

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

July 24, 2018

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00pm on July 24, 2018 in the Township meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Building, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasie, PA 18944.

Present:	David Nyman	Vice-Chairperson
	Jim Nietupski	Member
	Marianne Morano	Township Manager
	Patrick Armstrong, Esq.	Township Solicitor
	Steve Baluh, P.E.	Township Engineer
	Jeff Scholl	Public Works Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mr. Nyman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment #1

- Jim Pascale, 1921 Three Mile Run Road, noted he does not live near the Quarry but he sent an email to the Township with numerous Rockhill Quarry concerns and was disappointed he did not get a response. Township investigates complaints received and did not respond due to ongoing litigation regarding the matter. Mr. Pascale, asked for an update to the injunction action and was advised it is in Federal Court and tentatively scheduled for mid-August.
- Jeanine Gravel, 2198 N. Rockhill Road, expressed disappointment trees were removed adjacent to Quarry Road. Ms. Gravel was advised it was for PPL to run electric service in right-of-way.
- Marsha Hallet, 2210 N. Rockhill Road, requested that Ordinance 15-304 be amended regarding weight limits on Township roads.
- Ken Hansford, 2221 N. Rockhill Road, stated that he encountered a wide load transport on North Rockhill Road and had to go into ditch to get by, witnessed speeding vehicles and would also like Ordinance 15-304 repealed or amended.
- Ryan Gottshall, 2201 N. Rockhill Road, noted trees removed by Rockhill Quarry, doesn't understand that driveway widening doesn't need a permit and didn't understand why new electric was being installed. Road Occupancy permits are required for pole installation and driveway widening in Township right-of-way.
- Jim Pascale, 1921 Three Mile Run Road, questioned why the Quarry is allowed to continue to operate and is not shut down. Rockhill Quarry's annual zoning permit was denied, they are currently going to the Zoning Hearing Board meetings in response to that denial to which Mr. Pascale has party status and the Township has filed an injunction action which is before the Court.
- Kirill Gidasov, 2048 N. Rockhill Road, questioned if there were hours of operation at the Quarry. None are established at this time.

Announcements:

Mr. Nyman announced Upcoming Meetings and that an Executive Session was held July 9 to discuss litigation in regards to R.E. Pierson

Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:

Approval of Minutes from June 26, 2018 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' June 26, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment of Unpaid Bills dated July 20, 2018 in the amount of \$324,322.87

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve payment of Bills List dated July 20, 2018 in the amount of \$324,322.87 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Pennridge Community Center Report: David Nyman

The July - August 2018 Pennridge Community Center Newsletter is available for the public. Of note, the Center is co-sponsoring the "By the Moonlite" car show with Goodtime Motivators at Pennridge High School on July 28. Hours are 5pm to 9pm and free to the public.

Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority Report

The June 25, 2018 draft minutes and May 2018 flows are on file.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to acknowledge receipt of the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority Report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Pennridge Regional Police Commission Report: Chief Blake

Chief Blake shared the June, 2018 Pennridge Regional Police activity report. Of note, a blood drive was held July 19 with 26 donors and speeding citations are being issued on North Rockhill Road with speed and traffic monitoring ongoing. The report is on file.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the Police Commission Report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Country Hunt Basin Fence Replacement Bids: Bid proposals were provided to the Board for replacing a basin fence between Branch Road and Winterberry Drive.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to accept the low bid from Anchor Fence Company, Inc in the amount of \$23,820.00 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Bucks County Tour of Honor: The annual donation request has been received for veteran's to travel to Washington DC for Vietnam War veterans and World War II and Korean War veterans. On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman to contribute \$250.00 to the Bucks County Tour of Honor program. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Mid-Year Budget Review: Mrs. Morano advised the Board all the funds have been reviewed. Income and expenses are as anticipated according to the 2018 budget with the exception of unanticipated expenses in General Fund with regards to legal and engineering and the Sewer Fund with regards to machinery repairs. She advised the Board the firm Manko, Gold, Kathcer Fox have expended their \$10,000 retainer and all future expenses will be invoiced monthly on an hourly basis.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the Township Manager Report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Works Report: Jeff Scholl

Mr. Scholl updated the Board on Public Works activities for June, 2018. The Public Works report is on file.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the Township Public Works Report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Engineer Report: Steve Baluh, P.E.

Subdivision Plan Review Status. Review dated July 5, 2018 is in the Board's packets. Mrs. Morano contacted Peace Lutheran Church regarding the status of their plan and indicated that they will follow up after their Board meeting on August 21. No additional action is necessary.

West Rock Road.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve a change order in the amount of \$2,470 payable to JF Landscaping Inc. to fill in a portion of the private road and lower berm adjacent to West Rock Road as presented and for the reimbursement request to be submitted to Bucks County Conservation District for grant amendment approval. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Pennridge Airport Business Park. Mr. Baluh advised the Board that the Airport is moving forward with earth moving activities.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the Township Engineer report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Solicitor Report: Patrick Armstrong, Esq.

Mr. Armstrong requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation in regards to the Burkey ZHB appeal and R.E. Pierson.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the Township Solicitor report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Department and Emergency Services Reports

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to acknowledge receipt of the Department and Service Reports. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor. Copies are on file.

New or Other Business - Supervisors' Items

- Jim Nietupski would like to see the Moore property annexation be considered in the sketch plan in regards to improved public works facilities.

Public Comment #2:

- Ryan Gottshall, 2201 N. Rockhill Road, would like the Township to brainstorm Ordinances for future necessity. Mr. Gottshall was advised to attend Planning Commission meetings where the Comprehensive Plan update would be reviewed. He believes there is an increase in commercial truck traffic and would like a study and also heard a rumor that UPS was buying rights at Pennridge Airport.
- Jeanine Gravel, 2198 N. Rockhill Road, stated that there are Ordinances for animal noise and why not quarry noise.
- Michael Zackon, 1727 E. Rockhill Road, would like the Township to complete a road study.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adjourn into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager