

**MINUTES OF THE  
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018 AT 7:00 PM**

The Board of Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 8, 2018. Present for the meeting were supervisors W. Atlee Rinehart, Anthony Duffy, Ray Kolb, Michael Albert Moyer, and Karen Nocella. Also present at the meeting were Bernard A. Rodgers, Township Manager, Mark A. Hosterman, Township Solicitor and Brady Flaharty, Township Engineer.

The Board of Supervisors Chairman, W. Atlee Rinehart, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Mr. Rinehart turned the meeting over to Township Solicitor, Mark Hosterman. Mr. Hosterman reported the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the status of the police contract renegotiation and a real estate matter.

Chairman Rinehart administered the Oath of Office to Jeremy Sullivan, newest volunteer member of the Fire Police.

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-221 “Warrantless Arrests Ordinance.”** An ordinance amending the Codified Ordinances of East Coventry Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, to repeal Chapter 1 (Administration and Government), Part 10 (Police), Section 1-1001 (Warrantless Arrest Guidelines) in its entirety in order to relocate such Section to Chapter 6 (Conduct); and to amend Chapter 6 (Conduct) to add a new Part 4 entitled “Warrantless Arrests” for the purpose of permitting warrantless arrests in accordance with State Law and establishing warrantless arrest guidelines, and containing the following sections: Arrest Without Warrant; and Warrantless Arrest Guidelines.

Mr. Rinehart again turned the meeting over to Solicitor Hosterman for an overview of Ordinance No. 2018-221 which is under consideration for advertisement. Mark Hosterman explained the proposed ordinance allows local police to take individuals into custody for summary offenses provided the Township has guidelines for the summary offenses. He noted the Township already had guidelines in Chapter 1. (Administration) but they did not enumerate the summary offenses, this proposed ordinance amendment would enumerate the summary offenses and would also relocate the section from Chapter 1 (Administration and Government) to Chapter 6 (Conduct). There were no further comments or questions and Chairman Rinehart called for a vote. Ray Kolb made a motion to advertise ORDINANCE NO. 2018-221 “Warrantless Arrests Ordinance.” The motion was seconded by Anthony Duffy and the motion carried 5-0-0.

2. **Minutes. Consideration of approval of the minutes of the December 11, 2017 regular monthly meeting.** Mr. Rinehart called for a vote to approve the minutes and Ray Kolb made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 11, 2017 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Karen Nocella and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Mr. Rinehart called for a vote to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2018 organizational meeting with a correction made to reflect the date of Good Friday as March 30th, 2018. Ray Kolb made a motion to approve the January 2, 2018 organizational meeting minutes showing the corrected date of March 30th, 2018 for Good Friday. Anthony Duffy seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0-0.

**3. Public Comment.**

Mr. Roger Kolb, 768 Ebelhare Road, congratulated Atlee Rinehart on his chairmanship position and on behalf of Ridge Fire Company he thanked the Township for their support of the Company. He noted daytime coverage is particularly challenging and thanked the Board for allowing the utilization of Township personnel to help out. He also thanked the Supervisors for the recent passage of the Tax Exemption Ordinance for residents who volunteer with the Fire Company. Mr. Kolb commended newest volunteer, Jeremy Sullivan, on his willingness to volunteer. Mr. Rinehart stated he's very pleased to see young volunteers involved.

Mr. Bob Bauers, 169 Sawmill Road, asked what real estate matter was discussed during Executive Session. Mr. Hosterman replied it involved a previous driveway matter and change of property title.

There were no further comments to come before the Board, Public Comments closed at 7:12 p.m. and Chairman Rinehart turned the meeting over to Township Manager, Bernard Rodgers for his reports.

**4. Reports.**

Mr. Rodgers presented an application for special Fire Police services at the East Coventry Township Rock the Wall run scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 2018. Michael Moyer made a motion to approve the request for Fire Police services at the March 24th Township event. The motion was seconded by Anthony Duffy and carried unanimously 5-0-0.

Mr. Rodgers distributed a proposal he received via email late that afternoon from Frens and Frens, LLC concerning schoolhouse building renovations at 850 Schoolhouse Road. He informed the Board he had asked the firm to provide an estimate to produce construction drawings for renovations to this historic building. The estimate received is \$1,550.00. He noted the Township could request quotes for construction projects under \$20K or go out to bid for those over \$20k. The project's construction funding would come from the Open Space fund. Mr. Rinehart called for a vote. Michael Moyer made a motion to approve the estimate and the motion was seconded by Karen Nocella. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Consideration of Township Engineer Report. Township Engineer, Brady Flaharty, reported he had nothing further to add.

