

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors
September 26, 2017
Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held following the 2018 Preliminary Budget Work Session at 7:00p.m. on September 26, 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
	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 7:00p.m. by Mr. Nyman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment #1

- Stuart Laccoff and Rachel Ramos, 25 Bryant Drive, requested a live street tree in front of their townhouse be removed that has caused the sidewalk to heave 2 ½ to 3 inches. Consensus of the Board was for the Township to remove the street tree and have the homeowner repair or replace the sidewalk Staff is to draft a procedure for street tree replacement in the Pines Development when there is sidewalk damage.

Approval of Minutes from August 22, 2017 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' August 22, 2017 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' September 7, 2017 Special Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment of the Bills

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve payment of 2017 Bills List dated September 22, 2017 with General Fund totaling \$114,240.27; Open Space Fund totaling \$192,872.55; Sewer Fund totaling \$14,325.21; Park & Recreation Fund totaling \$1,701.01; Street Light Fund totaling \$1,728.19; Police Headquarter Debt Fund totaling 5,797.22; Capital Reserve Fund totaling \$11,248.46; State Aid (Liquid Fuel) Fund totaling \$1,046.17 and Escrow Fund totaling \$3,593.42 for a grand total of \$346,552.50. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Engineer Report: Steve Baluh, P.E.

Pennridge Airport Business Park Lot 2 Final Land Development: Pennridge Airport representatives were present to review Pennridge Airport Business Park Lot 2 final land development submission consisting of two proposed manufacturing buildings to be constructed within Perkasie Borough portion of Lot 2 (west of Branch Valley property) and the associated access drives and

stormwater management facilities located within East Rockhill Township portion of Lot 2. Mr. Ottes, P.E. , Langan Engineering advised the Board all items on C. Robert Wynn Associates review letter dated September 8, 2017 are will comply. Applicant submitted a Traffic Impact Study for review of Lot 1 and Lot 2 to PennDOT and the applicant will address PennDOT review comments. East Rockhill Township traffic engineer Traffic Planning and Design review letter dated September 8, 2017 was provided to the Board. It was noted two small dwellings on Ridge Road near Tunnel Road are to be removed and sight visibility will be improved at that intersection. The intersection of Ridge Road and Lawn Avenue is also being reviewed. A traffic study resubmission will be issued to PennDOT and East Rockhill Township will receive an electronic copy.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the Pennridge Airport Business Park Lot 2 final land development submission contingent on compliance with the C. Robert Wynn Associates review letter dated September 8, 2017. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Subdivision Plan Review Status. Review dated September 11, 2017 is in the Board's packets. No action is necessary.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Salt Bids 2017-2018 Season:

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to award the 2017-2018 salt bids to Morton Salt, Inc. through Costars at the rate of \$55.95 per ton for the required 375 tons and to Morton Salt, Inc. through Bucks County Consortium at the rate of \$48.82 per ton delivered and \$48.00 per ton undelivered as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Minimum Municipal Obligation Resolution 2017-15 and 2017-16: Resolutions adopting the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the East Rockhill Township Non-Uniform Pension Plans.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt Resolution 2017-15 Non-Uniform Municipal Obligation. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt Resolution 2017-16 Non-Uniform Municipal Obligation cash balance plan. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Fifth Street & Campus Drive Perkasio Borough ARLE Grant: PennDOT form TE-160 has been reviewed by East Rockhill Township's Traffic Engineer for the signal at Fifth Street and Campus Drive and coordination with Perkasio Borough's traffic signal upgrade at Fifth Street and Blooming Glen Drive. It was noted that the review coincided with Pennridge School District's request to lengthen the turn arrow in the morning into the school complex to accommodate all buses entering from one direction. Eight seconds has been added to the turn arrow in the morning.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt Resolution 2017-17 for authorization of the Township Manager to submit application for the traffic signal approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and to sign the application on behalf of the Municipality as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Offer of Employment for Crossing Guard:

