

**MINUTES OF THE  
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING HELD JULY 12, 2021**

*(Approved August 9, 2021)*

The Board of Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 12, 2021. The following Supervisors were in attendance for the meeting: Ray Kolb, W. Atlee Rinehart, Anthony Duffy, Michael Albert Moyer and Karen Nocella. Also, in attendance were David G. Kraynik, Township Manager, Mark Hosterman, Township Solicitor and Brady Flaharty, Township Engineer.

Mr. Ray Kolb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mr. Hosterman stated an executive session was held this evening to discuss a personnel matter, an update on the police contract negotiations, two information only items, and an update on the litigation concerning the artesian well at 515 Kulp Road.

**1. ORDINANCES**

Ordinance No. 2021-253 – “Permitted Projections into Required Yards”

Consideration to Authorize Advertising an Ordinance Amending the Codified Ordinances of East Coventry Township, Chapter 27 (Zoning), Part 13 (General and Supplemental Regulations and Design Standards), Section 27-1322 (Projections into Required Yards) to Permit Certain Structures, Such as Certain HVAC Facilities, to Project into Required Yards, Subject to Certain Conditions. Mr. Hosterman reviewed.

Mr. Moyer made a motion to authorize advertising Ordinance 2021-253. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

**2. SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Consideration to Authorize Advertising a Public Hearing for September 13, 2021 to Consider a Resolution Accepting the Recommendation of the Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee Upon Conducting a Seven (7) Year Review and 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 as more Specifically Set Forth Herein. Mr. Hosterman stated there will be some minor changes to the Resolution as some properties have changed ownership. He will be reviewing the ownership as well as the acreage amounts which is what the Chester County Planning Commission review letter recommended before finalizing the Resolution. Mr. Duffy made a motion to authorize advertising the Public Hearing for September 13, 2021 to consider the Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee’s Seven (7) Year Review. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

**3. MINUTES**

Mr. Hosterman requested an addition to the minutes pertaining to the section under Other Business - Relief from the Zoning Ordinance for George and Nancy Carter pertaining to Mr. Garner’s letter of May 12, 2021 to add that the zoning relief would be “contingent upon all zoning relief being granted by the Zoning Hearing Board”. Mr. Rinehart made a motion to accept the June 14, 2021 meeting minutes as corrected. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Scott Maerten, 87 Peterman Road, showed pictures to the Board of Supervisors of the road in front of his house and driveway that he states is deteriorating and would like it repaired. Mr. Kolb stated the Public Works Department will look at it.

Steve Ussler, 938 Schoolhouse Road, asked what is happening with the tree removal and possible condemnation of the Ussler Tract. Mr. Kolb stated the Board of Supervisors is taking no action at this time.

Mrs. Nocella stated the Parks and Recreation Committee will be having the 5k/10k Run next year on April 2, 2022. Mrs. Nocella spoke with Missy King, Tax Collector to confirm that date works for her since Mrs. King collects taxes in-person at the Township Building during the month of April.

#### **5. REPORTS**

##### **Township Manager's Report**

Award a Contract to CMC Engineering in the amount of \$52,500, Plus Reimbursable Expenses, for Preliminary Construction Drawings for Towpath Park Improvements, Phase I. \$27,900 to be Offset by Grant Funding

Mr. Kraynik recommends the Board of Supervisors award a contract in the amount of \$52,500 to CMC Engineering for the preliminary drawings for Towpath Park Improvements, Phase I. This will be offset by a grant in the amount of \$27,900. Mr. Duffy made a motion to award a contract to CMC Engineering for \$52,500 for the preliminary drawings for Towpath Park Improvements, Phase I. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

##### Acceptance of a \$12,500 Grant to Design and Create a Trail at the East Coventry Elementary School.

Mr. Kraynik stated the \$12,500 grant is to design and create a trail at the East Coventry Elementary School. The grant is being offered to the Township by the TriCounty Community Network. Once the Board approves this grant the next step is to enter into a Shared Use Agreement with the school district who is drafting the agreement. Mr. Moyer asked who maintains the trail and why are they not sending the grant money directly to the school instead of the Township. Mrs. Nocella stated that there are parts of the trail already in place and that the school maintains it. Mrs. Nocella stated she will confirm that the school will continue maintaining the trail and she does not know why the grant money has to come to the Township instead of the school. Mr. Kraynik stated the grant money won't be used until the Shared Use Agreement is executed. Mr. Rinehart asked if the school will allow students of Coventry Glen to walk to school and take some of the burden off of busing. A discussion ensued. Mrs. Nocella made a motion to accept the \$12,500 grant for the trail at East Coventry Elementary School. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

##### Consideration of Application for Special Fire Police Services:

- Kimberton Fire Company, Fair, July 26, 2021 through July 31, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Kolb made a motion to approve the Special Fire Police Service application. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

##### Township Engineer's Report

Mr. Flaharty has nothing to report at this time. Mr. Rinehart made a motion to accept the Engineer's Report. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Mr. Duffy made a motion to accept the various departments and committee reports. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

#### **6. SUBDIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

No Subdivisions and Land Development brought before the Board.

**7. ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATIONS**

No Zoning Hearing Board Applications brought before the Board.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

Consideration of a Request from George and Nancy Carter, 583 Old Schuylkill Road, for Relief from the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Hosterman stated he received a letter from Chuck Garner, attorney for George and Nancy Carter, regarding the one outstanding item from last month’s meeting which is the number of large events per year if the Zoning Hearing Board grants the relief. The letter states that George and Nancy Carter would have a maximum of 60 large events per year. A large event is more than 75 guests. They would have the ability to have unlimited events of less than 75 guests. Mr. Hosterman’s concern is that this property is agricultural and residential and if there are too many events the principal use of the property might become commercial more than residential and agricultural. Mr. Carter stated the large events would take place approximately seven months out of the year and would be held on Friday, Saturday or Sundays. A discussion ensued. Mr. Hosterman stated the motion should also include sending the zoning officer and traffic engineer letters to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mrs. Nocella made a motion to approve the Carter’s having a maximum of 60 large (more than 75 guests) events per year, unlimited events of less than 75 guests and sending a copy of the zoning officer and traffic engineer letters to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

**9. EXONERATIONS**

Mr. Moyer made a motion to approve the Exonerations. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

**10. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Mrs. Nocella made a motion to approve the payment of bills.

<u>Fund Name</u>		<u>Amount to Pay</u>
General Fund	\$	204,225.58
Benefit Escrow		-
Open Space		-
Sewer Operating Fund		15,329.29
Sewer Capital Fund		-
Traffic Impact Fee Fund		681.17
Capital Reserve		-
Highway State Aid Fund		3,233.27
TD Escrow		-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>223,469.31</u></b>

Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Nocella made a motion to adjourn the monthly meeting at 7:25 pm. Mr. Kolb seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

David G. Kraynik  
Township Manager