

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2014
(Approved March 10, 2014)

The Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 10, 2014. Present for the meeting were supervisors Ray Kolb, Mariea Geho, W. Atlee Rinehart, and Michael Albert Moyer. Karen Nocella was not present. 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 7:08 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 several personnel matters, potential acquisition of real estate and discussion of potential litigation matter.

Hearings and Adoptions

Ordinance No. 199 – Municipal Pension Plan

Mr. Hosterman opened the public hearing for consideration and adoption of Ordinance No. 199 at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Hosterman provided an overview of proposed Ordinance No. 199 as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ELECTING TO AMEND ITS MUNICIPAL PENSION PLAN ADMINISTERED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW; AND AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW AS AMENDED AND AS APPLICABLE TO MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES.

Mr. Hosterman asked if the Board of Supervisors had any comments or questions regarding proposed Ordinance No. 199. There were no comments or questions from the Board of Supervisors

Mr. Hosterman asked if there were any questions and/or comments regarding proposed Ordinance No. 199 from the public and there were none.

Mr. Hosterman closed the hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Mrs. Geho moved to approve Ordinance No. 199 amending the Municipal Pension Plan. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of January 13, 2014

Mrs. Geho moved to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2014 monthly meeting as amended. Mr. Kolb seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0

vote. Amendment is under subheading, Plan Approval Extension, remove the ‘and’ at the end of the paragraph.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Burning

Roger Kolb of 768 Ebelhare Road asked if the township can request that burning be allowed for a period of time so residents can dispose of the tree debris caused by recent storms. Mr. Hosterman stated that the township could request that DEP allow burning for a period of time due to the storm damage.

The Board authorized the Township Manager to send a letter to the DEP requesting burning be allowed for a period of time for the disposal of tree debris caused by the storms.

Towpath Park

Melissa King of 10 Eleanor Drive asked why Towpath Park was closed and Mr. Kolb noted it is closed because of the debris from recent storms.

IRS

Mr. Moyer stated that the Obama administration refuses to enforce laws with which it does not agree and allows the IRS to run amok and essentially to do whatever it (IRS) wants to do. Mr. Moyer noted that everyone should go to irspowergrab.com and don't let the IRS gut the 1st amendment.

Public Works Department

N. Lance Parson of 79 Brownstone Drive thanked the road crew for their work during the winter storms.

3. REPORTS

Township Manager's Report

Employee Handbook

Mr. Rodgers noted that the Police Sergeant is retiring and his last day as a Township employee will be February 18, 2014 and has requested to be allowed to extend his health benefits and be on COBRA.

Mr. Moyer moved to amend the employee handbook to allow cobra benefits to be offered to employees who retire or leave the township voluntarily. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote

Township Engineer's Report

Woodcrest Estates

Mr. Flaharty provided an update of the Woodcrest Estates development improvements and noted that they have issued a punch list letter to P.J. Reilly but the improvements have not been able to be done due to the weather conditions. The maintenance period ends March 10, 2014 and an extension may be necessary.

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve the Township Engineer's report. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Reports from Various Departments and Committees

Mrs. Geho moved to approve the reports from the various departments and committees. Mr. Kolb seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

4. SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENTS

5. ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATIONS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2014-03

Mrs. Geho moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-03 adopting written procedures setting forth how professional services are chosen for its police and municipal pension plans in order to comply with Act 44 of 2009 and the Auditor General's recommendation. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

CCATO

Mr. Kolb moved to authorize Mrs. Geho and Mr. Rodgers to attend CCATO's Spring Convention to be held March 13, 2014. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote

2014 Road Projects

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve the 2014 Road Project in accordance with Public Works Director's memorandum dated January 30, 2014. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0.

Fire Police Request

Mr. Moyer moved to approve fire police request for the Chester County Historical Society for March 30, 2014 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0.

7. PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mrs. Geho moved to pay bills as presented:

General Fund	\$197,221.68
Sewer Operating Fund	\$1,577.91
Sewer Capital Fund	\$7,433.00
Traffic Impact Fee Fund	\$1,024.50
<u>Highway State Aid Fund</u>	<u>\$18,371.81</u>
	\$225,628.90

Mr. Kolb seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

8. ADDITIONAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE BOARD

Walnut Springs Farms

Mr. Hosterman noted that the Walnut Springs Farms project began in 2006 and a number of extensions have been granted by the township for completion of improvements and the improvements are still not complete. Mr. Hosterman has sent correspondence to the developer, along with a new proposed financial security agreement, instructing that the improvements are to be completed by August 31, 2014. The Township Engineer has reviewed the current financial security and has found the amount to be adequate to complete the improvements so no increase will be necessary.

Mrs. Geho moved to approve the most recent improvement agreement extension for Walnut Springs Farms and authorize signature of such. Mr. Kolb seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Public Works

Mrs. Geho complimented the road crew for their work during recent storms.

Parkerford Traffic Light

Mr. Kolb noted that the township has received a grant in the amount of \$185,200 for improvements to the Parkerford traffic light.

Open Space Funds

Mr. Kolb noted that 25% of open space funds can now be used for maintenance of open space.

Public Works Department

Mr. Kolb moved to hire Clint Mowrer full-time for the Public Works Department. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

American Heart Association

Mr. Moyer invited all to join in the support of the American Heart Association and its red dress pin campaign which supports the fight against heart disease in women.

Township Engineer

Mrs. Geho congratulated Mr. Flaharty on his promotion.

Boy Scouts

Michael Rambo, attending Boy Scout, was present to observe the township meeting and stated he found the meeting to be informational and educational.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Geho moved to adjourn the monthly meeting at 7:35 p.m. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard A. Rodgers
Township Secretary