

MINUTES OF THE  
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 11, 2013  
(Approved December 9, 2013)

The Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 11, 2013. Present for the meeting were supervisors Ray Kolb, Mariea Geho, W. Atlee Rinehart, Michael Albert Moyer, and Karen Nocella. 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 7:15 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 acquisition of a conservation easement, a trail easement and traffic signal easement at the Linfield light.

Fricks Locks Village Tour Volunteers

Mrs. Geho presented certificates of appreciation to several of the Fricks Locks Village volunteer tour guides.

**1. MINUTES**

Minutes of October 14, 2013

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2013 monthly meeting as presented. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Karl Glocker of 183 Bard Road inquired about an annexation ordinance to make the minor subdivision of land less of a financial burden on property owners. Mr. Moyer thought something should be done to assist landowners with these minor subdivisions and thought that had been addressed with the revised Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Mr. Rodgers noted that a lot of the requirements have been eliminated with the adoption of the new ordinance. Mr. Hosterman agreed that the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance revisions did streamline the process. Mr. Glocker will send a draft annexation ordinance to the Supervisors.

**3. REPORTS**

Township Manager's Report

There were no items for the Township Manager's Report.

Township Engineer's Report

Mrs. Geho moved to approve the Township Engineer's report. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

#### Reports from Various Departments and Committees

Mrs. Geho moved to approve the reports from the 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 DEVELOPMENTS**

#### **5. ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATIONS**

#### **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

##### Exonerations and Exemptions

Mr. Moyer read the exonerations and exemptions as presented by the Tax Collector.

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve the exonerations and exemptions as presented. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

##### Fire Police Request

Mr. Kolb moved to ratify approval of the fire police request for the Farmer's Daughter Fall Fest held on October 19, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

##### Chester County SPCA Contract

Mr. Moyer moved to approve Contract #1 of the 2014 SPCA Contract for the contract amount of \$2,260.00. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

##### Historical Commission

The presentation of appreciation certificates for the Fricks Locks Village tour volunteers was handled at the beginning of the meeting.

##### Ordinance No. 198 – Stormwater Management Ordinance

Mrs. Nocella moved to approve establishing a hearing date of December 9, 2013 for consideration of adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 198 (Stormwater Management Ordinance) and authorizing advertising of such. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

##### Resolution No. 2013-25 – Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-25, a resolution approving polices for insertion into the East Coventry Township Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-1-0 vote with Mr. Moyer voting no. Mr. Moyer noted why he voted 'no' and made the following statement explaining such "Because I have not been provided the opportunity to read and review the documents in context prior to voting on this, and while none of my fellow supervisors have been provided the opportunity to read or review the changes made in context prior to voting on this, I cannot in good conscience vote in favor of something I have not read".

2014 Budget

Mr. Rodgers provided an overview of the proposed 2014 budgets as seen below.

	General Fund	Fire Hydrant Fund	Open Space Fund	Sewer Operating Fund	Sewer Capital Fund	Traffic Impact Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	Highway State Aid Fund	Benefit Escrow Fund	Total All Funds
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	846,105.83	15,238.25	456,257.30	20,514.39	1,236,509.65	522,159.37	571,459.20	111,196.04	25,360.00	3,804,800.03
<b>Revenues</b>	3,051,615.45	20.00	826,820.00	701,930.00	48,850.00	1,130.00	300,650.00	194,642.96	10,008.00	5,135,666.41
<b>Total Available Funds</b>	3,897,721.28	15,258.25	1,283,077.30	722,444.39	1,285,359.65	523,289.37	872,109.20	305,839.00	35,368.00	8,940,466.44
<b>Expenses</b>	3,239,654.82	10,600.00	808,023.36	712,573.32	20,000.00	364,000.00	30,000.00	268,600.00	9,700.00	5,463,151.50
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<u>\$658,066.46</u>	<u>\$4,658.25</u>	<u>\$475,053.94</u>	<u>\$9,871.07</u>	<u>\$1,265,359.65</u>	<u>\$159,289.37</u>	<u>\$842,109.20</u>	<u>\$37,239.00</u>	<u>\$25,668.00</u>	<u>\$3,477,314.94</u>

Mr. Rinehart moved to authorize advertising of the proposed 2014 budgets for consideration of adoption on December 9, 2013. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

**7. PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

Mrs. Geho moved to pay bills as presented:

General Fund	\$152,731.72
Fire Hydrant Fund	\$473.23
Sewer Operating Fund	\$15,202.12
Traffic Impact Fee Fund	\$345.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$3,125.73
<u>Highway State Aid Fund</u>	<u>\$1,949.58</u>
	\$173,827.38

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

**8. ADDITIONAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE BOARD**

Linfield Traffic Light

Mr. Kolb moved to authorize the Township to obtain an appraisal for the 1,840 square feet of land located at the northwest corner of the intersection of PA Route 724 and Linfield Road for the purpose of acquiring required right-of-way from Norfolk Southern Railway Company, whether by agreement of sale or by deed in lieu of condemnation, in order to complete necessary traffic signal and road widening improvements. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Schuylkill River Heritage Area

Mr. Kolb noted correspondence he received from the Schuylkill River Heritage Area asking for a donation for their center.

Easter Egg Hunt

Mr. Kolb noted correspondence received from Mary Ann Keen of the Parkerford Women's Club requesting monies to be placed in the budget for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Mr. Kolb noted that the monies have been placed in the 2014 budget.

Tax Collection Committee/COG

Mr. Rinehart noted that Tuesday evening he will be attending the Tax Collection Committee meeting and afterwards going to the Council of Governments (COG) meeting.

Resolution No. 2013-25 – Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual

Mr. Moyer reiterated his reason for a 'no' vote on the approval of Resolution No. 2013-25 – Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual and made the following statement "A large part of the reason I voted 'no' to Resolution No. 2013-25 – Police Department Police and Procedure Manual, is because it is a private document the taxpayers will never be able to read or know about. Right-to-know requests, for example, I am sure will not be honored. So, if the people cannot know what is in documents for which they paid, at least their representatives ought to be able to know what is in the documents and ought to be able to read and understand the changes in context prior to being asked to vote on such changes."

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Geho moved to adjourn the monthly meeting at 8:15 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