the Township can now offer residents and builders the ability to pay for permits and utility bills with credit cards at no cost to the Township. In the near future, residents and builders will also be able to submit payments on-line. The Board had no objections to Mrs. Klepfer moving forward with implementing the Munici-pay service.

Dublin Borough H2O Grant: the Board agreed to send a letter of support for Dublin Borough's H2O Grant.

Perkasie Borough Authority Projects in East Rockhill Township: Mrs. Klepfer reviewed the following projects:

1. *Three Mile Run Road, Tunnel Road to Park Avenue:* PBA inquired whether or not the Township is prepared to make the stormwater improvements previously designed. The Township does not have the resources to move forward with that project at this time and Mrs. Klepfer will communicate the same to PBA so that they can plan their water line improvements accordingly.
2. *Cedarview Water Extensions Paving:* PBA is seeking bids for paving material, equipment and operators. They would like to contract out the paving for Cedarview Drive and Evergreen Circle instead of having it paved by Township forces. In exchange, they've asked if we will provide labor and equipment to paving the walking trail along Three Mile Run Road. Mrs. Klepfer said she believes that PBA is paying for the Cedarview paving costs with a grant so it will save them money by using our labor and equipment for the walking path and grant money for the Cedarview Project. The Township will benefit by having its roads paved by outside contractors who have larger equipment and can produce a smoother surface. The Board was willing to partner with PBA to achieve these mutually beneficial results.

Fuel Bids: By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **second** by Mr. Nietupski, the Board voted **3-0** to award the 2010-2011 Fuel Bid to Farm and Home for Low Sulfur Diesel, Unleaded Gasoline and No. 2 Heating Oil in accordance with Bucks County Consortium 2010 Fuel Bids.

Recycling Center: Additional signs will be ordered to notify people that the center is for residential use only and that violators will be subject to fines and penalties.

Item #4. Public Works Report: Jeffrey Scholl, Public Works Director

Mr. Scholl reviewed his report dated May 11, 2010. His department has overseen the trimming and weeding done by Contemporary Landscaping along the walking trail in Markey Park. Drains were also installed at the Markey Park walking path. They have scheduled a drain to be installed at Covered Bridge walking trail. The Driving Range is open and the summer help will start work in a week. He also reported that he is satisfied with the work performed by Puppy Dog Landscaping to date.

At the pump station, Mr. Scholl is recommending holding off on the by-pass system previously talked about. The new pump station design will include such a system. He did note that he plans to have the wet well cleaned out by Frank Environmental.

Mr. Scholl also reported that they need to repair a section of Rockhill Road damaged from electrical wires burning through the asphalt. Additional trees are scheduled to be removed in the Pines.

Mr. Scholl discussed a drainage issue on Boulder Drive. To address a defective drainage system, the Township installed a French drain system approximately 10 years ago. The

drain has now silted shut and is not draining properly. The property owner has inquired whether or not the Township will make the repairs. The Board wanted to be clear that the Township is not responsible for work outside the legal right-of-way of the Township. However, due to the fact that the original work was done by the Township to resolve a community drainage problem and similar to driveway pipes, they are willing to have the Township Public Works Department do the work if the property owner provides the materials.

Item #5. Solicitor's Report: John B. Rice, Esquire

Headquarters Land Agreement: By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **second** by Mr. Nietupski the Board **voted 3-0** to authorize execution of the Pennridge Regional Police Commission's Land Agreement providing for the donation of land by West Rockhill Township for the purpose of constructing a new Pennridge Regional Police Headquarters in West Rockhill Township near the intersection of Ridge Road and Old Bethlehem Pike.

Item #6. Engineer's Report: C. Robert Wynn, P.E.

Township Engineer C. Robert Wynn reported that the Township's 2009 Growing Greener Application for the 5th Street Basin Retrofit was turned down for the second time. He said he can reach out to the Conservation District to try to find out how to make it a more desirable application. By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **second** by Mr. Nietupski the Board **voted 3-0** to authorize the Township Engineer and Manager to re-apply for the grant in 2010.

Item #7. Other Business

Mr. Nietupski reviewed the areas that PACC wants to focus on. They include collective procurement of energy; switching of fleets over to propane or natural gas fueled vehicles and acquiring/locating regional fueling centers; and a Regional solution to waste management and recycling.

Public Comment Period #2

Mr. Nyman of Schwenkmill Road and currently the Dublin Borough Interim Manager thanked the Board for their letter of support for Dublin's H2O application and pledged Dublin's support for an East Rockhill Township application.

Anne Fenley asked Mr. Wynn his thoughts on why the grant keeps getting turned down.

Mrs. Fenley also offered to coordinate a presentation on solar energy by her son John Fenley at a June Meeting. The Board is interested in scheduling this.

Item #9. Adjournment:

The next Work Session will be June 8, 2010 at 7:00 PM. Mr. Nietupski **moved** and Mr. Volovnik **seconded** the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 P.M and called an Executive Session to discuss a Real Estate matter. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne W. Klepfer
Secretary / Manager

Approved: _____