

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 2013
(Approved November 11, 2013)

The Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 14, 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, and Marjorie A. Brown, Township Solicitor.

Mr. Kolb called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Ms. Brown stated that an executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. immediately preceding this meeting to legal matters relating to real estate.

Mr. Kolb presented plaques and to Debra Kopystecki and Richard Dobson for 25 years of service to the township.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of September 9, 2013

Mrs. Geho moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2013 monthly meeting as amended. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Amendments being:

- Under subheading Public Comments in the first paragraph, in the last sentence change 'weeds' to 'trees'.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Melissa King of 10 Eleanor Drive said that there may have been a misunderstanding that funds contributed to the Spring City Library would be matched and she noted that any contribution given to the library by the township would not be matched and that it would be used for the Library's building program.
- Thomas Carter of 916 Kulp Road was present to speak with the Board regarding a fence he would like to construct. Mr. Carter noted that workers were putting in footers for pillars for a new fence on his property when they were told by the Code Official to stop work. Mr. Carter was told to move the fence back 25' from the road centerline because the fence he was constructing was in the right-of-way. Mr. Carter noted that there has been a split rail fence in that location since 1987. Mr. Rodgers noted that Mr. Carter was changing the type and material of fence by installing footers and pillars and was not replacing the fence with another split rail fence. Mr. Rodgers also noted that building/zoning permits would have been required for the type of fence he was installing. In addition, Mr. Rodgers noted that in 1987 the property was subdivided and the Township acquired fee simple ownership of 25' from road center line, therefore, the fence was

being constructed on Township property. He had advised Mr. Carter that the only way the fence could be constructed on Township property was by Agreement from the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion continued and Ms. Brown recommended that a fence not be allowed in the right-of-way due to liability risk issues.

Mrs. Geho moved to allow Mr. Carter to replace the split rail fence in the same location. Mrs. Geho then rescinded such motion and made a motion to allow Mr. Carter to leave the concrete footers in the township right-of-way as long as he moved the fence back to the 25' requirement. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

- Roger Kolb of 768 Ebelhare Road inquired about the new bridge weight limits and Mr. Kolb noted that PADOT required the township to lower the bridge weights.

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. Mr. Rinehart 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. Nocella distributed to the Board a letter from the Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee requesting a flea market be held during Community Day in 2014. The Board agreed to have the flea market on Community Day weather permitting. Community Day will be held the second Saturday in June.

Mrs. Geho moved to approve the reports from the various departments and committees. Mr. Rinehart 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.

Northern Federation By-Laws

Mrs. Nocella moved to approve the Northern Federation By-Laws as presented. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-1 vote with Mr. Moyer abstaining. This was later changed to a 4-1-0 vote with Mr. Moyer revising his vote to ‘no’ later in the meeting which was amenable to the Board.

Auditors

Mr. Rinehart moved to authorize advertising of a resolution for the appointment of Reinsel Kuntz Leshner, LLP to make an examination of all accounts of East Coventry Township for fiscal year ending December 31, 2013. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Resolution No. 2013-23 – Supplemental Budget Appropriations

Mrs. Geho moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-23 for supplemental budget appropriations to the 2013 budget. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Resolution No. 2013-24 – Acknowledging Pat Morrison

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-24 recognizing Pat Morrison, former Secretary to the Chester County Association of Township Officials (CCATO). 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	\$398,858.18
Fire Hydrant Fund	\$473.23
Sewer Operating Fund	\$18,852.07
Traffic Impact Fee Fund	\$1,063.50
<u>Highway State Aid Fund</u>	<u>\$8,971.49</u>
	\$428,218.47

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

Township Parks/Fricks Locks Village

Mrs. Geho thanked all of those who came out for the Walk in the Park and those who toured Fricks Locks Village.

Fire Police Request

Mrs. Geho moved to approve the fire police request for Linfield Fire Company for October 25, 26 and 27, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for a firehouse fundraiser. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

State House Proposals

Mr. Kolb noted that he read in the Township News that there is a proposal in the house to use open space monies for maintenance and also a proposal is in the house to up the prevailing wage to 3” of blacktop which would be a cost savings for road projects.

Tax Collection Committee

Mr. Rinehart noted that there is a tax collection committee scheduled and asked if anyone had any input to please let him know and he will pass the information on at the meeting.

Northern Federation By-Laws

Mr. Moyer requested that his vote be changed from abstention to a ‘no’ vote for the Northern Federation By-Laws because he is not in favor of the text in Article IX, Section 2. The Board was amenable to Mr. Moyer’s vote change.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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