

**MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD MARCH 12, 2018
(Approved 04/09/18)**

The Board of Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 12, 2018. Present for the meeting were supervisors W. Atlee Rinehart, Anthony Duffy, Ray Kolb, and Michael Albert Moyer. Supervisor Karen Nocella was absent. Also present were Bernard A. Rodgers, Township Manager and Mark A. Hosterman, Township Solicitor.

Mr. Rinehart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

6:00 Executive Session

Mr. Hosterman advised that the Board of Supervisors held two previous Executive Sessions; one on February 27th to discuss Police contract negotiations and another one held at 6:00 p.m. preceding this meeting to discuss Police contract negotiations and to seek advice of legal counsel regarding the Phase One Environmental Assessment for a donated parcel of land on Fricks Locks Road that was approved at the last Board meeting.

Swearing in of New Fire Police Officers

Chairman Rinehart administered the Oath of Office to two new Fire Police Officers, Alan Chafin and Mike Dyszel.

Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 222 - Discussion and Consideration of Adoption. "Soliciting and Peddling Ordinance"

An Ordinance amending the Codified Ordinances of East Coventry Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Chapter 13 (Licenses, Permits, And General Business Regulations), to delete part 1 (License And Regulation For Soliciting Or Peddling) in its entirety and to replace it with a new Part 1 titled "Regulation Of Transient Retail Business Activity" and containing the following sections: Definitions; Permit Required; Application For Permit; Permit Fees; Term Of Permit; Renewals; Display Of Permit; Suspension Or Revocation Of Permit; Time For Granting Or Denying Permit; Rules Of Conduct; Permit Exemptions; Registration Required; Entering Upon Posted Property Prohibited; And Violations And .

Solicitor Hosterman offered a brief overview of the proposed peddling ordinance and noted some of its requirements: All transient vendors would require a 30-day permit; the Township is allowed ten (10) days to process permit applications; no solicitation is allowed on Sundays or holidays; and certain exemptions exist for non-profit organizations and farm products. He also noted text was added to the ordinance that states amplified sounds must meet the Township noise ordinance.

Mr. Hosterman asked for public comment or questions and none were generated. The public hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m.

Anthony Duffy made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 222 Soliciting and Peddling Ordinance and the motion was seconded by Ray Kolb. Chairman Rinehart called for a vote and the motion carried 4-0-0.

1. Ordinance.

There were no ordinances to be brought before the Board.

2. Minutes.

Chairman Rinehart noted one correction to be made on page 5: Sally Kolb's address should be recorded as 231 Baptist Church Road. Ray Kolb made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018

meeting with the Kolb address correction. The motion was seconded by Anthony Duffy. Chairman Rinehart called for a vote on the motion and the motion carried 4-0-0.

3. Public Comment.

Chairman Rinehart asked for public comment and there was none generated.

4. Reports. Chairman Rinehart asked the Town Manager for his report.

Township Manager, Bernard Rodgers asked the Board to approve a Fire Police Services request for the French Creek Cycling Event to be held on June 10, 2018. Ray Kolb motioned to approve the request for Fire Police Services at the June 10, 2018 French Creek Cycling event. The motion was seconded by Michael Moyer. Chairman Rinehart called for a vote on the motion and the motion carried 4-0-0.

Mr. Rodgers reported on the bids received for the Police Department’s 2012 Dodge Charger. He recommended the Board accept the highest bid submitted for the 2012 Dodge Charger. He reported the bid results as follows:

	BIDDER	ADDRESS	BID AMOUNT
1	Yousef Dabbagh	2438 Fen View, Island Lake, IL 60042	\$4,408.00
2	Bayridge Motors	1869 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10310	\$4,389.00
3	Chicago Motors, Inc.	2553 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60622	\$3,707.00
4	Gary Beard	346 Bridge St., Spring City, PA 19475-1304	\$3,300.00
5	Arthur A. Kulp	1520 Harvey Lane, Pottstown, PA 19465	\$1,256.00
6	James D. Busch	20 N. Chestnut St., Boyertown, PA 19512	\$850.00

Michael Moyer made a motion to accept the highest bid of \$4,408.00 received from Yousef Dabbagh. The motion was seconded by Anthony Duffy. Chairman Rinehart called for a vote, and the motion carried 4-0-0.

Chairman Rinehart invited Eagle Scout, Jack Hughes, to present his proposed Eagle Scout project to the Board. Mr. Hughes provided the Supervisors with handouts outlining his enhancement proposal for the Ellis Woods Cemetery which includes the installation of landscaping around the flagpole and a bench for an estimated cost of \$249.00. He stated he is working on obtaining a sign quote and his Troop will hold a fundraiser to help cover the cost to implement the proposed design.

Chairman Rinehart questioned whether or not a sign permit would be needed. Mr. Rodgers replied it was not needed because the sign is a replacement and not a new installation. Mr. Kolb suggested placing paver stones at the flagpole base so the person raising the flag will not be stepping on plantings or mulch. He also suggested, due to its historical significance, the existing cemetery sign remain somewhere on display. Mr. Kolb made a motion to donate \$250.00 toward the Eagle Scout project. The motion was seconded by Michael Moyer. Chairman Rinehart called for a vote and the motion carried 4-0-0.

Consideration of Township Engineer’s Report. Chairman Rinehart asked the Town Engineer for his report. Brady Flaharty, P.E. reported the following: “In support of Earth Day activities this April, the Board of Supervisors is sponsoring a cleanup of the Pigeon Creek between Route 724 to the Schuylkill River. Persons interested in keeping East Coventry clean and green are invited to volunteer a few hours of their time to participate in this 11th annual community stream cleanup initiative. Interested volunteers are to gather at the Schuylkill River Trail parking lot located at the intersection of Bethel Church Road and Route 724, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2018. The rain date will be Saturday,

April 28, 2018. For more information, please contact Brady Flaharty, Township Engineer, at 610-495-2118 or brady.flaharty@thearrogroup.com.”

Reports from various departments and committees.

Chairman Rinehart read aloud the resignation letter submitted by Historical Committee member, Ms. Ann Keen and Resolution 2018-05 acknowledging Ms. Keen’s years of service. Anthony Duffy made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-05 and the motion was seconded by Michael Moyer. Chairman Rinehart called for a vote and the motion carried 4-0-0.

Consideration of approval of reports from various departments and committees.

Ray Kolb made a motion to approve reports from the various departments and committees and the motion was seconded by Anthony Duffy. Chairman Rinehart called for a vote and the motion carried 4-0-0.

5. Subdivisions and Land Development.

No submittals brought before the Board.

6. Zoning Hearing Board Applications.

No applications brought before the Board.

7. Other Business.

Mr. Rodgers provided Supervisors with a handout showing a rendering of a proposed sign to be erected on the roadway approaches to Parkerford near the Longstreth facility recognizing their contribution to the sport of field hockey. Michael Moyer made a motion authorizing the Town Manager to proceed with a sign installation request to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Anthony Duffy seconded the motion. Chairman Rinehart called for a vote and the motion carried 4-0-0.

Mr. Rinehart asked the Township Engineer for an update on the Parkerford sewer project. Mr. Flaharty stated survey results are in and being compiled and they will be ready to move forward with the next steps; one of which, would be public discussion and comment.

Chairman Rinehart asked the Township Solicitor for his recommendation on a motion regarding the Phase One Environmental Assessment on Fricks Locks Rd. Mr. Hosterman suggested the Board move to authorize the Township Manager to select a follow up inspector for the Fricks Locks parcel as previously discussed.

Mr. Duffy made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to proceed with a follow up inspection. The motion was seconded by Ray Kolb. Chairman Rinehart called for a vote and the motion carried 4-0-0.

8. Exonerations.

Ray Kolb made a motion to approve the Exonerations as presented. Anthony Duffy seconded the motion. Chairman Rinehart called for a vote on the motion and the motion carried 4-0-0.

9. Payment of Bills.

Anthony Duffy made a motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented. Ray Kolb seconded the motion. Chairman Rinehart called for a vote on the motion and the motion carried 4-0-0.

10. Information and Additional Items to be Brought Before the Board.

Ray Kolb stated he had two items to bring before the Board and funding for both items was earmarked in Capital Reserve. He reported he obtained three (3) quotes for fence replacement at Towpath Park.

He received one in the amount of \$17,000.00 from Montco Fence & Superior Structures; one in the amount of \$14,974.00 from New Holland Chain Link, LLC; and one in the amount of \$13,996.75 from FenceWorks of West Chester. Mr. Kolb made a motion to approve the FenceWorks quote for \$13,996.75 and Anthony Duffy seconded the motion. Chairman Rinehart called for a vote and the motion carried 4-0-0.

Ray Kolb made a motion for the Board to approve delivery of a John Deere Z-Trak replacement mower in the amount of \$7,057.00. Michael Moyer seconded the motion. Chairman Rinehart called for a vote and the motion carried 4-0-0.

Mr. Kolb reminded those in attendance of the upcoming Rock the Wall Community Walk/Run on Saturday, March 24th and asked Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources committee member, Ms. Ann Sage for an update.

Mr. Rinehart reminded those in attendance about the upcoming Spotted Lanternfly presentation at the Northern Federation Meeting to be held March 13, 2018 at Welkinweir on Prizer Rd. He noted the meeting is open to the public.

Mr. Watson of 220 Ellis Woods Road, asked about the water issue on Ellis Woods Rd. Township Engineer, Brady Flaharty reported permits are still open on the project fronting on Ellis Woods Rd. and the construction will be inspected to be sure it meets Stormwater Management ordinance requirements.

Mr. Watson reported he spoke further with Police Chief Mossman regarding speeding on his roadway and he stated he did not mean to demean the Police Department and the work they are doing at last month's meeting. He suggested the Township explore setting up a Facebook page for the Police Department to keep residents apprised of criminal and safety issues in the Township.

Bob Bauers, 169 Sawmill Rd., commented that the Phoenixville Police Department implemented a Facebook page during Chief Mossman's tenure.

- 11. Adjournment.** There was no other business to come before the Board. Mr. Duffy made a motion to adjourn and his motion was seconded by Ray Kolb. Chairman Rinehart called for a vote and the motion carried 4-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard A Rodgers
Township Manager