

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

March 25, 2025

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 PM on March 25, 2025, in the meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Office, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasie, PA 18944.

<u>Present:</u>	Gary Volovnik	Supervisor Chairperson
	Dave Nyman	Supervisor Vice-Chairperson
	Jim Nietupski	Supervisor Member
	Marianne Hart Morano	Township Manager
	Will Oetinger, Esq.	Township Solicitor
	Steve Baluh, P.E.	Township Engineer
	Jeff Scholl	Public Works Director
	Chief Dickinson	Pennridge Regional Police Department

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM by Mr. Volovnik with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of the public and press were present.

Announcement:

- Next Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting is April 22, 2025 at 7:00 PM
- Executive Session to take place following the meeting for potential real estate acquisition.

Special Presentation:

Conditional Use Public Hearing and Consideration of Waiver of Land Development. Perkasie Regional Authority was present for a 8,712 SF water treatment building at an existing well site G1 Utilities Use at Blooming Glen Road (1100 Branch Road) tax map parcel 12-014-068. Mr. Sean Torpey, P.E.; Mr. Jakob Reilly, P.E.; Mr. Nick Fretz, Manager; Mr. David Watt, Chairperson and Mr. Tom Horn, Vice-Chairperson were present. The public hearing was opened. No party status requests were received. Mr. Sean Torpey and Mr. Nick Fretz were sworn in and provided testimony.

The stenographic record was paused and the hearing was opened to public comment.

- Claudia Malone, 66 Ridge Run Road, asked if renewable energy was considered. Solar has been considered but due to potential inconsistencies the grid with generator will be utilized.
- Chuck Weaver, 47 Ridge Run Road, asked if the removal of three parking spaces will be a problem if motorists park in front of the building driveway access. The area will be marked no parking or personnel trucks will drive on grass.
- Nick Lengetti, 2122 Hill Road, asked when the well was last tested and how many hours it would run. Six months and six hours.
- Jennifer Wright, 400 Three Mile Run Road, asked for testing results, the decommissioning of a well and project cost. Mr. Fretz responded 30 ppt arsenic, 1.8 ppt PFOA/PFOS and \$10 million.

The hearing was reopened to the stenographic record.

The stenographic record of the hearing was taken and will provide a record of the proceedings. A request can be made to Cooper Reporting 267-377-7435. Transcripts are stored for five years.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to grant waiver of land development contingent on compliance with Wynn Associates correspondence dated March 12, 2025, waiver for the collection of an emergency service fee and waiver of financial security. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to grant Conditional Use approval contingent on compliance with Wynn Associates correspondence dated March 12, 2025, waiver for the collection of an emergency serve fee, wavier of financial security, compliance with well guarantees including the Harris Farm, architecture similar to Point Pleasant Pumping Station subject to Township approval and compliance with the Planning Commission March 13, 2025 meeting minute recommendations. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

- Lou Ditunno, 1 Boulder Drive, asked where public water is tested before going into his house. The water authority tests at the entry point into the water system as required.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Executed adjudication will be the Official Decision of the Conditional Use Hearing.

Public Comment #1:

- Nick Lengetti, 2122 Hill Road, had questions about right-of-way project notification correspondence he received and the impact to his dwelling. Township Engineer responded to his questions.
- Ron Schulberger, 2386 Hill Road, stated he did not receive notification. No improvements will take place in front of his dwelling.

Approval of Minutes and Bills Payable:

Approval of Minutes.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors February 25, 2025 Regular Meeting as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Approval of Bills Payable.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve payment of the Bills List dated March 21, 2025 for a total amount of \$482,223.39 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Board and Commission Reports:

Pennridge Regional Police Department: Chief Dickinson

The Chief shared the February 2025 Pennridge Regional Police activity report.

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

Planning Commission: Marianne Hart Morano

The March 13, 2025 agenda and draft minutes were provided to the Board.

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

Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority: Dave Nyman

The February 2025 minutes and flow reports and March 24, 2025 agenda were provided to the Board.

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

Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee: Dave Nyman

The February 27, 2025 draft meeting minutes were provided to the Board.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to accept the Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Township Manager's Report: Marianne Hart Morano

Road Work Bids.

Overlay.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to award the superpave asphalt bid on Old Bethlehem Pike from Tabor Road to Forrest Road to Bray Brothers in the amount of \$93,644.25 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt **Resolution 2025-08** Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer Program Grant in the amount of \$487,560.00 for a project total cost of \$573,600.00 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Use of Fire Police Personnel.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to authorize fire police personnel for traffic control duties for triathlon bicycle events on May 18, 2025 and August 3, 2025 in Haycock Township as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Destruction of Specific Township Records.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt **Resolution 2025-09** as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Memorial Request at Willard H. Markey Centennial Park

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize a bench in the Willard H. Markey Centennial Park recognizing Mr. Roger Jones a long-time resident and Perkasio Fire Department volunteer contingent on Park and Recreation Board review. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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

Public Works Report: Jeff Scholl

Public Works activities as of March 21, 2025 were provided to the Board. 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.

Stone Edge Culvert. Mr. Baluh stated the designer Engineer will present their findings at the Board of Supervisors June 24, 2025 public meeting.

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

Township Solicitor Report: Will Oetinger, Esq.

Tax Rebate Program for Volunteer Members of Fire Companies or Non-Profit Emergency Medical Service Agencies Ordinance. A public hearing was advertised and posted to act on an Ordinance to enact a property tax rebate program for volunteer members of fire companies or non-profit emergency medical service agencies to be effective in 2026.

The hearing was opened. With no public comment, the hearing was closed.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt **Ordinance 307** to enact a property tax rebate program for emergency service volunteers meeting specified criteria as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Draft Ordinance for Towing and Storage of Disabled or Abandoned Vehicles.

Mr. Oetinger will prepare a revised draft for the April Board of Supervisors meeting.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the Township Solicitor 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:

- Mr. Nyman stated former East Rockhill State Senator Santarsiero sent a letter to DEP on behalf of the Township regarding Rock Hill Quarry and the current Senator has not.
- Mr. Nietupski stated he contacted Senator Coleman's office inquiring if he would be attending the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Officials conference at which time Mr. Nyman and he can meet with him to discuss the Rock Hill Quarry.
- Chief Dickinson announced Pennridge High School graduation will be taking place at Hellman field June 4, 2025, weather permitting.

Public Comment #2:

- Jennifer Wright, 400 Three Mile Run Road, asked about the definition of abandoned vehicles and asked for details of the emergency services Ordinance. Chief stated abandoned vehicles are regulated under state law and Ms. Morano stated the Ordinance is posted on the website.

Adjournment:

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adjourn the regular meeting into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Hart Morano
Township Manager