Chairman Rinehart called for a vote approving reports from the Engineer and various departments and committees. Ray Kolb made a motion to approve all reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Anthony Duffy and the motion carried 5-0-0.

**5. Subdivisions and Land Development.**

Chairman Rinehart noted there were no new Subdivision and Land Development submittal(s) to come before the Board.

**6. Zoning Hearing Board.**

Resolution 2018-02. Resolution Appointing Zoning Hearing Board member, Robert Dredge. Chairman Rinehart called for a vote to adopt Resolution 2018-02 appointing Robert Dredge to

the Zoning Hearing Board with a term ending December 31, 2023. Ray Kolb made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-02. Karen Nocella seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Resolution 2018-03. Resolution Appointing Alternate Member, Donald Foy, to the Zoning Hearing Board. Chairman Rinehart motioned to adopt Resolution 2018-03 appointing Donald Foy as an alternate member with his three-year term ending December 31, 2020. The motion carried unanimously 5-0-0.

Bernard Rodgers, Township Manager noted Resolution 2018-02 reflected an incorrect term expiration date, he related it should read December 31, 2022 not 2023. Under the advice of Solicitor Hosterman, Chairman Rinehart called for a motion to rescind the previous adoption of Resolution 2018-02 and adopt Resolution 2018-02 with the corrected term expiration date of December 31, 2022. Michael Moyer made a motion rescind the Board's previous approval and to approve Resolution 2018-02, appointing Robert Dredge to the Zoning Hearing Board, with a term expiration date of December 31, 2022. The motion was seconded by Anthony Duffy and the motion carried 5-0-0.

**7. Other Business.**

Resolution 2018-04. Resolution in Opposition to House Bill 1620 (N2146), Entitled the "Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Bill." Discussion and consideration to approve or deny. Mark Hosterman informed the Board this House Bill is strongly supported by the Telecommunications industry. Passage of the Bill would strip local municipalities of their authority to regulate the placement of wireless infrastructure within the Township. Chairman Rinehart called motioned to adopt Resolution 2018-04. The motion was seconded by Michael Moyer and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Consideration of a request by Karen Nocella to increase the number of voting members of the Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Committee from five (5) to nine (9). Ms. Nocella stated they have a number of interested parties willing to serve. Mr. Hosterman noted the change in voting membership would require an ordinance amendment and the Board would be voting tonight to advertise the proposed amendment. Mr. Rinehart called for a vote and Michael Moyer made a motion to advertise the amendment increasing the number of voting members of the Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Committee from five (5) to nine (9). Anthony Duffy seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Mr. Duffy asked to make a motion to request the Township Solicitor send a letter to the Police regarding recent negotiations. Ray Kolb seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0-0.

**8. Exonerations.**

Chairman Rinehart called for a vote and Ray Kolb motioned to approve the Exonerations as presented. Chairman Rinehart seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0-0.

**9. Payment of Bills.**

Chairman Rinehart called for a vote to approve payment of bills as presented. Karen Nocella made a motion and Anthony Duffy seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

**10. Informational Items and Additional Items to be Brought Before the Board.**

Township Solicitor, Mark Hosterman, thanked the Board for his reappointment and extended his best wishes for the new year. Township Engineer, Brady Flaharty thanked the Board for his reappointment and wished everyone a happy new year.

Karen Nocella wished fellow Board members a happy new year and stated she is excited about upcoming Parks and Recreation projects.

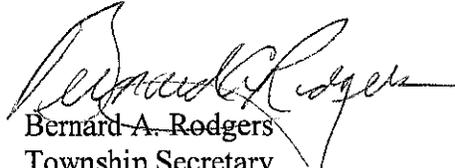
Ray Kolb made a motion to instruct Mr. Rodgers and Chief Mossman to hire a part-time Police Officer. Michael Moyer seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Mr. Rinehart thanked Mr. Kolb for his years of chairmanship. Mr. Duffy congratulated Mr. Rinehart on his chairmanship and also thanked Ray Kolb for his years of service. Michael Moyer concurred with Mr. Duffy's remarks and wished everyone a happy new year.

**Adjournment**

There was no further business to come before the Board and Chairman Rinehart called for a vote to adjourn. Mr. Duffy made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Karen Nocella. The motion carried 5-0-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Bernard A. Rodgers  
Township Secretary