

**East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors**

**April 19, 2022**

**Regular Business Meeting Minutes**

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00p.m. on April 19, 2022, in the meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Office, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasio, PA 18944.

Present:	Gary Volovnik	Supervisor Chairperson
	Dave Nyman	Supervisor Vice-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
	Chief Dickinson, Jr.	Pennridge Regional Police Department

The meeting was called to order at 7:01p.m. by Mr. Volovnik with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of the public and press were present.

**Announcements or Presentations:**

An Executive Session will follow the meeting for real estate potential preservation, potential litigation and personnel.

**Public Comment #1:**

- Julia Gottshall, 2201 N. Rockhill Road, stated she is seeking a Girl Scout Silver Award that requires a proposal to help the community and would like to improve Township Parks and in particular the Markey Park. Mrs. Morano will coordinate the projects with Ms. Gottshall.
- Jill Wismer, 201 Blooming Glen Road, asked if the Board of Supervisors supports the Pennridge School District salt shed and accessory building proposal that will impact properties in the vicinity citing stormwater concerns noting her property backs up to a creek.
- Nancy Weber, 401 Blooming Glen Road, stated she was not happy about the salt shed proposal and a new submission adding an accessory building.
- Jane Howe, 321 Blooming Glen Road, asked if the salt shed was moved on the recently submitted sketch plans and asked if the new location was to add parking at the high school which she believed to be done as a money maker. Yes the salt shed is proposed to be moved from the High School property.
- Cheryl Maiuro, 405 Blooming Glen Road, can see the stakes at the proposed location of the salt shed and the accessory building which are behind her garden and has concern of impact of salt to her well.
- Mr. Nietupski stated opposition to the project and would vote no to a special exception.
- Mr. Nyman stated the proposal is going through the Township review process and will make a decision once all information has been received.
- Mr. Volovnik stated he will deal with facts and does not have an answer at this time.

**Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:**

**Approval of Minutes from March 22, 2022, Regular Meeting.**

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors' March 22, 2022, Regular Meeting as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Payment of Unpaid Bills dated April 14, 2022, in the amount of \$951,832.51.**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve payment of the Bills List dated April 14, 2022, for a total amount of \$951,832.51 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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

**Zoning Hearing Board Application from Jonathan Rufe for 1900 N. Fifth Street.** Jonathan Rufe was present to review the application seeking a variance at 1900 N. Fifth Street, Perkasio Bucks County Tax Map Parcel 12-009-225 located in the AP – Agricultural Preservation Zoning District. The Applicant is seeking a variance to add an A-8 Farm Unit and section 27-304.A8.b of the Zoning Ordinance which requires a maximum density of 0.033 dwelling spaces per acre when the property contains 41.3506 acres. Mr. Rufe stated he resides in the dwelling and no one resides in the farm unit at this time. It was recommended Mr. Rufe have the use of the farm unit by a grandson included in the Zoning Hearing decision.

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

**Public Works Maintenance Facility.** A feasibility study proposal from Phillips and Donovan Architects for replacement of the public works facility in the amount of \$8,420.00 with an optional 3D design service in the amount of \$3,660.00 was presented for consideration.

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept the proposal as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Support the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial.**

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt Resolution 2022-04 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Haycock Township request for fire police personnel on August 7, 2022 for the Steelman Triathlon and May 15, 2022 for the Independence Triathlon was received today.** Consensus of the Board was to support the use of fire police at the events.

**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 April 11, 2022. The report is on file.

**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.

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

**Resutek Lot Line Adjustment.**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize signatures on the Resutek Lot Line Adjustment plans. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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

**Penridge High School Parking Improvements.** Mr. Nietupski noted a typographical error on page 12 that did not state the time measurement for completion.

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to authorize signatures on plans for recordation and Chairperson execution of Development Agreement and Stormwater Management Operation and Maintenance Agreement for 1200 N. Fifth Street when received as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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

**Board and Commission Reports**

**Penridge Regional Police Department: Chief Dickinson, Jr.**

The Chief shared the March 2022 Penridge Regional Police activity report. The report is on file.

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

**Planning Commission: Anne Fenley**

Mrs. Fenley noted the Penridge School District salt shed and accessory building sketch plan were reviewed and the District is holding an on-site meeting Thursday 10:30am to address neighbor's concerns.

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept the Planning Commission report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Penridge Wastewater Treatment Authority: Dave Nyman**

The February 2022 minutes and flow reports were provided to the Board.

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

**Penridge Area Coordinating Committee: Dave Nyman**

There was no meeting in March. The next meeting will take place April 28, 2022.

**Department and Emergency Services Reports**

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, 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 recommended a pipe be added at the Branch Creek path culvert to address a resident’s stormwater concern. The Township Engineer will review to determine what approvals may be necessary.

**Public Comment #2:**

- Nancy Weber, 401 Blooming Glen Road, believes Giant has time restrictions for deliveries.
- Ryan Gottshall, 2201 N. Rockhill Road, requested agenda items be placed in the public packet. Items are not made public until action has been taken by the Board. He noted the list of attendees at the last DEP Rock Hill Quarry update to elected officials was on the Township website and asked if the list was verified and if Bucks County Commissioners were invited. The list was not verified and yes Commissioner Harvie is invited. He stated concerns for rock removal and testing and wants political pressure to shut down the Quarry. He requested consideration of a 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspector during any activity at the site.
- Vicki Sellers, 505 E. Callowhill Street, stated concerns for traffic and speeding near and at Callowhill and Branch Roads. The Chief will advise his Department and neighboring departments.

**Adjournment:**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to adjourn the regular meeting into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Morano  
Township Manager