

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD JANUARY 13, 2014
(Approved February 10, 2014)

The Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 13, 2014. 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 7:10 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, potential acquisition of real estate and discussion of an ongoing litigation matter.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of December 9, 2013

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve the minutes of the December 9, 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.

Minutes of January 6, 2014 Reorganizational Meeting

Mrs. Geho moved to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2014 reorganizational meeting as presented. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-1 vote with Mr. Moyer abstaining due to his absence at the January 6, 2014 reorganizational meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Burning/Hunting

James Hacker of 776 Schoolhouse Road asked why hunting was still allowed in the township when burning was not allowed. Mr. Hosterman explained that the items are completely different issues and that hunting is controlled by the state game commission not the township.

Ice in the Storm Drains

James Hacker of 776 Schoolhouse Road noted that there was ice build-up in his storm drain. Mr. Kolb explained that with the recent cold weather ice buildup was inevitable.

Plan Approval Extension

Walter Woessner of 164 Schoolhouse Road noted that he attended the Master Planner's course and stated the class was told that the plan approval extensions are no longer valid. Mr. Hosterman stated that as far as he was aware the extensions are still extended to July 3, 2016.

Mailbox

Mark Smolij of 1148 S. Sanatoga Road stated that he believed his mailbox was damaged by a township snowplow truck. Mr. Smolij had sent photographs to the Township Manager which

were distributed to the Board. Mr. Kolb noted that as depicted in the pictures the snowplow truck was not close enough to the curb to hit the mailbox and stated that the mailbox was damaged being hit by snow thrown from the plow and not by actually being hit by the plow. The township's policy is to replace mailboxes if the truck actually hits the mailbox but if just the snow hits the mailbox then the township does not reimburse for the damage.

3. REPORTS

Township Manager's Report

Annexation Plan Ordinance

Mr. Rodgers noted that he reviewed the previous and current SALDO and compared them to the letter provided by Karl Glocker regarding his previously proposed annexation plan ordinance. Mr. Rodgers noted that all but two (2) of the suggestions proposed in Mr. Glocker's ordinance were incorporated into the last amended SALDO. The two suggestions not included were revisions related to dedication of additional road right-of-way and improving shoulders. Mr. Rodgers noted that with the revisions a lot of the work and expense formerly associated with lot line adjustments had been eliminated. After a short discussion the consensus of the Board was to not forward Mr. Glocker's proposed annexation ordinance to the Township Planning Commission to review and that additional changes to SALDO were not necessary.

Township Engineer's Report

Phase 11 Stormwater Management Program (MS4) Year 10 Public Education Plan and Public Involvement and Participation Plan

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve the Phase 11 Stormwater Management Program (MS4) Year 10 Public Education Plan and Public Involvement and Participation Plan as presented by ARRO Consulting, Inc. as well as the presented articles for the newsletter and newspaper. 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. Kolb moved to approve the stream clean up date of April 26, 2014 with a rain date of May 3, 2014. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

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 and process the contract with Tents Party Rental for the tent rental for Community Day. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

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

Real Pro Enterprises, LP - Whispering Woods

There was discussion regarding the applications for a variance and for a special exception to the Zoning Hearing Board by Real Pro Enterprises LP for the Whispering Woods development (Old Schuylkill and Ellis Woods Roads). The consensus of the Board was to not take any action.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Exonerations and Exemptions

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

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

Real Pro Enterprises LP – Petition for Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

There was discussion regarding an application petitioning the Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance submitted by Real Pro Enterprises LP for Whispering Woods (Old Schuylkill and Ellis Woods Roads).

Mr. Rodgers noted that the amendment would allow an open space option for unit clustering on a smaller tract of land and preserve 70% as open space. Mr. Rodgers noted that the Supervisors will need to schedule a public hearing and forward the application to the East Coventry Township Planning Commission and Chester County Planning Commission for review and comment.

Mr. Kolb moved to set the hearing date for Real Pro Enterprises LP's application to petition for amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for March 10, 2014 and forward the application for review and comment to the East Coventry Township Planning Commission and the Chester County Planning Commission. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Traffic Engineer

Mrs. Geho moved to appoint McMahon Associates, represented by John Yurick, to the position of Township Traffic Engineer. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0.

Open Space Committee

Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Larry Tietjen to the Open Space Committee. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0.

Mr. Moyer moved to appoint Stephen Schur to the Open Space Committee. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0.

PSATS

Mr. Kolb moved to authorize Mr. Rinehart to attend the 2014 Annual PSATS Convention and represent the township as the voting delegate. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

PELRAS

Mrs. Geho moved to authorize Mr. Rodgers and Chief Theobald to attend the 2014 Annual PELRAS Convention. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Tax Collector Certificate

Mrs. Geho moved to approve and authorize signature of the Tax Collector Certificate in accordance with Chester County Clerk of Courts correspondence dated December 9, 2013. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Pension Plan Ordinance

Mr. Moyer moved to authorize advertising for a February 10, 2014 hearing date for the adoption of Ordinance No. 199 amending the pension plan for non-uniform employees. 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	\$165,045.36
Open Space Fund	\$56.00
Sewer Operating Fund	\$21,419.28
Sewer Capital Fund	\$17,076.18
Traffic Impact Fee Fund	\$508.58
<u>Highway State Aid Fund</u>	<u>\$17,287.93</u>
	\$221,393.33

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

Credit Report

Mr. Moyer suggested that individuals wanting their credit report go to www.annualcreditreport.com.

Sewer Analysis

Mr. Rodgers noted that he distributed a sewer analysis prepared by Robert Preston.

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