

## **East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors**

**April 22, 2025**

### **Regular Business Meeting Minutes**

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 PM on April 22, 2025, in the meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Office, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasio, PA 18944.

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 May 27, 2025 at 7:00 PM

#### **Public Comment #1:**

- Ron Schulberger, 2386 Hill Road, stated trees are not being maintained on Hill Road by PPL.

#### **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 March 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 April 17, 2025 for a total amount of \$922,636.37 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

#### **Board and Commission Reports:**

##### **Pennridge Regional Police Department: Gary Volovnik**

Mr. Volovnik shared the March 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.

##### **Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee: Dave Nyman**

The March 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**

**Draft Financial Report.** The 2024 draft financial report and representation letter to the Appointed Auditor were provided to the Board.

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to authorize finalizing the 2024 financial report and Township Manager execution of the representation letter as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Consideration of Change Order 001 payable to Gordon H. Bayer, Inc. proposal dated March 31, 2025 in the amount of \$60,393.22 for fill dirt and stockpile and stabilization of topsoil.** Mr. Baluh stated the charges were for equipment and time due to 24 inches of topsoil were relocated from the building footprint not the typical 12 inches. All soil has been certified and building pad compaction testing has been completed.

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve Change Order 001 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Ms. Morano requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

**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 April 17, 2025 were provided to the Board.

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize the Township Solicitor to prepare necessary documentation and Township Manager execution of documentation to ensure the stormwater improvement at Three Mile Run Road and Old Bethlehem Road (Sterner Mill Road) can proceed and be completed prior to May 15, 2025. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept bids for the sale of a 2014 John Deere 625 XUV Gator in the amount of \$7,950.00; a 2013 John Deere 960R Zero Turn Mower in the amount of \$4,100.00; a golf ball dispenser in the amount of \$50.00 and a golf ball washer in the amount of \$75.00. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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.**

**Consideration to take action on bid for Hill Road.**

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to award the bid for the Hill Road Stormwater improvements to Passerini & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$82,944.00 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**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.**

**Conditional Use Adjudication.** Perkasio Regional Authority for a new 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.

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

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

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize advertisement of the draft towing Ordinance contingent on changes as recommended by the Chief of Police. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**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 presented voted in favor.

**New or Other Business Supervisors' Items:**

- Mr. Nyman stated he attended the Perkasio Fire Department, Quakertown Fire Department and Sellersville Fire Department banquets and would like to recognize and state his appreciation for all their volunteer efforts on behalf of East Rockhill Township.
- Mr. Nietupski stated Senator Coleman's Chief of Staff will be attending the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Officials conference not the Senator.
- Mr. Volovnik stated there is a shortage of volunteer firefighters.

**Public Comment #2:**

- Lou DiTonno, 1 Boulder Drive, asked if the towing ordinance was for all towing. No duty towing only.
- Larry Wheatley, 5 Boulder Drive, asked what happened if State Police are on site first which recently happened to him.

**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 7:50 PM.

**Re-Convene:**

Following the Executive Session, the meeting was re-convened at 8:00 PM.

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize the Township Manager advertise for a part time administrative position. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marianne Hart-Morano*

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Township Manager