

MINUTES OF THE  
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING HELD MAY 11, 2015  
(Approved June 8, 2015)

The Board of Supervisors held its' regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 11, 2015. Present for the meeting were supervisors Ray Kolb, Mariea Geho, Karen Nocella, W. Atlee Rinehart and Michael Albert Moyer. Also present were Bernard A. Rodgers, Township Manager, Mark A. Hosterman, Township Solicitor, and Brady L. Flaharty, Township Engineer.

Mr. Kolb called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mr. Hosterman stated that an executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. immediately preceding this meeting to discuss a personnel matter, acquisition of real estate, potential lease of real estate pursuant to an option agreement and two matters of Zoning.

**1. MINUTES**

Mr. Rinehart proposed the following correction to the April 13, 2015 meeting minutes. On page 6 of 6, the minutes read "Mr. Rinehart stated he will be at PSATS next Sunday through Thursday." The minutes should read "Mr. Rinehart stated he will be at PSATS next Sunday through Tuesday." Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2015 Board of Supervisors monthly meeting with the proposed correction. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Jim Hacker, 776 Schoolhouse Road, Pottstown, PA 19465 stated a car drove onto his property on Friday night, May 8, 2015, ran over boulders, pushing two into his driveway. He has lived there 60 years and this is not the first occurrence. He questioned if anything could be done? Mr. Kolb stated he will talk to the Chief. The Police may be able to patrol the area more.

Mr. Howard Sacks, 805 Bethel Church Road posed several questions/comments as follows:

- 1) He noted that the minutes had not been posted on the website since February 9, 2015 and that the agenda for tonight's meeting had not been posted on the website as of 6:45 pm tonight.
- 2) He received comments from the people in the area wondering why the outhouse is necessary in the park near the playground and why residents using the playground cannot use the facilities attached to the building. Mr. Kolb stated the restrooms attached to the building are open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and are closed on weekends because of vandalism and the potential for the water to be left on. Mr. Sacks questioned why the outhouse was needed during the other hours. Mr. Kolb stated it would be too costly to have it brought in just for weekends, noting that the rental is monthly, just like those located at Towpath Park and Fricks Lock Village. Mr. Kolb noted that the toilet had been moved to be further away from the new pavilion where people would be eating. Mr. Sacks stated he wanted it recognized the complaint came from residents. Mr. Kolb stated the Township could remove the port-a-potty and not have a bathroom available on the weekend, if that's what the residents want. Mr. Sacks asked if there is a plan to eliminate the toilet. Mr. Kolb stated he would defer that to the Park, Recreation and Conservation Committee. Mrs. Nocella stated it would probably be fine with the Committee if residents didn't want it. Moyer stated isn't better to have a toilet rather than no toilet? If there is no toilet on the weekend, we would have complaints that there is no toilet. Mr. Kolb stated he would think it would be better to have the toilet. Mr. Rinehart stated the toilet is there for the convenience of the park usage.
- 3) He questioned if the Supervisors needed to be residents of Pennsylvania for tax purposes. A discussion ensued between Mr. Hosterman and Mr. Sacks concerning residency and taxes.

Mr. Sacks asked if the Supervisors needed to be residents of the State of Pennsylvania for tax purposes. Mr. Hosterman stated that the Second Class Township Code requires the supervisors to be residents of the Township and if they are a resident of the Township, they are automatically a State resident.

- 4) The next question concerned Resolution 2014-08 (adopted April 14, 2014) authorizing signing the Automated Red Light Enforcement Program Funding Agreement that provides reimbursement of \$185,000 from PennDOT for the new traffic signal at the Parkerford intersection. It was noted that this project was discussed at last months' meeting and Mr. Sacks questioned if the plans for the improvements would be posted on the Township's web site and because the Resolution referenced an Automated Red Light Enforcement Program, would the plans be available to see if enforcement cameras were to be installed. Mr. Rodgers noted that the plans are not posted on the web site and the final HOP application has not been submitted to PennDOT. He was unsure the plans could be posted on the web site due to their complexity but would be posted if possible and noted that the video associated with the traffic light has to do with the timing and the sequencing of the lights and not for traffic enforcement. He also noted that the plans would be available for review at the Township Building.

### 3. REPORTS

#### Township Manager's Reports

##### Consideration of approval of Bid results for 2015 Road Improvement Projects

Mr. Rodgers reviewed the bid results for the Resurfacing Road Project of South Keim Street from Harvey Road to Porters Mill Road and a short section of Porters Mill Road to Schoolhouse Road. The Township received the following four (4) bids:

Melchiorre Construction Company - \$175,200.00;  
Charlestown Paving & Excavation Inc - \$139,850.00;  
Glasgow, Inc - \$137,000.00 and  
H & K Group, Inc - \$147,400.00.

The lowest bid was received from Glasgow, Inc. and Mr. Rodgers recommended that the Board approve the award of the bid to Glasgow, Inc. for the amount of \$137,000.00. Mr. Rinehart made the motion to award the bid of the 2015 Road Resurfacing Project to Glasgow, Inc. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** passed with a 5-0-0 vote.

Mr. Rodgers reviewed the bid results for the Oil and Chip Road Project of Kulp Road from Halteman Road to Harvey Lane and Kulp Road from Schoolhouse Road to Harvey Lane. The Township received the following three (3) bids:

Asphalt Maintenance Solution - \$37,629.00;  
Martin Paving, Inc - \$29,493.00 and  
Asphalt Industries, Inc - \$37,177.00.

