

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

February 23, 2021

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on February 23, 2021 in the meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Office, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasio, PA 18944.

Present:	David Nyman	Supervisor Chairperson
	Gary Volovnik	Supervisor Vice-Chairperson
	Jim Nietupski	Supervisor Member
	Marianne Morano	Township Manager
	John Rice, Esq.	Township Solicitor
	Will Oetinger, 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.

Members of the public and press were present.

Announcements:

Based on the Governor's current COVID19 Disaster Declaration, the Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting with special meeting protocol for public participation. The meeting packet was available on the Township website. Pre-registration on a first-come first-serve basis with limited attendance was available. Anyone wishing to provide public comment could do so electronically or by submitting a public comment form. All public comment will be read at the Board's meeting.

An Executive Session will follow the regular meeting for litigation.

Public Comment #1:

There was none.

Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:

Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2021 Regular Meeting.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' January 26, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Payment Unpaid Bills dated February 19, 2021 in the amount of \$300,010.47.

On motion by Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve payment of the Bills List dated February 19, 2021 in the amount of \$300,010.47 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Morano

Zoning Hearing Application Peace Tohickon Lutheran Church for 100 Old Bethlehem Road. A zoning hearing application has been received proposing an outdoor pavilion seeking a variance to permit an increase of 0.7% impervious surface on a property with current non-conforming 21.8% impervious surface increasing the total impervious surface on the property to 22.5%. The property is located in the AP Agricultural Preservation Zoning District which requires 10% impervious surface.

Correspondence was provided to the Board from Michael Cygan, Council Vice-President of Peace-Tohickon Evangelical Lutheran Church. Mr. Cygan and Mr. Kapusta were present to answer any questions.

Mr. Nietupski questioned if neighbors had been contacted for any concerns. Yes, they had no concerns.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to not take a position on the application. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Planning Commission Members. Mr. Aaron Teel and Mr. Colin Monahan were recommended by the Planning Commission and present to introduce themselves as candidates for the two Planning Commission vacancy positions. The volunteer applications were provided to the Board.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to appoint Aaron Teel and Mr. Colin Monahan as Planning Commission members for 4-year terms with the first term ending December 31, 2024. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Recycling Mandates. A draft letter was presented to the Board for Chairperson signature to State Legislator Steven Santarsiero regarding the financial burden Act 101 Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction mandates burdens residents as it relates to China's 2018 ban on certain types of recyclable materials.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize Chairperson signature on the letter relating to recycling mandates as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Street Tree Removal Request 2 Greenleaf Circle, Perkasio. A request for the removal of a healthy street tree has been received for 2 Greenleaf Circle which has resulted in the sidewalk lifting over two inches.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the removal of street tree at 2 Greenleaf Circle contingent on the property owner replacing the sidewalk within six months of tree removal. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

A snow emergency was declared on February 1, 2021 12:01am to February 2, 2021 6:00pm and on February 18, 2021 6:00am to February 19, 2021 6:00am.

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 as of February 19, 2021. 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.

Township Engineer Report: Steve Baluh, P.E.

Municipal Office Addition / Renovation Update. Mr. Baluh updated the Board, stating plumbing work was substantially complete; electric work was substantially complete except for a light fixture to be installed; mechanical work was to take place next week per the mechanical engineer findings and general contractor work was substantially complete with the exception of warranty documentation was pending. Mr. Baluh and Mrs. Morano have a punch list that will be finalized by February 26, 2021 should the Board have any items of concern to add. Mr. Baluh cited the amount to be retained as documented on the unpaid bills list.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize the project substantially complete pending Mr. Baluh's and Mrs. Morano's approval and receiving all required documentation as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, ratifying the electrical change orders for hand driers, relocation of switch and thermostat and a 3-way switch in the total amount of \$2,753.00 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Mr. Nyman thanked Mr. Baluh for his efforts overseeing the Municipal Building project.

Release of Escrow Vouchers.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve the Woods Edge Subdivision Voucher Number 20 dated February 15, 2021 payable to Wynn Associates in the amount of \$772.99 for construction observation and administration and Woods Edge Subdivision Voucher Number 21 dated February 15, 2021 payable to Lynn Builders LLC in the amount of \$14,454.71 for reduction to 15% maintenance as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to accept the Township Engineer's report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Township Solicitor Report: John Rice, Esq.

There was none.

Mr. Rice announced two items for executive session regarding litigation.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept the Township Solicitor's report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Board and Commission Reports

Planning Commission: David Nyman

Mr. Nyman shared highlights of the February 11, 2021 meeting. The agenda and draft minutes were provided to the Board.

Mr. Nietupski stated the proposed width of road on the Weider Tract did not allow parking on both sides of the street and a wider road should be considered.

Pennridge Regional Police Department: Gary Volovnik

Mr. Volovnik shared the January 2021 Pennridge Regional Police activity report. The report is on file.

Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority: David Nyman

Mr. Nyman shared the February 22, 2021 meeting report. The December 2020 and January 2021 minutes and flows were provided to the Board.

Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee: David Nyman

Mr. Nyman shared highlights of the January 27, 2021 meeting. The notes were provided to the Board and are on file.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept the Planning Commission, Police Department, Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority and Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee reports. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Department and Emergency Services Reports

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to acknowledge receipt of the Department and Emergency Services reports. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

New or Other Business – Supervisors’ Items

- Mr. Nietupski asked for extra copies already available of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan be provided to the public upon request at \$25 per copy. Consensus of the Board was to not charge for those copies already printed. Copies generated by the office staff will be charged according to the current fee schedule.

Public Comment #2 as received according to public comment protocol:

There was none.

Adjournment:

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn the regular meeting into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano
Township Manager