

**EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

*East Rockhill Township  
Board of Supervisors  
Regular Meeting*

*Minutes*

**July 19, 2011**

**I. Call to order**

**Chairman John Cressman** called to order the regular meeting of the **East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors** at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Building, 1622 N. Ridge Road, Perkasio PA 18944.

**II. Roll Call**

Present were Chairman John Cressman, Member Jim Nietupski, Township Manager Anne Klepfer, Township Solicitor John B. Rice, Township Engineer Steve Baluh, P.E. and members of the press and public.

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Chairman John Cressman asked if there were any questions or corrections to the June 21, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved as presented by **motion** of Jim Nietupski and **second** by John Cressman upon a **unanimous vote**.

**IV. Approval of the Bills List for July 19, 2011.**

Chairman John Cressman asked if there were any questions or corrections to the July 19, 2011 Bill List. There were none.

The July 19, 2011 Bill list in the amount of \$79,042.29 was **approved 2-0** by **motion** of Jim Nietupski and **second** by John Cressman.

**V. Public Comment-Non Agenda Items**

None.

**VI. Department & Commission Reports - Approved **unanimously** by **motion** of Jim Nietupski and **second** by John Cressman.**

**A. Township Manager Anne Klepfer**

Schwenkmill Road: Mrs. Klepfer announced that Blooming Glen Contractors informed her that they plan to start the project the first week in August.

Mid-year Financial Report: Mrs. Klepfer reported that most of tax revenues appear to be on target to meet budget projections. She noted that East Rockhill Township's Building Permit Revenue is down but Perkasio Borough's is up. Expenses are up slightly from last year and the net profit or fund balance for General Fund is less than what it was at this time. She is holding back on some capital expenditures until she is comfortable with cash flow projections for Fourth Quarter.

Trash Specifications: Trash bids will be on the August Meeting Agenda for Authorization to Advertise. Final comments or questions on the draft specifications should be submitted to Pat Armstrong or herself.

**B. Planning Commission Report-** David Nyman reported that the Planning Commission reviewed and recommended for preliminary/final plan approval the First Baptist Church Land Development Plans and their waiver requests and they approved and signed the record plans for the Oak Tree Auto Recycling Land Development Plan.

**C. Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority** –John Cressman reported that PWTA is having difficulties with the contractor for sludge hauling and disposal and are negotiation the termination of his contract. The contract will hopefully go to the next lowest bidder.

**D. PACC Report-** No Report

**E. Police Commission Report – Jim Nietupski**

1. Chief Mettin’s Monthly Report. This report is included in the public packet and was reviewed briefly by Mr. Nietupski. Mr. Nietupski reported that Officers conducted 13 dedicated enforcement details on Old Bethlehem Pike, issued 3 citations and 5 warnings. The Department’s speed trailer was placed on Old Bethlehem Pike for three weeks in the month of June.

2. Headquarters Project. Mr. Nietupski reported great progress on the building and that he is very pleased with how it is turning out. The Police Commission approved several large releases for work completed and about \$10,000 in minor changes.

**E. Engineer’s Report – Steve Baluh, P.E.**

1. Oak Tree Land Development. By **motion** of Jim Nietupski and **second** by Gary Volovnik, the Board of Supervisors **2-0** approved the Developers’s Agreements for Oak Tree Auto Recycling and authorized the signing and recording of the Record Plans.

2. First Baptist Church Land Development Plan: Mr. Dan Soliday representing the Church and the project engineer Paul Dietz of Urwiler and Walter reviewed the land development plan with the Board of Supervisors as well as the waivers requested in their June 6, 2011 letter. Mr. Soliday noted that the Church has agreed to purchase one additional EDU to service the facilities. The Board reviewed the June 24, 2011 C. Robert Wynn Associates review letter and found the plan to be satisfactory. By **motion** of Jim Nietupski and **second** by John Cressman the Board **voted 2-0** to approve the First Baptist Church Land Development Plan and waiver request subject to compliance with the June 24, 2011 C. Robert Wynn Associates letter.

3. Green Jackets Phase 1 Completion & Return of Escrow Request: The Board reviewed the Green Jackets Phase 1 Plan and were satisfied. By **motion**

of Jim Nietupski and **second** by John Cressman the Board **2-0** voted to authorize the release of the Phase 1 Construction Escrow.

**F. Solicitor's Report- John B. Rice, Esquire**

1. Ordinance #263: Solicitor John B. Rice, summarized Ordinance No. 263 amending the Code of Ordinances by Adding Chapter 1, Part II, Municipal Claims; Interest and Attorney's Fees, which establishes a schedule of attorney fees to be charged to delinquent property owners for legal services required to collect delinquent municipal claims and establishing a rate of interest to be charged against all unpaid municipal claims pursuant to Act 1 of 1996.

Solicitor Rice noted that the Ordinance was advertised in the News Herald on July 1, 2011 and provided to the Bucks County Law Library June 22, 2011. The Ordinance was also posted at the Township Office in accordance with the provisions of the Second Class Township Code.

A Public Hearing commenced at 7:40 PM. There were no comments from the Board or from the floor and the Hearing concluded at 7:42 PM. By **motion** of Jim Nietupski and **second** by John Cressman, Ordinance No. 263 was adopted by a vote of **2-0**.

2. Water Collection and Treatment Ordinance: By **motion** of Jim Nietupski and **second** by John Cressman, this ordinance as proposed by the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority was authorized for advertisement by **unanimous vote**.

3. Resolution No. 2011-09: A Resolution of the Township of East Rockhill, Bucks County Pennsylvania Amending the East Rockhill Township Fee Resolution No. 2011-02 By Establishing a Stormwater Maintenance Fee. Mr. Rice explained to the Board of Supervisors that the Township's Stormwater Management Ordinance requires the construction, operation and maintenance of a stormwater facility on building lots that qualify under the ordinance based on the area of disturbance proposed. An Operation & Maintenance Agreement is required and the Ordinance calls for the establishment of a fee that is to paid for the Township's costs incurred complying with stormwater management regulations. C. Robert Wynn Associates has recommended \$500.00. Mr. Nietupski stated that he is not in favor of all of the regulations being handed down by the Department of Environmental Protection and passed on to residents. However, he does not wish to hold up the current building permit that is waiting for this matter to be approved. By motion of Jim Nietupski and second by John Cressman, Resolution No. 2011-09 was unanimously adopted.

4. Lapp Stormwater Management Operations & Maintenance Agreement: By motion of Jim Nietupski and second by John Cressman the Board voted 2-0 to

approve the Operations & Maintenance Agreement prepared for Jason and Amber Lapp for parcel #Tax Map Parcel No. 12-008-034.

**G. Emergency Service Reports**

1. Reports from Perkasio and Dublin Fire Companies were noted.

**VII. Other Business/Supervisor Items**

None.

**VIII. Public Comments**

1. Hans Schnitzler inquired whether or not Jeff Scholl has found a Bee Keeper to remove the Honey Bees from Markey Park. Mrs. Klepfer said he has not and that it's probably a low priority since it was determined that the bees are not a threat to public safety.
2. Dave Nyman thanked Jim Nietupski for seeking a specific update on the Police surveillance on Old Bethlehem Pike.

**IX. Adjournment**

**Chairman John Cressman** adjourned the meeting into an Executive Session for Litigation matters following a **motion** by Mr. Nietupski at 8:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Anne W. Klepfer, Township Manager

Minutes approved [date]: \_\_\_\_\_