

MINUTES OF THE  
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING HELD MAY 12, 2014  
(Approved June 9, 2014)

The Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 12, 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 Kevin McAghon of ARRO Consulting, Inc. representing the Township Engineer's office.

Mr. Kolb called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 potential acquisition of real estate, a matter of litigation and legal advice from the Township Solicitor on various matters.

**1. MINUTES**

Minutes of April 14, 2014

Mrs. Geho moved to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2014 monthly 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. Rinehart abstaining.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Fricks Locks Village

Gail Brown, Chair of the Historical Commission, thanked the Board of Supervisors for the pavilion and shed at Fricks Locks Village.

Burning

Scott Allen of 1898 East Cedarville Road noted a concern for complainants to remain anonymous when reporting code violations to the Township. A discussion ensued and it was generally stated that anyone reporting a complaint to the Township is not guaranteed anonymity.

PSATs

Mr. Rinehart noted that PSAT's was very educational. Mr. Rinehart noted a pamphlet from Arborganic Acres and suggested that monies be placed in the budget next year so East Coventry residents are not charged tipping fees at Arborganic Acres.

**3. REPORTS**

Township Manager's Report

**Closing of Escrow Accounts**

Mr. Rodgers noted that there a couple escrow accounts carrying low balances and asked the Board to consider closing the accounts

Mr. Rinehart moved to close the escrow accounts as requested, carrying the following balances, \$2,642.08, \$79.35 and \$97.17. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

### **Police Pension Plan Ordinance**

Mrs. Geho moved to advertise the Police Pension Plan Ordinance for adoption at the June 9, 2014 Board meeting. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

### **Peterman Road Traffic Light**

Mr. Rodgers reviewed a proposal received from Hanover Engineering to update the study for the Route 724 and Peterman Road Intersection Improvements. There was discussion regarding the proposal and the road improvements. Mr. Moyer noted he felt it a good idea to place the traffic light at Fricks Locks Road due to the number of accidents at that location. It was noted that there would be road alignment issues for a light at Fricks Locks Road and if the business park was ever developed the developer would be required to put in road improvements and realign the road. It was agreed that access to the Manatawny Manor cannot be impaired and a one road would not be advisable.

Mr. Rodgers noted that the Township Solicitor has reviewed Hanover Engineering's Professional Services Agreement and Hanover has agreed to implement the Solicitor's recommendations.

Mrs. Nocella moved to authorize Hanover Engineering to proceed with the work scope in their proposal dated May 8, 2014 for the amount of \$30,500.00 conditional on the implementation of the Township Solicitor's comments to the Professional Services Agreement. 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.

### **Conditional Use Hearing Application for Real Pro Enterprises, LP**

Mr. Rodgers noted a Conditional Use Hearing application received by Real Pro Enterprises, LP for the Whispering Woods project. Mr. Rodgers noted he sent a letter to the applicant stating the application is incomplete. The appropriate fees and other information were not provided. Mr. Rodgers noted that once the application is deemed complete the Board of Supervisors are to schedule a hearing within sixty (60) days.

Mr. Moyer moved that the Conditional Use Hearing Application for Real Pro Enterprises, LP is deemed incomplete. Mr. Kolb seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 3-0-1 vote with Mr. Rinehart abstaining and Mrs. Geho being out of the room.

### **PennDot**

Mr. Rodgers noted that the township has received an additional \$5,312.55 from PennDot for costs of winter services due to the severity of the winter. This amount is in addition to the annual winter services agreement payment.

### **Recycling Grant**

Mr. Rodgers noted a recycling grant from DCNR for the amount of \$6,792.00 was received subject to the Township entering an agreement with the Commonwealth. Mr. Rodgers will further review the recycling grant agreement.

Township Engineer’s Report

**MS4 Program**

Mrs. Nocella authorized the Township Engineer to submit the MS4 Report to PADEP by June 9, 2014. Mr. Kolb seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

**Coventry Glen**

Mrs. Nocella moved to approve Change Order No. 4 for Coventry Glen in accordance with Township Engineer letter dated May 9, 2014. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

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 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**

Coventry Glen – Change Order No. 4

This item addressed under Township Engineer’s Report.

**5. ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATIONS**

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

2014 Road Projects

Mr. Rinehart moved to award the 2014 Road Projects contract to Charlestown Paving for the bid amount of \$174,015.80. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote. Below is the listing of bid results.

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Total Amount of Bid</b>
Charlestown Paving	P.O. Box 434 Devault, PA 19432	\$174,015.80
Glasgow, Inc.	Willow Grove Avenue Limekiln Pike P.O. Box 1089 Glenside, PA 19038-1089	\$181,342.25
Innovation Construction Services	P.O. Box 262 Folcroft, PA 19032	\$186,869.45

Reading Materials Inc.	392 Sanatoga Road Pottstown, PA 19464	\$195,287.80
Reid Paving Contractors, Inc.	1850 Swamp Pike Gilbertsville, PA 19525-9668	\$205,641.25

Natural Lands Trust

Mr. Moyer moved to not accept the Natural Lands Trust proposal for the Stewardship Plan for the Wineberry property and use those monies to do the work ourselves. Mr. Kolb seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0.

Fire Police Request

Mrs. Geho moved to approve fire police request for the Fricks Locks Tour on July 17, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0.

Mrs. Geho moved to approve fire police request for Community Day on June 14, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0.

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. Nocella 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. Nocella moved to pay bills as presented:

General Fund	\$197,066.63
Fire Hydrant Fund	\$472.94
Sewer Operating Fund	\$20,324.76
Traffic Impact Fee Fund	\$949.00
<u>Highway State Aid Fund</u>	<u>\$12,349.76</u>
	\$231,163.09

Mrs. Geho 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**

Wireless Facilities

Mr. Kolb moved to authorize the Township Solicitor to draft a proposed ordinance to address wireless facilities management. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Easements

Mrs. Geho noted that letters went sent to some residents regarding possible trail easements. Only one resident responded but there has not been any additional follow up from the resident.

#### Hunting

Mrs. Geho inquired about hunting on open space and Mr. Rodgers noted that the Township Solicitor has drafted an ordinance and it will be presented at the next meeting.

#### Open Space Plan

Mrs. Geho inquired about a new Open Space and Recreational plan and Mr. Rodgers stated he is researching an appropriate RFP.

#### Dress Down

Mr. Kolb moved to dress down in June, July and August. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

#### Kulp Road Traffic Study

Mr. Rinehart inquired about the Kulp Road Traffic Study and Mr. Rodgers noted he is awaiting on a the traffic study from the Township Traffic Engineer.

#### Coventry Rugby

Mr. Rodgers noted a thank you note was received from Coventry Rugby for the use of the township fields.

#### Supervisors Compensation

Mr. Rodgers stated that the Board has the option to raise the compensation of the Board due to the new census population increase. Mr. Rodgers did note that any authorized increase would only be received by Supervisors elected after the increase was adopted..

Mr. Moyer moved to have the compensation for the Township Supervisors remain at the current rate. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Nocella moved to adjourn the monthly meeting at 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Geho 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