

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

June 26, 2018

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00pm on June 26, 2018 in the Township meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Building, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasié, PA 18944.

Present:	Gary Volovnik	Chairperson
	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. Volovnik with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment #1

There was none.

Announcements:

Mr. Volovnik announced Upcoming Meetings.

Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:

Approval of Minutes from May 22, 2018 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' May 22 2018 Regular Meeting as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment of Unpaid Bills dated June 19, 2018 in the amount of \$313,276.04

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve payment of Bills List dated June 19, 2018 in the amount of \$313,726.04 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority Report

The May 21, 2018 draft minutes and April 2018 flows are on file.

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

Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee Report: David Nyman

The May 24, 2018 meeting notes are on file. The next meeting will be September 27, 2018.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor

Pennridge Regional Police Commission Report: Chief Blake

Chief Blake shared the May, 2018 Pennridge Regional Police activity report. Of note, a blood drive will be held July 19th with the first 30 participants receiving a free car wash from Rockhill Car Wash; the Upper Bucks Motor Safety Enforcement Unit performs a safety check at least once a month and the Department has performed ongoing details on Rockhill Road. The report is on file.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, 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. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to reject the bids as presented and rebid the Country Hunt Basin Fence Replacement without prevailing wage. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Fuel Bids 2018-2019:

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to award the unleaded regular 87 octane bid amount of 0.2375 and ultra-low sulfur diesel bid amount of 0.2651 to PAPCO, Inc. with headquarters located in Aston, Pennsylvania for the 2018 - 2019 fuel bids covering the bid period of August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Bucks County Municipal Waste Management 2018-2028:

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt Resolution 2018-10 for the ratification of the 2018-2028 Bucks County Municipal Waste Management Plan as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Zoning Hearing Board Application for 134 Bridgeview Drive: The applicant is seeking a variance from Zoning Ordinance 27-702 and 27-1706 to permit a 40 feet setback when a 50 feet setback is required; a front yard setback of 40 feet when 50 feet is required; building coverage of 16.41% when 15% building coverage is required.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to take a neutral position on the application. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Sale of 39,000gww, 1999 Dump Truck: Mrs. Morano advised the Board the 39,000gww, 1999 dump truck was sold to Mike Miller for the amount of \$28,200 as placed on Municibid.

Municipal Complex Plan Presentation: Mrs. Morano provided to the Board a memo regarding draft plans to upgrade/update the Municipal Complex which was started in response to concerns regarding building security and evolved as an opportunity to update the Township Building which was built in 1969 with no physical upgrades in over 25 years.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the Township Manager obtaining an estimated cost of construction for the Municipal Office draft plans to upgrade/update; an estimated cost of bid document plan preparation; and a proposal for a

Public Works Building complex concept from Keystone Architects. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, 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 May, 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 June 5, 2018 is in the Board's packets. Mrs. Morano will contact Peace Lutheran Church regarding the status of their Land Development Plan that received Planning Commission conditional preliminary approval on January 8, 2009 with an extension expiring next month. No additional action is necessary.

Stormwater Management 2101 Hill Road: As follow-up to the stormwater appeal for 2101 Hill Road, Mr. Baluh reviewed his correspondence dated June 25, 2018 providing two stormwater management improvements for Board consideration related to driveway applications. Mr. Mager was present and indicated he preferred the first option listing items one to five.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the stormwater appeal contingent on proposed driveway trench boxes should be setback from the edge of cartway similar to the previously constructed driveway on TMP 12-20-3; the road side swale should be regraded to move the centerline (invert) of the swale three feet further from the edge of cartway along the entire frontage of the four properties involved in the permit applications; plus, along TMP 12-20-8, if the exiting shared driveway is removed as part of this project; the area along the edge of cartway should be filled to be level with the cartway; the regraded swale should be lined with rip-rap to prevent further erosion; all remaining disturbed areas should be seeded and mulched to achieve stabilization; amended plans must be submitted for review indicating above. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Courtney/Wood's Edge Development: Mr. Steve Yates has been advised by PennDOT that financial security for approximately \$31,560 is required for state road improvements. That amount is currently being held in the Township's escrow.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to grant conditional approval of the release of escrow monies for a PennDOT Letter of Credit from the East Rockhill escrow upon approval of the Township Engineer and Solicitor for the Wood's Edge Development. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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.

Sewage System Maintenance Agreement for 4431 Axe Handle Road: A sewage system maintenance agreement for 4431 Axe Handle Road, for the replacement of a failed system on an existing house was presented.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the Township Manager executing the Sewage System Maintenance Agreement for 4431 Axe Handle Road as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Penridge Airport Business Park: A request has been received to execute a preliminary early start development agreement so the applicant may move forward with dirt moving on the Penridge Airport Business Park, Phase I, which consists of two buildings in Perkasio Borough with stormwater and a portion of parking located in the Township.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to conditionally authorize the applicant moving forward contingent on the Township Solicitor preparation of the necessary Agreements and escrows. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Mr. Armstrong requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation in regards to the Burkey ZHB appeal, Piller 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. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, 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

- Mr. Nyman noted there is a bill in the Pennsylvania Senate proposing to allow local municipal officials to do away with the elected Tax Collector position. Consensus of the Board was opposition to the proposed bill and recognition of the valuable service the Elected Tax Collector provides the residents.

Public Comment #2:

- Kim Manser, 2201 N. Rockhill Road, provided the Board a list of questions which in summary consists of: has the Township engaged a noise abatement specialist; would the Township perform an air quality study; would the Township perform a diesel fume study; have aerial photographs been acquired; will the Township be made aware of test results for water pit contaminants; is the Township aware some residents have received correspondence from Earth-Res to test water wells, yes this is part of a DEP requirement; pipeline was delayed due to bog turtles why not for

quarry; referenced a noise Act of 1972 which may defend the constitutional rights of area residents; noted noise levels are amplified outside of the quarry property; and consideration of a brake retarder ordinance to reduce noise on roads around quarry.

- Arthur Hallett, 2210 N. Rockhill Road, informed the Board that there is a large boulder almost blocking a storm culvert. The Public Works Director will inspect.
- Anne Fenley, 1500 Branch Road, thanked the Public Works Department for mowing along the roadways.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adjourn into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager