

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

May 22, 2018

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00pm on May 22, 2018 in the Township meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Building, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasio, 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 7:02pm by Mr. Volovnik with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment #1

- Jim Pascale, 1921 Three Mile Run Road, thanked Supervisors for their efforts with the quarry, moved here from New Jersey 2 ½ years ago and enjoyed East Rockhill until Quarry noise could be heard at his home. He stated that he is Disappointed the Quarry operator has not worked with the Township and is expanding operations.
- Ryan Gottshall, 2101 N. Rockhill Road, thanked Board for their efforts with the quarry, has concerns regarding Quakertown Swamp, and has been advised of sediment near the railroad bridge. He asked if the Township has considered taking aerial photos of the quarry site. DEP is investigating the sediment near the railroad bridge as sent by a resident. Mr. Gottshall would also like traffic from Quarry to go to Three Mile Run Road and noted Richland Township authorized \$18,000 for an engineering study of Rockhill Road.
- Jeannine Gravel, 2198 N. Rockhill Road, has the Township investigated other quarries owned by Mr. Pierson, does the Board know about Mr. Pierson asphalt plants in other areas and could the airport noise abatement program be used at the quarry.
- George Zuck, 2017 N. Rockhill Road, thanked the Township for placing the lanternfly concern on the front page of the Spring newsletter. The Board thanked Mr. Zuck for information he has provided on the lanternfly.

Announcements:

Mr. Volovnik announced Upcoming Meetings.

Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:

Approval of Minutes from April 19, 2018 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' April 19, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment of Unpaid Bills dated May 17, 2018 in the amount of \$189,047.15.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve payment of Bills List dated May 17, 2018 in the amount of \$189,047.15 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority Report: John Cressman

The April 23, 2018 draft minutes and March 2018 flows are on file.

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

Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee Report: David Nyman

The April 26, 2018 meeting notes are on file. Of note, Bucks County Planning Commission was present to review status of trail plans and SR6 State Resolution to support volunteer fire companies and emergency services was reviewed.

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 April 2018 Pennridge Regional Police activity report. Chief Blake also recognized the service volunteer fire departments provide and noted the Public Safety Committee has discussed the purchase of a drone. 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

Stormwater Appeal 2101 Hill Road: A public hearing was held to review a stormwater appeal for tax parcels 12-20-4; 12-20-5; 12-20-6 and 12-20-7 proposing driveway entrances to Hill Road. Exhibits were provided to the Board and are on file. The applicant is willing to install a trench box on TMP 12-20-7 as required. Township Engineer and Solicitor will review the plans and recommended stormwater improvements.

- John Cressman, 5 Shale Circle, would like to see improved water control.

The hearing was closed.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to close the public hearing with a decision to be rendered at July's meeting date. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Park & Recreation Board: The May 8, 2018 draft meeting notes are on file. A site analysis plan as prepared by Boucher and James for Iron Bridge Park and surrounding Township owned property was available for the Board's review. The site analysis plan demonstrated limited areas were feasible for new facilities. Boucher and James will review if a youth fishing pier is viable and suggest a location. Mrs. Morano also noted Municipal building plans were ready for Board review.

Administrative Assistant Resignation:

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept Luann Hebrank resignation as a Township Administrative Assistant effective April 26, 2018 at 8:00am. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Offer of Employment for Administrative Assistant:

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to ratify Mrs. Morano's action offering employment to Bonnie Schorr as a full-time Administrative Assistant effective May 14, 2018. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Parking at Mood's Covered Bridge: Pictures were provided to the Board taken on a weekday at 7:20am indicating the parking lot was overfull. Police have made a presence in the morning at the parking lot and it has been determined the spots are being filled by Pennridge High School students.

Consensus was to have staff monitor the parking lot and recommend options for reevaluation in September.

Service Proposal: An overview of services has been received from Manko, Gold, Kathcer, Fox an environmental and energy law practice regarding legal services that can be provided by Michael Meloy and Shoshana Schiller. A \$10,000 retainer has been requested. Mrs. Morano advised the Board that 2/3 of the budgeted general fund legal fee line item and all of the general fund engineering fee budget allocation has been expended as of the payment of the May's bill list. Mr. Nietupski asked for clarification if travel time would be charged and what the hourly rate would be. He stated the anticipated general fund legal fee budget could be double what was projected.

- George Zuck, 2017 N. Rockhill Road, asked if the Board has looked into the revenue that could be generated from Quarry operations and expressed concern regarding potential tax increases from increased legal expenses.
- Ross DiMario, 412 Three Mile Run Road, asked for the impact to the budget. Two thirds of the legal fee budget amount has been expended as of payment of May bill list.
- Todd Hippauf, 29R Rockhill Road, asked if the Township Solicitor had any concerns with another attorney being added.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve a \$10,000.00 retainer to Manko, Gold, Katcher, Fox to assist the Township Solicitor with the Rockhill Quarry Zoning Hearing Special Exception. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Mrs. Morano requested an Executive Session to discuss real estate.

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 April, 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 May 3, 2018 is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

West Rock Road Off-Roadway Schedule of Prices:

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve Joseph Finlayson's proposal in the amount of \$19,750 for improvements according to the Bucks County Conservation West Rock Road grant approval in regards to off-roadway work. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Sewage Facilities Planning Module: The property of 4431 Axe Handle Road, tax parcel 12-6-3 for Radosky small flow treatment facility has been reviewed. No comments were received from the adjoining property.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt **Resolution 2018-09** Radosky Planning Module and the Township Solicitor preparation of an O & M Agreement. 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.

North Rockhill Road Speed Limit Chapter 15: An ordinance to amend Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances establishing a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on North Rockhill Road from the Bridge over the railroad tracks to its intersection with Old Bethlehem Pike. The hearing was open to public comment.

- Ryan Gottshall, 2101 N. Rockhill Road, wanted the whole road 25 mph and didn't seem logical for township not to lower speed limit on entire road. The speed limit is being lowered in the more densely populated section.
- George Zuck, 2017 N. Rockhill Road, questioned if the speed limit was only being lowered because of Quarry operations. Speed reduction is where there is dense population and walkers on roadway with increased motorists.
- Michael Zackon, 727 East Rockhill Road, asked if the reduced speed would impact the traffic study that was recently done by the Quarry. Speed is not a consideration in a traffic study; volume of vehicles is measured.

The Hearing was closed.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt **Ordinance 289** Chapter 15 amendment lowering the speed limit on North Rockhill Road from the Bridge over the railroad tracks to its intersection with Old Bethlehem Pike to 25 miles per hour.

Wood's Edge Agreements: Declaration of Easement for right-of-way along Dublin Pike; memorandum of Development Agreement; Development Agreement; and Stormwater Operation and Maintenance Agreements have been executed by the Developer. It was noted this is the former Courtney Subdivision, plans are ready for recordation and the Township has received the original letter of credit.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize the Chairperson's execution of Wood's Edge Agreements as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Boice Agreements: Executed Agreements were received today by Mr. Armstrong for the Boice Minor Subdivision located at 7700 Richlandtown Road.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize the Chairperson's execution of Boice Agreements as presented but to not release until plans have been recorded and an original letter of credit is received. 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 and R.E. Pierson.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, 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

- Mr. Nietupski asked if 25mph speed limit signs were in stock and for vascar lines to be coordinated with the Police Department for N. Rockhill Road.

Public Comment #2:

- Ryan Gottshall, 2101 N. Rockhill Road, requested an update to a Watch Children sign request. Mrs. Morano advised him the Police determined signs already posted were sufficient and that graffiti related to the quarry is being placed on existing Township owned roadway signs.
- Todd Hippauf, 29R Rockhill Road, asked what is the intent of the injunction. It is related to the asphalt plant use. He stated that asphalt plants run 24/7.
- Ross DiMario, 412 Three Mile Run Road, asked about the municipal building plan. An architect was engaged in October 2016 to improve security for office personnel and address the public meeting room and final plans are ready for Board review.
- George Zuck, 2017 N. Rockhill Road, how many residents are in the Township. Approximately 5,100. There is an impact to a larger population should taxes be increased for something that affects a small population.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adjourn into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager