

**East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors**

**January 5, 2026**

**Re-Organization Business Meeting Minutes**

The re-organization business meeting of the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors was held at 5:00 PM on January 5, 2026 in the meeting room at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Building, 1622 North Ridge Road, Perkasie, PA 18944.

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| Present: | Gary Volovnik        | Supervisor            |
|          | Dave Nyman           | Supervisor            |
|          | Jim Nietupski        | Supervisor            |
|          | Marianne Hart Morano | Township Manager      |
|          | Jeff Scholl          | Public Works Director |

Ms. Morano presented Election Certificates and Oaths of Office for Gary Volovnik Supervisor six-year term, Kathleen Percetti Tax Collector four-year term and Vicki Sellers Auditor six year term.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by temporary Chairperson Mr. Volovnik.

No members of the public or press were present.

**REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR 2026:**

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to appoint Marianne Hart Morano as Temporary Chairperson. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to appoint Dave Nyman as Chairperson. The nomination passed 2-1 with Mr. Nietupski voting in opposition.

Mrs. Morano turned the meeting over to Mr. Nyman.

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to appoint Gary Volovnik as Vice Chairperson. The nomination passed 2-1 with Mr. Nietupski voting in opposition.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISOR LIAISON APPOINTMENT:**

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to appoint Gary Volovnik to the Penridge Regional Police Commission. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to appoint Dave Nyman to the Penridge Area Coordinating Committee. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to appoint Jim Nietupski as the Pennsylvania State Association Township Supervisors Convention Voting Delegate. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to appoint Marianne Hart Morano to Township Manager, Secretary, Treasurer, Zoning Officer, Open Records Officer, Chief Administration Officer for Pension Plans; Samantha Salemno to Assistant Open Records Officer; and Jeff Scholl to Public Works Director, Emergency Management Coordinator. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS:**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to appoint Will Oetinger, Esq., Grim, Biehn & Thatcher as Township Solicitor; Thomas Duncan, Esq., as Township Environmental Attorney; Christen Pionzio, Esq., Joint UCC Appeals Board Solicitor; Steve Baluh P.E., Wynn Associates as Township Engineer; Steve Baluh, P.E. as Floodplain Administrator; Marianne Hart Morano as Alternate Floodplain Administrator; Building Inspection Underwriters (BIU) as Third-Party Building Inspector; Traffic Planning and Design as Traffic Engineer; Kevin Franks as East Rockhill Treatment Plant #1 Operator; SC Engineer's, Inc. as Chapter 94 Report and NPDES Permit Engineer; CKS Engineers as Sewer Engineer; Dunlap SLK as Certified Public Accountant to audit the 2025 financials; Earth Data Northeast, Inc. (EDN) as Hydrologist; Heritage Conservancy as Open Space consultant; Hough Associates for PA DEP 904 Recycling Grant; Judith Goldstein, Gilmore & Associates as Planner; following discussion of consultant appointments Mr. Nyman amended his motion to allow Traffic Planning & Design to continue traffic planning review but seek proposals from other traffic engineers and to appoint Steve Baluh as Assistant Zoning Officer. Mr. Nietupski seconded the motion, as amended. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**BOARD AND COMMISSION:**

**Zoning Hearing Board**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to approve **Resolution 2026-01** to accept the reappointment of Arlo Eby 3-year term to the Zoning Hearing Board and reaffirm members as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Planning Commission**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to accept the reappointment of Joseph Chellew and Richard Kelly 4-year term to the Planning Commission. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Park & Recreation Board**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to accept the reappointment of Anne Fenley and appointment of Andrew Slike 5-year term to the Park and Recreation Board. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Joint UCC Appeals Board**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to accept the reappointment of James Kopchak and Robert Smith 1-year term to the Joint UCC Appeal Board. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

#### **Vacancy Board**

**On motion** by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to accept the reappointment of Anne Fenley 1-year term to the Vacancy Board. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

#### **BUSINESS AND SCHEDULES:**

##### **Depositories**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt **Resolution 2026-02** establishing approved depositories as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

##### **Payment of Bills**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt **Resolution 2026-03** authorizing interim payment of specified bills. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

##### **Tax Collection Committee (TCC) Delegate**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Nietupski, to adopt **Resolution 2026-04** naming Marianne Hart Morano as Voting Delegate, Bonnie Schorr as first alternate Voting Delegate and Samantha Salemno as Second Alternate Voting Delegates for the TCC. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

##### **Surety Bond**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize a bond in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the Township Manager and Accountant positions. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

##### **Mileage Rate**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize mileage rate at IRS designated rate in the amount of 72.5 cents per mile. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

##### **Meeting Dates**

Meeting dates have been authorized for advertisement. The dates are advertised and posted to the Township meeting webpage.

#### **ALTERNATE APPOINTMENTS:**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to appoint alternate Dave Nyman to the Pennridge Regional Police Commission and alternate Jim Nietuspki to the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was none.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**On motion** by Mr. Nietupski, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn the meeting. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marianne Hart-Morano*

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Township Manager