

MINUTES OF THE
THE EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

December 21, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman John Cressman, who led the Salute to the American Flag. Also present were Vice-Chairman Gary Volovnik, member Jim Nietupski, Solicitor Patrick Armstrong, Engineer Steve Baluh, Township Manager Anne Klepfer, and members of the press and public.

Item #1: Approval of Minutes

By **motion** of Mr. Nietupski and **second** by Mr. Volovnik, the Regular Meeting minutes of November 16, 2010 were unanimously **approved 3-0**.

Item #2: Payment of Bills

On **motion** by Mr. Nietupski, **seconded** by Mr. Volovnik, the lists of checks presented on a Bill List for November 16, 2010 totaling \$35,955.41 was **approved 3-0**.

Public Comment I- Non Agenda Items: None.

Item #3: Manager's Report: Mrs. Klepfer reported no new business.

Item #4: Planning Commission Report:

Mr. Nyman reported that the Planning Commission reviewed the Oak Tree Auto Recycling Land Development and recommended the plan for Conditional Preliminary/Final Approval subject to the Board approving the waivers requested, fees proposed and compliance with the C. Robert Wynn Associates letter of December 3, 2010.

Item #5: PWTA Report: Mr. Cressman reported that there was not sufficient quorum for the December PWTA meeting and that bills were approved by a phone pole.

Item #6: PACC Report: East Rockhill Township was unable to attend the November 18, 2010 PACC meeting. However the minutes were provided by Dave Nyman. Jim Nietupski commented that it looks like solid draft compilation of regional athletic fields and facilities has been assembled. The Board discussed sharing the final report with community sports organization. Mr. Cressman stated that he would like to see a regional calendar of events posted to a website that each municipality or organization could update and check before scheduling their events. He noted the Perkasio Fire Company's breakfast fundraiser conflicted with Sellersville's breakfast this month.

Item #7 Police Commission Report – Mr. Nietupski reviewed the Chief's Police report and statistics for each township. He reported that contracts have been awarded for the new Police Headquarters with change orders that reduced the cost to approximately 1.88 million dollars including a geothermal well system.

The Board discussed meeting with residents of Ridge Run regarding recent criminal activity in the development involving thefts from cars, garages and homes. The Board also discussed the Police Departments' new property recovery inventory program that allows residents to register the pertinent identifying details of their property to make it easier for Police to recover the property should it be stolen.

Mr. Volovnik commented on the success of the Police speed surveillance along Old Bethlehem Pike noting an observable speed reduction by drivers who are aware of the police presence.

Item #8 Engineer's Report: Steve Baluh P.E.

By **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **second** by Mr. Nietupski the Board approved **3-0** a Voucher Escrow Release in the amount of \$8,910.00 for the Fox Hill Subdivision.

Item #9 Solicitor's Report Patrick Armstrong, Esquire reported that the Zoning Amendment for removal of the Wind Energy requirements and the stand alone Environmental Ordinance for Wind Energy, Geo Thermal, Solar and Wood Burning Stoves will be advertised for adoption at the January 18, 2011 Regular Meeting. Also, the Conditional Use Application regarding the McClennan Tract proposed subdivision is scheduled for the end of January at the Pennridge High School. Upon confirmation of date, time and location, a notice will be posted on the doorway in addition to Legal Notices and notification of property owners within 500' of the property.

The monthly reports were **unanimously** accepted by the Board by **motion** of Mr. Volovnik and **second** by Mr. Nietupski.

Item #10: Emergency Services Report: Reports were received from Sellersville, Dublin and Perkasio Fire Departments. Perkasio Fire Chief Dave Worthington handed out T-Shirts for the Board and thanked them for their support. Chief Worthington also provided the Board with an update on the radio frequency conversion scheduled for all of Bucks County and the costs that emergency responders, municipalities and the County will all have to bear. Mr. Volovnik **moved** to accept the reports. The motion was **seconded** by Mr. Nietupski and **approved 3-0**.

Item #11: Other Business:

The Board wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Public Comment II - There were no public comments.

Adjournment:

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, **seconded** by Mr. Nietupski the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM. With no additional comment, **all voted in favor**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne W. Klepfer, Secretary / Township Manager

Date Approved