

**East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors**  
**January 17, 2017**  
**Regular Business Meeting Minutes**

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on January 17, 2017 in the Township meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Building, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasie, PA 18944.

Present:	David Nyman	Chairperson
	Gary Volovnik	Vice-Chairperson
	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 7:00p.m. by Mr. Nyman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment #1**

There was none.

**Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2016 Regular Meeting and January 3, 2017 Reorganization Meeting**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' December 13, 2016 Regular Meeting and the Board of Supervisors' January 3, 2017 Reorganization meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Payment of the Bills**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve payment of 2016 Bills List dated January 13, 2017 totaling \$45,930.42 and payment of 2017 Bills List dated January 13, 2017 totaling \$206,826.62. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Police Commission Report: Chief Blake**

Chief Blake shared the December 2016 Pennridge Regional Police report. The report is on file.

**Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano**

**Zoning Hearing Application for James Burkey 1037 Mountain View Drive:** The applicant is appealing a Zoning Enforcement Notice citing sections 401, 300 and 2202 for operating an H5 contracting use in the RP zoning district, for more than one principal use on the property and for failing to obtain a zoning permit for the contracting use. Mr. Burkey and his attorney Ms. VonSpreckelsen were present. Equipment on the property includes three triaxles, mini excavator, backhoe, track hoe. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 6am to 3pm. Ms. VonSpreckelsen concurred to send a letter prior to the Zoning Hearing Board meeting being held at 7:00pm on January 18, 2017 requesting a variance on behalf of her client. The consensus of the Board was to not take a position regarding this application.

**Elected Auditor Resignation**

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to accept Gregory Lippincott's resignation as an elected auditor, with regret, noting his number of years serving as an elected auditor, to allow him to serve as a Zoning Hearing Board alternate member. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**2016 Manger Overview.** Mrs. Morano cited her 2016 Overview which had been provided to the Board of Supervisors and in the public packets.

**Planning Commission Volunteer Application** was received from John Fenley to fill a vacancy with December 31, 2020 term expiration. The consensus of the Board was to have him attend the next Planning Commission meeting to allow for a recommendation from the board on which he is to serve.

Mrs. Morano requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, 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 in December 2016. Of note, the low volume road grant was submitted but may be amended to include the cost of renting an excavator. The report is on file.

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

**Planning Commission: David Nyman**

There was not a Planning Commission meeting in January. The 2016 Overview was provided to the Board of Supervisors. The Planning Commission Chairperson, Mrs. Fenley, was requested to give future Planning Commission reports.

Mr. Worthington, Perkasio Fire Chief, noted he was contacted regarding fire suppression inside the proposed Pennridge Airport hangars which was deferred to the Building Code Official.

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

**Pennridge Community Center Report: David Nyman**

The January – February 2017 Pennridge Community Center Newsletter is in the Board's packets and available for the public.

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

**PWTA Report:**

The December 12, 2016 Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority draft minutes and November, 2016 flows were reviewed. The PWTA minutes and flows are on file.

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to acknowledge receipt of the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority minutes and flows. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**PACC Report: David Nyman**

The next PACC meeting will be held January 26, 2017 at the Pennridge Community Center.

**Engineer Report: Steve Baluh, P.E.**

**Subdivision Plan Review Status.** Review dated December 30, 2016 is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

**Fox Hill Development Curbing**

Following up in regard to residents' request to not install curbing planned for Clymer Road and Axehandle Road, Mr. Baluh recommended on Clymer Road to eliminate curb, pavement widening, and full width overlay paving and install "stabilized" shoulder extending approximately 250' from intersection. This will include removal of one tree, and grading to ensure proper transition and positive drainage; on Axehandle Road to eliminate curb and reduce length of paved widening and install five feet wide paved widening from intersection to first driveway approximately 150' and install curb taper at end of curb return; install extended leveling and full width overlay paving on Axehandle Road. It was noted the large tree Ms. Underdown asked to not be removed will remain.

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the revision to Fox Hill plan regarding removal of planned curbing to be memorialized by a letter from the Township Engineer and requiring as-built plans. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the Township Engineer's Report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Solicitor Report: Patrick Armstrong, Esq.**

**Agreement to finalize 1240 West Rock Road Building Envelope**

An agreement was provided to the Board to set formally establish the building envelope for a conservation easement located at 1240 West Rock Road, TMP 12-009-092.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve execution of the Agreement to Finalize the Building Envelope location referenced in the conservation easement dated July 1, 2013 and recorded on July 8, 2013. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Mr. Armstrong advised the Board they had a limited time to fill the vacancy left by the elected Auditors resignation.

Mr. Armstrong requested an Executive Session to update the Board on the Mager litigation.

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

**Department and Emergency Services Reports**

Department and Services Reports listed on the agenda were noted as received. Copies are on file.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to acknowledge receipt of the Department and Service Reports. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**New or Other Business – Supervisor Items**

There was none.

**Public Comment #2:**

- Mr. Worthington, Perkasio Fire Chief, noted Grandview Hospital does not offer urine analysis on a 24/7 basis which is required for any incidents in the Fire Department. Perkasio Borough Manager is in discussion with their worker's compensation company looking for another facility.

**Adjournment**

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

**Re-Convening the meeting**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman to re-convene the meeting at 8:10pm. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to authorize the Township Manager to advertise for a full-time public works employee. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Adjournment**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adjourn at 8:11pm. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano  
Township Manager