

East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors

August 26, 2025

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

The regular business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 PM on August 26, 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 Jr.	Pennridge Regional Police Chief

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:

- The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 7:00 PM
- Executive Session will take place following the meeting for potential litigation

PUBLIC COMMENT #1:

- Heather Rogan, 30 Boulder Drive, stated her daughter was almost hit riding her bike in the Ridge Run Development and Pennridge School District moved bus stops to be on Stone Edge Road and not on secondary roads as they have done in the past. Police presence will be increased and staff will look at options that will meet PennDOT warrants.

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 July 22, 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 August 22, 2025 for a total amount of \$555,020.96 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

Pennridge Regional Police Department: Chief Dickinson Jr.

Chief Dickinson shared the July 2025 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: Dave Nyman

The August 25, 2025 agenda and June 2025 and July 2025 minutes and flow reports were provided to the Board.

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

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT: MARIANNE HART MORANO

Review Zoning Hearing Board application for 1635 N. Fifth Street. The application submission was provided to the Board. No representatives were present.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to take a neutral position on the Zoning Hearing Board application for a special exception requirement for increasing the non-conforming use with a second floor addition to the dental office use at 1635 N. Fifth Street as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Adopt Resolution 2025-11 Pennridge Regional Police Department Grant.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt **Resolution 2025-11** supporting Pennridge Regional Police DCED grants in the amount of \$90,000.00 for fleet upgrades and in the amount of \$145,000.00 for the replacement of body worn cameras and mobile in-car video systems as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Adopt Resolution 2025-12 Fee Schedule effective September 1, 2025.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt **Resolution 2025-12** fee schedule effective September 1, 2025 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Approval of salt bids.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to accept bids for salt procurement for the 2025-2026 season from Morton Salt in the amount of \$61.86 per ton delivered and \$61.00 per ton undelivered as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Review Willard H. Markey Centennial Park use – Bucks County Juvenile Probation.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize the request by the Bucks County Juvenile Probation for the use of Willard H. Markey Centennial Park on September 11 and 18, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM for juvenile officer training exercises. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Acknowledge 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to acknowledge receipt of the 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the two Township pension plans as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Authorize use of Perkasio Fire Police October 11, 2025.

Ms. Morano noted the agenda has October 22 however the correct date is October 11.

On motion by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to authorize the use of Fire Police at Fifth Street and Campus Drive on October 11, 2025 from 9:30 PM to 10:40 PM for a Pennridge Marching Band event at the Football Stadium as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Authorize advertisement for 2026 budget work sessions

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize advertisement of 2026 draft budget work sessions at 6:15 PM on September 23 and October 28, 2025 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Review Pennridge Regional Police Department 2026 Draft Budget.

At the July Pennridge Regional Police Commission meeting, Commissioner Keyser stated each Board should review the budget and provide feedback at their next meeting. Consensus of the East Rockhill Board was support of the current draft budget as proposed.

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

Public Works activities as of August 22, 2025 were provided to the Board. The report is on file.

- Mr. Nyman stated ARLE grants should be considered to update traffic signals to relocate sensors to above ground.

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.

Stone Edge Culvert Phase 2 and Branch Road Perkiomen Watershed. There was discussion regarding a draft Perkiomen Watershed study seeking comment for improvements specifically to address flooding/road closure on Branch Road adjacent to the East Branch of the Creek. Consensus of the Board was for inter-municipal cooperation, signage consideration; potential stormwater management and riparian standard ordinance update and grant submissions to fund improvements. Traffic Planning and Design phase 2 proposal is to determine if a 25-year storm is achievable. It was noted a design for the 100-year storm would result in the culvert never flooding.

Roundabout Sight Visibility. Consensus of the Board was for public works to clear shrub from the Township easement outside of the property fence with notification to the Owner.

- Vicki Sellers, 505 E. Callowhill Street, stated Perkasio Borough removed two shrubs at her request for site visibility.

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

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR REPORT: WILL OETINGER, ESQ.

Conditional Use Hearing – Like a Mustard Seed.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to authorize advertisement of the Hearing at their next regular meeting on September 23, 2025. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, 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. Nietupski stated the 250th United States Anniversary was in 2026 and suggested \$15,000.00 be budgeted for a potential July 4, 2026 firework display at Willard H. Markey Centennial Park. Consensus of the Board was to review at budget time and consideration of inter-municipal cooperation was suggested. It was noted additional funds would need to be added for police and public works and the impact to the adjoining Airport should be considered. Mr. Nyman stated that such an activity should be reviewed and overseen by the Park and Recreation Board.
 - Mr. Sellers, 505 E. Callowhill Street, asked if a picnic or festival would be included. Nothing has been determined at this time.
- Mr. Nietupski also asked about the future of the skate park equipment. Park and Recreation recommendation will be considered at budget time.

PUBLIC COMMENT #2:

- Vicki Sellers, 505 E. Callowhill Street, stated motorists are not obeying traffic regulations at the intersection of Callowhill Road and Main Street (Branch Road). Pennridge Regional will patrol and advise Perkasio Borough Police of the concern. She also asked for an update to the Weidner property. The applicant continues to move forward with land development approvals.

- Claudia Malone, 66 Ridge Run Road, stated her support of the deer management program presented to the Board at an earlier meeting.

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 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Hart-Morano

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Township Manager