

MINUTES OF THE  
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING HELD ON JULY 8, 2013  
(Approved August 12, 2013)

The Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 8, 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 Planner.

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 potential litigation, real estate acquisition concerning open space and further discussion regarding a personnel matter brought to the attention of the Township Manager.

Mr. Hosterman also noted that an executive session had been held on June 13, 2013 to discuss the collective bargaining agreement for uniformed personnel.

**Hearings and Adoptions**

Resolution No. 2013-16 – Agricultural Security Area Seven-Year Review

Mr. Hosterman opened the public hearing for consideration and adoption of Resolution No. 2013-16 at 7:13 p.m.

Mr. Hosterman provided an overview of proposed Resolution No. 2013-16 as follows:

**ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP  
AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPON  
CONDUCTING A SEVEN (7) YEAR REVIEW AS AUTHORIZED BY THE  
AGRICULTURAL AREA SECURITY LAW, ACT OF JUNE 30, 1981, P.L. 128 NO. 43  
SECTION 2 AS AMENDED AND HEREBY ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE  
ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA OF  
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP AS MORE SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH HEREIN.**

Mr. Hosterman asked if the Board of Supervisors had any comments or questions regarding proposed Resolution No. 2013-16. There were no comments or questions from the Board of Supervisors

Mr. Hosterman asked if there were any questions and/or comments from the public and there were none.

Mr. Hosterman closed the hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Mr. Moyer moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-16 for the Agricultural Security Area Seven Year Review. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

## 1. MINUTES

### Minutes of June 10, 2013

Mrs. Geho moved to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2013 monthly meeting as presented. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Thomas Shoemaker of 525 Ellis Woods Road stated that he was burning in a 36x36 area and he was stopped by the police. Mr. Kolb stated that only recreational fires are allowed and Mr. Hosterman noted that brush can only be burned in a recreational fire.
- William Herb of 561 Ellis Woods Road said he was told a 36x36 area fire was allowed.

## 3. REPORTS

### Township Manager's Report

#### **PMRS Pension Plan**

Mr. Rodgers noted that he was in receipt of a request from former employee, Debbra Batchelor, to return her contribution to the pension plan and waive any rights to receipt of future pension benefits. The amount to return is approximately \$31,000.00.

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve the return of pension plan contributions to Debbra Batchelor and authorize the Chairman to sign the Return of Contribution Form (PMRB-4) and return the form to the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System representative. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

#### **Ordinance – Amendment to Formula for Mandatory Dedication of Open Space**

Mr. Rodgers distributed revised Ordinance No. 196 and provided an overview of the revisions.

### Township Engineer's Report

Mr. Flaharty noted that the new stormwater model ordinance is to be enacted by January 1, 2014.

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

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve the reports from the various departments and committees. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

## 4. SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENTS

### Walnut Springs Farm

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve Escrow Release No. 15 for Walnut Springs Farm in the amount of \$10,033.20 in accordance with Township Engineer correspondence dated June 19, 2013. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

**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 Requests

Mr. Kolb moved to ratify approval of the fire police request for Royersford Fire Company for June 15, 2013 at 11:15 a.m. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Mr. Kolb moved to ratify approval of the fire police request for North Coventry Fire Company for the Norco Fair for July 1, 2013 through July 6, 2013. 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 fire police request for Kimberton Fire Company for the Kimberton Fair for July 22, 2013 through July 27, 2013. Mr. Moyer 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	\$109,320.58
Fire Hydrant Fund	\$473.23
Sewer Operating Fund	\$11,623.29
Traffic Impact Fee Fund	\$1,430.51
<u>Highway State Aid Fund</u>	<u>\$7,515.64</u>
	\$130,363.25

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**

Easement Acquisition

Mr. Hosterman noted that the one item discussed in executive session regarding potential real estate acquisition is the purchase of a conservation easement on the Ussler property. Funds for the acquisition are being made available from county and state grants. A proposal was received from Natural Lands Trust to procure the proper documents and an endowment of \$12,000.00 for each easement is required. The estimated costs proposed are estimated at \$46,900.00 for Natural Lands Trust's services.

Mrs. Geho moved approve the proposal from Natural Lands Trust and accept same agreement. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Premium Only Plan

Mr. Rodgers noted a plan that he is requesting be approved that would allow employee premium contributions to be tax exempt. This is an Act 125 Pretax Plan. The monies are deducted through Primepay, the payroll company, as a payroll deduction.

Mr. Moyer moved to approve the Premium Only Plan (POP) Plan application to be signed and submitted to the payroll company. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Geho moved to adjourn the monthly meeting at 7:50 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