

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD APRIL 14, 2014
(Approved May 12, 2014)

The Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 14, 2014. Present for the meeting were supervisors Ray Kolb, Mariea Geho, Michael Albert Moyer, and Karen Nocella. W. Atlee Rinehart 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 7:00 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 two matters of potential acquisition of real estate, a matter of amending the Police Policy and Procedures Manual and review of a legal opinion.

Hearings and Adoptions

Ordinance No. 200 – Amending the Zoning Ordinance and the R3 Zoning District to Permit Open Space Option

Mr. Hosterman opened the public hearing for consideration and adoption of Ordinance No. 200 at 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Hosterman provided an overview of proposed Ordinance No. 200 as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP,
SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 27, KNOWN AS THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, AND
THE R3 ZONING DISTRICT TO PERMIT AN OPEN SPACE OPTION**

Mr. Hosterman asked if the Board of Supervisors had any comments or questions regarding proposed Ordinance No. 200. There were no further comments or questions from the Board of Supervisors

Mr. Hosterman asked if there were any questions and/or comments regarding proposed Ordinance No. 200 from the public and there were none.

Mr. Hosterman closed the hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Mrs. Geho moved to approve Ordinance No. 200. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and the motion carried with a 4-0-0.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of March 10, 2014

Mrs. Geho moved to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2014 monthly meeting as presented. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Walking Trail

Sally Kolb of 231 Baptist Church Road noted that she felt a dangerous situation existed at the intersection of Route 724 and Linfield Road as a result of people crossing Linfield Road so near Rt. 724 to access the Schuylkill River Trail at Parkerford. She felt the County should provide for a proper parking lot and safer access to the Trail. Mr. Rodgers noted that the county is aware of the situation and they are planning on improving the situation once the trail is extended and will be considering a crosswalk.

Easter Egg Hunt

Mrs. Kolb also noted that she had heard complaints about the Easter Egg Hunt attendees being too aggressive and it doesn't seem that there is anyone overseeing this activity.

3. REPORTS

Township Manager's Report

Memorial Day Event at Veteran's Cemetery

Mr. Rodgers noted that there will be a Veteran's Memorial Ceremony at the Revolutionary Cemetery on May 25, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. and Mr. Clark from the Pottstown Joint Veterans Council asked if any of the Board members would be willing to speak at the memorial. Mr. Moyer noted that he would if his schedule allowed.

Chester County Public Transportation Plan

Mr. Rodgers noted a draft of the Chester County Public Transportation Plan was received from the County. He recommended that the Board authorize the East Coventry Township Planning Commission to review the draft Plan and provide comments directly to the Chester County by the review period close date of May 28, 2014, with a copy to the Board.

Mr. Moyer moved to forward for review and comment the Chester County Public Transportation Plan to the East Coventry Township Planning Commission per the Manager's recommendation. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Direct Energy – Electric Supplier

Mr. Rodgers noted Direct Energy, the energy supplier the township has an energy contract with, raised their rates to market price. Mr. Rodgers recommended that the Board terminate the current Agreement with Direct Energy, thereby reverting energy purchase back to PECO and authorize the Manager to enter solicit quotes and enter another agreement for electrical energy subject to the condition that the contract with the electrical supplier is acceptable to the Township Solicitor.

Mrs. Geho moved to authorize the Mr. Rodgers to cancel the agreement with Direct Energy. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Mrs. Geho moved to authorize Mr. Rodgers to enter into an agreement with an energy supplier subject to the Township Solicitor's approval of such agreement. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Mr. Moyer noted concern regarding the rising cost of electric and noted that the township may want to look into solar energy. After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Board was for Mr. Rodgers to explore what neighboring municipalities were doing with respect to alternative energy sources.

Township Engineer's Report

MS4 Program

Mr. Flaharty noted that PADEP comments on the Years 9 and 10 annual reports were received March 31, 2014 and noted that Year 11 ended March 9, 2014. Mr. Flaharty noted that ARRO will submit the Year 11 Annual Report to PADEP by June 9, 2014.

Stream Clean Up

Mr. Flaharty announced the details of the annual stream clean up as follows "Stream cleanup will be held Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 10 AM. Meeting area will be northwest quadrant of Bethel Church Road/Route 724 intersection. Rain date will be Saturday, May 3, 2014".

Coventry Glen

Mr. Flaharty noted that a punch list letter has been issued for Coventry Glen.

Woodcrest Estates

Mr. Flaharty noted that relating to Woodcrest Estates the end of the maintenance period punch list letters were successfully addressed by the contract and ARRO has prepared an April 7, 2014 letter recommending that the maintenance bond be released.

Mrs. Geho moved to approve the Township Engineer's report. Mrs. Nocella 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

Walnut Springs Farm – Escrow Release No. 16 Request

Mrs. Geho moved to deny the Walnut Springs Farm Escrow Release No. 16 request in accordance with ARRO Consulting, Inc. letter dated April 9, 2014. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Fairway Farm

Mrs. Geho moved to accept the Extension of Time for the Fairway Farm Subdivision and Land Development Plan as submitted by the developer, David J. Eckhart. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

5. ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATIONS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2014-08 – ARLE PennDot Grant Agreement

Mrs. Geho moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-08 for the agreement with PennDot for the Automated Red Light Enforcement Program Project Funding Agreement. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote

Resolution No. 2014-09 – Disposition of Records

Mrs. Geho moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-09 for the approval of the disposition of records. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0.

Resolution No. 2014-10 – Police Policy

Mrs. Geho moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-10 amending the Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual. Mr. Kolb seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0.

Natural Lands Trust

Mr. Rodgers reviewed a proposal received by Natural Lands Trust for stewardship planning at the 31.09-acre Wineberry Estates Open Space.

After a brief discussion the Chairman tabled further consideration of the proposal until after the Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee has discussed the item.

Car Bid

Mr. Kolb moved to award the bid for the 2001 Ford Crown Victoria unmarked police cruiser to Brian Ceulers, sole bidder, for the amount of \$851.50. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0.

Part-time Laborer

Mr. Moyer moved to approve the part-time seasonal Public Works Department laborer starting April 28, 2014 through September 2014 in accordance with Public Works Director's memorandum dated March 25, 2014. Mrs. Geho seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Exonerations and Exemptions

Mr. Moyer read the exonerations and exemptions as presented by the Tax Collector.

Mrs. Geho moved to approve the exonerations and exemptions as presented. Mr. Kolb seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Fire Police Request

Mrs. Geho moved to approve fire police request for the French and Pickering Bicycle Event on June 8, 2014 at various places and times. Mr. Kolb seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0.

7. PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mrs. Nocella moved to pay bills as presented:

General Fund	\$218,288.71
Fire Hydrant Fund	\$4,723.94
Sewer Operating Fund	\$29,149.85
Traffic Impact Fee Fund	\$1,135.04
<u>Highway State Aid Fund</u>	<u>\$16,844.91</u>
	\$270,142.45

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Nocella moved to adjourn the monthly meeting at 7:45 p.m. Mrs. Geho 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