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to ratify the Manager's action Offer of Employment to Robin Besch for the crossing guard position at Fifth Street and Campus Drive having a start date of September 25, 2017 with primary hours of 6:50am to 7:50am and 2:15pm to 3:15pm on school days under the direction of Pennridge Regional Police Department. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Oppose HB 1010 Legalization of Operator-Based Video Gaming Terminals: The Bucks County Association of Township Officials has requested consideration of Resolution adoption opposing HB 1010 which would legalize operator-based video gaming terminals in Pennsylvania locations with a liquor license and consideration be given for municipalities to make the final decision if they wished to have Video Gaming Terminals in their community or not.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt Resolution 2017-18 opposing House Bill 1010 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan Approval: Mrs. Morano noted FEMA has sent notification the Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved and the Township continues to be eligible to apply for federal disaster assistance until the plan expires September 27, 2021.

2017 39,000GVW Dump Truck:

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve a general fund payment in the amount of \$132,422 for the remaining payment on a 2017 39,000gvw dump truck with an anticipated October delivery date. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Close Municipal Service Checking Account: Mrs. Morano requested authorization to close the municipal service checking account and have the local service tax direct deposited to the general fund. It was noted collections are tracked in a general fund line item.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve closing the Quakertown National Bank Municipal Service checking account and have all local service tax collections deposited to the general fund. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, 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 in August 2017. The report is on file.

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

Planning Commission: Anne Fenley

The Planning Commission reviewed Pennridge Airport Business Park Lot 2 and recommended final approval to the Board of Supervisors. Two applicants introduced themselves to the Commission for consideration for the current vacancy. A recommendation was deferred to October's meeting when all members should be present.

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

PWTA Report

The August 28, 2017 draft minutes and July 2017 flow reports are on file.

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

Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee Report: David Nyman

The September PACC meeting has been cancelled. The next PACC meeting will be held October 26, 2017.

Police Commission Report: Gary Volovnik

Mr. Volovnik shared the August, 2017 Pennridge Regional Police activity report. 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.

Solicitor Report: Patrick Armstrong, Esq.

Intergovernmental Agreement for Recycling Data Ordinance: An Ordinance for East Rockhill Township, Plumstead Township, Hilltown Township and Dublin Borough to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement Ordinance for recycling data collection for the collection years of 2017 to 2021 has been advertised. The hearing was open to public comment. Seeing none the hearing was closed.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt Ordinance 287 Intergovernmental Agreement for Recycling Data as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize execution of the Intergovernmental Agreement by the Chairman as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Snow Emergency Route and Penalties Chapter 15: An ordinance to amend Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances adding the entire length of Greenleaf Circle, entire length of Bryant Drive and entire length of Sunnyside Lane to the snow emergency route to assist with snow removal and penalties for no parking and violating the snow emergency route penalty established at \$25.00 has been advertised. The hearing was open to public comment.

- Ross DiMario, 412 Three Mile Run Road, asked if Campus Drive was on the snow route and noted there is limited parking in the development. Campus Drive is on the snow route and the amendment will be placed in the newsletter.

With no further public comment the hearing was closed.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt Ordinance 288 Chapter 15 amendment adding Greenleaf Circle, Bryant Drive and Sunnyside Lane to the existing snow emergency route and amending the penalty to \$25.00. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Mr. Armstrong requested an Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation.

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

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

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, 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:

- David Lynch, no address given, on behalf of American Legion on Covered Bridge Road where there has been a camp on 7 acres since 1927 requested a fee waiver for a 13' x 14' Adirondack style building to be constructed by an Eagle Scout. Mr. Lynch noted there would be an outreach program for 56 youths this weekend and they have liability insurance. Mr. Lynch submitted a permit application at the meeting.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the permit fee waiver for an Adirondack style building on Covered Bridge Road that benefits terminally ill youths. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

- James Burkey, 1037 Mountain View Drive, who is operating a contracting business in a residential neighborhood currently which is under litigation, requested a compromise to continue the business use at his residence.
- John Burkey, Trumbauersville, a sub-contractor working for James Burkey noted improvements have been made to the property and trucks only run for 5 minutes in the morning during the winter months.

Mr. Burkey was advised to talk to his attorney as the matter was under litigation.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager