

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

October 23, 2018

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00pm on October 23, 2018 following the 2019 Preliminary Budget review 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 7:00pm by Mr. Volovnik with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment #1

- Sandy Hippauff, 29R Rockhill Road, read her public statement that she made at the DEP public hearing held on September 20, 2018.
- Justin Kotulka, 818 Rockhill Road, requested zoning enforcement at 805 Rockhill Road that has tall grass, too many animals, abandoned cars, and odors
- Michelle Donovan, 804 Rockhill Road, requested zoning enforcement at 805 Rockhill Road.
- Ron Schulberger, 2386 Hill Road, has quarry related concerns with trucks every 90 seconds, negative effects hunting on State Game Lands, would like water to be shipped in for use at quarry even though there would be more truck traffic.
- Jeannine Gravel, 2198 N. Rockhill Road, has attended two private meetings with Quarry operator. Does not want asphalt plant.
- Mary O'Toole, 326 Three Mile Run Road, thanked whoever placed a flyer inside her mailbox regarding the quarry.
- Mark Ezzo, 2904 Hill Road, disappointed Zoning Hearing on October 25 was postponed.
- Sean Miller, potential buyer 2317 Hill Road, may not sign an agreement of sale because of quarry concerns.
- Josh Scheider, 754 E. Rockhill Road, asked for an update on the federal lawsuit. Discussions are ongoing.
- Dan Soliday, 1300 West Rock Road, believes Township neglected to enforce zoning regulations, inability to take action, wants traffic on Three Mile Run Road and tonnage requirement removed.
- Joanne Kater, 1710 West Rock Road, asked why Attorney Gundlach thinks settlement discussions are going well, what does it mean we "get nothing", why her Attorney Freed left three messages for Solicitor Armstrong and received two return phone calls.

- Katie Zackon, 727 E. Rockhill Road, expressed frustration that residents don't have facts, asked R.E. Pierson to drop lawsuit, does not want asphalt plant.
- Cindy Williams, 2050 West Rock Road, does not want asphalt plant.
- Bob Cormack, 328 Harriet Drive, does not want to see asphalt plant in industrial zone located near his property.
- Ryan Gottshall, 2201 N. Rockhill Road, does not want asphalt plant, asked what are the costs of improvements to North Rockhill Road, wants the Township to fight asphalt plant for as long as it takes, threatened to will fill meeting room with more people, asked who went on a tour of an asphalt plant.
- Jim Pascale, 1921 Three Mile Run Road, requested the Township to continue litigation, stated that predecessors made a mistake with previous comp plan, stated that the quarry was to be turned over to the Township.
- Todd Hippauff, 29R Rockhill Road, Milford Township granted potential temporary approval for asphalt plant.

There was a 3-minute recess allowing for residents who wished to leave the meeting.

Announcements:

Mr. Volovnik announced Upcoming Meetings.

An Executive Session was held on October 11, 2018, for ongoing litigation (Pierson).

Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:

Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2018 Budget and Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' September 25, 2018 Budget and Regular Meeting as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment of Unpaid Bills dated October 19, 2018 in the amount of \$552,626.85

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve payment of Bills List dated October 19, 2018 in the amount of \$552,626.85 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Pennridge Community Center Report: David Nyman

Mr. Nyman reviewed the Pennridge Community Annual Report. Of note, the Legacy Room is available for reservation, membership is \$16 a year, the Center is open for extended hours during inclement weather, Mr. Volovnik and Mr. Nyman donate their Supervisor wage to the Center.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the Pennridge Community Center Report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority Report

The September 24, 2018 draft minutes and August 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 Area Coordinating Committee Report

The PACC September 27, 2018 notes are on file. The next meeting will be October 25, 2018 with no meetings in November and December.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to acknowledge receipt of 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 September, 2018 Pennridge Regional Police activity report. 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

Right-of-Way Sign Request Bucks County Covered Bridge Society:

A request was received for the installation of nine (9) directional signs with covered bridge tour directions.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to grant the installation of directional signs for the Covered Bridge Tour with the assistance of Public Works as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Perkasie Fire Police Coverage at November 3, 2018 Community Event:

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve Perkasie Fire Police coverage at Bucks County Community College Upper Campus on November 3, 2018 from 12:30 to 2:30pm. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Knox Box Ordinance. Mrs. Morano noted that the Perkasie Borough Knox Box Ordinance was in the Board packets. Consensus was to provide information on the value of Knox Box installations at Commercial properties through Township communications.

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 September, 2018. The Public Works report is on file.

- Ryan Gottshall, 2201 N. Rockhill Road, noted he observed the road mower at a potentially hazardous location and recommended signage be placed and noted he maintains the right-of-way at his residence.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, 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 September 28, 2018 is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

Wood's Edge Subdivision Authorization Voucher 3 and Pennridge Airport Business Park Voucher 1:

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve Authorization Voucher Number 3 for the Wood's Edge Subdivision in the amount of \$382.45 for construction observation/escrow administration for August 25, 2018 to September 30, 2018 payable to C. Robert Wynn Associates Inc. and approve Authorization Voucher Number 1 for Pennridge Airport Business Park in the amount of \$118,143.03 for clearing, E&S Controls, earthwork, storm drainage and landscaping payable to Pennridge Development Enterprises Inc. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Engine Retarder (Jake Brake) Restriction Ordinance:

An application has been submitted to PennDOT for consideration. Mr. Baluh noted there is a short length from Old Bethlehem Pike to before Bethel Baptist Church which exceeds 4% and that is above PennDOT parameters to allow the jake brake restriction. He will continue discussions with PennDOT to restrict as much of North Rockhill Road as possible.

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.

Development Agreements for Mehmanus Holdings 1419 Ridge Road:

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize the Chairperson to execute the Development Agreements for the Mehmanus Holdings Land Development Plan contingent on financial security being established as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

UCC Joint Board of Appeals:

A Draft agreement and Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement were provided to the Board.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize advertising of the Ordinance and Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Mr. Armstrong requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation in regards to R.E. Pierson.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, 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

- Mr. Nietupski noted a flyer had been placed in residents mailboxes related to the Quarry. There was general discussion related to the Quarry. It was noted there are no buffers at quarry because it was active 40 years ago and the requirements were not in place. The H12 quarry use could occur without any improvements and the H12 quarry use and the asphalt plant were a 'package' in the litigation that is currently in federal court.

Public Comment #2:

- Blaze Youngers, 1301 N. Ridge Road, thanked the Board for their service and recognized they are in a difficult position.
- Anne Fenley, 1500 Branch Road, appreciates the road mower mowing the right-of-way at her residence.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adjourn into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager