

**East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors**

**July 27, 2021**

**Regular Business Meeting Minutes**

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on July 27, 2021 in the meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Office, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasio, PA 18944.

Present:	David Nyman	Supervisor Chairperson
	Jim Nietupski	Supervisor Member
	Marianne Morano	Township Manager
	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:**

There was none.

**Public Comment #1:**

- Michael Stitzinger, 1402 Schwenkmill Road, asked what the plans were for the recently acquired open space that abutted his. He stated his opposition to the use of the shared driveway easement from Schwenkmill Road to the recently acquired 1.8 acres as a path access as an invasion of privacy, risk of trespass and crime. Mr. Nyman stated the property abutted already owned open space and access could be considered through school district property. Mr. Nietupski is opposed to a trail on that easement.

**Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:**

**Approval of Minutes from June 22, 2021 Regular Meeting.**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' June 22, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Payment Unpaid Bills dated July 23, 2021 in the amount of \$311,899.74.**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve payment of the Bills List dated July 23, 2021 in the amount of \$311,899.74 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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

**Fuel Bids 2021-2022.**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to award the unleaded regular 87 octane bid amount of 0.1813 market value and to award the ultra-low sulfur diesel bid amount of 0.2307 market value to PAPCO, Inc. with headquarters located in Aston, Pennsylvania for the 2021 - 2022 fuel bids

covering the bid period of August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**East Rockhill Township 2020 Draft Financial Report.** Received and distributed to the Supervisors for review. Mrs. Morano noted PMRS would not be issuing 2019 pension amounts until possibly September 2021 and therefore the 2019 pension amounts would be reported with the 2021 financials. The 2020 financial report was finalized with a disclaimer that the required information was not available.

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to acknowledge receipt, finalize the 2020 draft financial report prepared by the appointed Auditors, and authorize the Chairperson's execution of the representation letter. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, 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 as of July 23, 2021.

- An interjection from the public asked if cut up wood could be removed from township property by residents. Due to potential liability, the Township is unable to permit that.

The 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.

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

**Subdivision Plan Review Status.** Review dated July 7, 2021, is in the Board's packets.

Consensus was to acknowledge receipt of Weidner Tract subdivision extension request to November 12, 2021.

Mr. Baluh noted revised plans have been submitted for Weidner Tract, McClennen Tract and Penridge School District for review at the August 12, 2021 Planning Commission meeting.

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

**Township Solicitor Report: Wil Oetinger, Esq.**

Mr. Oetinger stated that DCED has approved the 2021 General Obligation Note.

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

**Board and Commission Reports**

**Pennridge Regional Police Department: Chief Paul Dickinson, Jr.**

The Chief shared the June, 2021 Pennridge Regional Police activity report. The report is on file.

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to accept the Pennridge Regional Police Department report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority: David Nyman**

Mr. Nyman shared the July 26, 2021 meeting report. The May and June 2021 minutes and flow reports were provided to the Board.

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

**Department and Emergency Services Reports**

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

There was none.

**Public Comment #2:**

- Louis DiTonno, 1 Boulder Drive, asked if the McClennen Tract Development run off water would increase water flow to Three Mile Run Creek. The plan is preliminary and at this time large stormwater basins are designed to slow down the water to the creek. Mr. DiTonno stated Stone Edge Road bridge floods and traffic is detoured to Hill Road and he would like eminent domain be considered to replace the bridge. Mr. Baluh noted the nearby railroad bridge impacts Stone Edge Road bridge and there are limits on allowable construction in a floodplain. The current bridge is designed and constructed to flood.
- Residents of Schwenkmill Road, who did not state name and address clearly for the record, questioned maintenance of the Schwenkmill Road recently acquired open space and impact to taxes. Structures would be removed from the property, possibly trees planted, and there was no impact to taxes.

**Adjournment:**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adjourn the regular meeting. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano  
Township Manager