The lowest bid was received from Martin Paving, Inc. and Mr. Rodgers recommended that the Board approve the award of the bid to Martin Paving, Inc for the amount of \$27,493.00. Mrs. Geho made a motion to award the bid of the 2015 Road Oil & Chip Project to Martin Paving, Inc. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** passed with a 5-0-0 vote. Mr. Rinehart asked if the bids provide the length of mileage and the amount of materials.

**Consideration of approval of Bid results for Faulk Tract Lease for Communications Tower**

Mr. Rodgers reviewed the advertisement to receive bids for of the Faulk Tract property owned by the Township for the potential installation of a communication tower. The township received one (1) bid which is from P3 Towers. Mr. Hosterman stated the bid was advertised in the Pottstown Mercury, in order to develop the site with a monopole tower. The site would continue to be owned by the Township and the object of the lease is to make revenue for the Township. The lease option agreement would be for 3 years. The tower company would pay \$500.00 to hold the site for 3 years during which it market the site to try to find additional carriers to lease space on the monopole tower. Once a carrier(s) expresses interest and enters into a lease contract, the Township would have the option of choosing the rental income stream. P3 Towers is offering 40% of any rent received from the carrier on the tower and there is an option of a set fee as well. Quarterly reports are to be provided to the Township.

Mrs. Brown asked if this to build the site or see if they can get interest. Mr. Hosterman stated this is just to see if there is an interest and then they would have the option of entering into a lease agreement to develop the site for a tower. Mr. Hosterman stated they would have to go through Conditional Use approval and all the proper channels to develop the site.

Mrs. King asked if the tower will be on the Towpath Park side or the Sunoco side. Mr. Kolb stated if you go in Towpath Park, it will be to the left behind the Pump Station.

Mr. Roger Kolb asked if the property is already zoned Commercial. Mr. Hosterman stated the property is already zoned for wireless communication facilities.

Mr. Moyer made a motion to accept the bid results of the Faulk Tract, with the lease options from P3 Towers. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

**Consideration of approval of Authorization for Agent to Apply for Highway Occupancy Permit**

Mr. Rodgers discussed the Township's authorization for Agent to apply for the Highway Occupancy permit application for the new traffic signal at Parkerford. The Township is the applicant and McMahon Associates, Inc would be the Agent. PennDOT requires this formal authorization. This allows McMahon Associates, Inc to make the appropriate applications for the Township.

Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve Authorization for Agent to Apply for Highway Occupancy Permit. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

**Consideration of Township Engineer's Report**

Mr. Flaharty reported that the Stream Cleanup was held on April 18, 2015 and was well attended. He thanked all who came out that day. Mr. Kolb thanked Mr. Flaharty for advertising and handling the organization of the cleanup. Mrs. Geho made a motion to accept the Engineer's report. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

**Consideration of approving reports from various departments and committees**

Mrs. Geho mentioned that the report from Barry Isett & Associates, Inc is very informative. Mrs. Geho made a motion to approve the reports from various departments and committees. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

**4. Subdivision and Land Development - No business**

**5. Zoning Hearing Board Applications – No business**

**6. Other Business**

**Discussion to adopt Resolution 2015-06 for the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission (PMRPC) Comprehensive Plan**

The Township received revised copies of the PMRPC Comprehensive Plan. The PMRPC Comprehensive Plan will be placed on the June 8, 2015 Board of Supervisor’s meeting for consideration of adoption after the Public Hearing at 7:00 pm. Mr. Rodgers noted that PMRPC staff will be advertising the required Public Notice for the public hearing and adoption, a copy of which was included with this evening’s packet of information. The proposed change from East Coventry Township, including the language for tolling on Rt 422 has been added to the plan.

**7. Exonerations**

Mr. Moyer read the list of exonerations. Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve the Exonerations List. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

**8. Payment of Bills**

Mrs. Geho made a motion to pay the bills as presented:

Fund Name	Amount to Pay
General Fund	198,989.61
Fire Hydrant Fund	1,018.23
Open Space	-
Sewer Operating Fund	11,992.79
Sewer Capital Fund	-
Traffic Impact Fee Fund	429.50
Capital Reserve	-
Highway State Aid Fund	7,886.28
TD Escrow	-
Heritage Escrow Fund	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ <u>220,316.41</u></b>

Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

**9. Information Items and Additional Items to be Brought Before the Board**

Mr. Hosterman stated that the Township has been dealing with a personnel matter related to uniformed Township employee. Mr. Hosterman stated the Township Manager, Chief of Police and his office have been successful in negotiating a separation agreement. The terms of which are favorable to the Township. The reason for the separation agreement is confidential. Mr. Hosterman is recommending the Board to take action on the separation agreement to accept the terms of the agreement. Mr. Moyer made a motion for the Board of Supervisors to accept the terms of the separation agreement for the Uniform employee. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Mr. Kolb requested the Board approve a Dress Down for June, July and August. Mr. Kolb made the motion to approve a Dress Down for June, July and August Board of Supervisor’s meeting. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Mr. Kolb asked the Board if Mr. Rodgers could create a resolution commemorating 60 years of volunteer service for a member of the Ridge Fire Company. The Board agreed unanimously.

Mr. Rinehart stated he had a great time at PSATS. He learned new things and saw a lot of new things.

Mr. Rodgers would like authorization from the Board to advertise for a new Police Officer. Mr. Rinehart made a motion authorizing the Township Manager to advertise for a new Police Officer. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the** motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

**10. Adjournment**

Mrs. Geho moved to adjourn the monthly meeting at 7:37 p.m. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard A. Rodgers  
Township Secretary