

**MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD OCTOBER 8, 2018**

(Approved November 12, 2018)

The Board of Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 8, 2108. The following Supervisors were present for the meeting: W. Atlee Rinehart, Anthony Duffy, Ray Kolb, Michael Albert Moyer, and Karen Nocella. Also present were Bernard A. Rodgers, Township Manager and Mark A. Hosterman, Township Solicitor.

Mr. W. Atlee Rinehart called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Chief Mossman introduced Dr. Schiffer to present Life Saving Commendations. Dr. Schiffer, EMS Medical Director of Royersford Fire Department, presented Life Saving Commendations from Friendship Ambulance for an incident that happened in the Township on June 12, 2018 for life saving resuscitation of Bonnie Bock. The Life Saving Commendations were presented to: Mistie Greenwald of the East Coventry Township Police Department; Lt. Jack Clark of the Ridge Fire Company (this was accepted by Deputy Chief Roger Kolb); Lenny Brown, EMS Supervisor/Paramedic; Matt Lex, EMS Technician; and Matt Wagner, EMS Supervisor/Paramedic.

Mr. Hosterman stated that an executive session was held immediately preceding this meeting to discuss one (1) personnel matter and one (1) matter of potential acquisition of real estate.

1. ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 226 “Farm Residential District Ordinance”

Mr. Hosterman reviewed the proposed Ordinance amending the codified ordinances of East Coventry Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Chapter 27 (Zoning), Part 5 (FR Farm Residential District), Section 27-502 (Use Regulations), Subsection 1 (Uses Permitted by Right) by adding a new Subsection 27-902.1.I to allow government owned active or passive recreational facilities and related public amenities such as, but not limited to, parking areas and restrooms to the list of permitted uses in the FR Farm Residential District and all other Residential Districts.

Mr. Hosterman asked if any members of the Board of Supervisors or the public present had any questions or comments regarding the proposed Ordinance. There being none he recommended that the Board of Supervisors take action on the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Kolb made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 226 as advertised. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Rinehart called for the vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

2. MINUTES

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Mr. Kolb made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Rinehart called for the vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

- 3.** Mr. Rodgers stated that he had announced his retirement at the Board’s July meeting and that his retirement would be effective Friday, October 12, 2018. He then noted that the Board had been seeking an individual as his replacement and after a diligent search had selected Mr. Brian Harris and read Resolution No. 2018-20 appointing Mr. Brian Harris as the new Township Manager effective Monday, October 29, 2018. A motion was made to accept Resolution 2018-20 appointing Mr. Harris as the new Township Manager by Mr. Kolb. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Rinehart called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Mr. Rinehart welcomed Mr. Harris to East Coventry Township. Mr. Harris thanked the Board of Supervisors and said he is looking forward to working with the residents of the township. He stated he has an open-door policy and welcomes residents to come and see him.

Mr. Rinehart presented Mr. Rodgers with a plaque for his service to East Coventry Township. Members from the Board of Supervisors wished Mr. Rodgers well on his retirement and thanked him for his service to the Township for the past eleven (11) years. Mr. Rodgers thanked the Board of Supervisors and members of the community. Both Ms. Rose Miller and Ms. Missy King wished Mr. Rodgers the best of luck on his retirement.

Mr. Duffy stated he recently went to the ribbon cutting at the new school and was approached by Melissa Booth who commented about the Township Zoning Hearing Board denying the sign variance application from the Owen J. Roberts School District for the East Coventry Elementary School. Mr. Duffy made a motion for the Township Solicitor, Mr. Hosterman to prepare an Ordinance that would allow for the sign. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Rinehart called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Walter Woessner thanked East Coventry Township and Mr. Kolb for removing the unwanted furniture that appeared in front of his house.

A resident expressed concern over how dark it is at the intersection of Route 724 and Peterman Road and asked if reflectors could be put in that area.

Ms. Gail Brown commented that on Saturday, October 27, 2018, the Schuylkill River Greenways will be attending the last Fricks Lock Tour at 12:30 pm. Ms. Brown also thanked Mr. Rodgers for all his assistance with Fricks Lock.

5. REPORTS

Township Manager's Reports

Mr. John Yurick reviewed the Peterman Road Multimodal Project and grant application. Planning for this project goes back nearly 20 years. The traffic accessing Route 724 from Old Schuylkill Road is not signalized and it experiences delays in traffic turning onto Route 724. The traffic travels at high speeds and there is a lack of turning lanes on Route 724. A solution to the problem is to signalize Route 724 and Peterman Road intersection and provide left turn lanes. Most of the engineering is completed. It is anticipated that the project will begin in 2020. Mr. Yurick stated that PennDot re-opened their multimodal grant funding round and recommended that the Board of Supervisors submit an application which is due November 15, 2018. In order to move forward, Mr. Hosterman was asked to prepare a Resolution for the Board's consideration at the November meeting.

Mr. Rinehart asked if anything has been done about PennDot lowering the speed on Route 23. Mr. Yurick said PennDOT had been evaluate the speed limit on Route 23 but it could be two-three months before the Township received a response.

Consideration of Approval of the Animal Protective Services Full Service Contract 5 Year Agreement with Brandywine Valley SPCA.

Mr. Rodgers reviewed the contract and made a recommendation to approve the agreement as presented this evening. Mr. Duffy made a motion to approve the Animal Protective Services Full Service Contract 5 Year Agreement with Brandywine Valley SPCA. Ms. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Rinehart called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Consideration of Approval of Amendment No. 1 to ARRO Job No. 10953.47 Professional Services Agreement 0618-PL01.

Mr. Rodgers reviewed the Amendment No. 1. Ms. Nocella made a motion to approve the Amendment No. 1 to ARRO Job No. 10953.47 Professional Services Agreement 0618-PL01. Mr. Kolb seconded the motion. Mr. Rinehart asked for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Consideration of Approval of Reimbursement Agreement between The County of Chester and East Coventry Township.

Mr. Rodgers reviewed the reimbursement agreement between the Township and Chester County for the Schuylkill River Trail-Fricks Lock Trailhead Development. The Township received a grant from the Commonwealth Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) in the amount of \$376,200 and Chester County Commissioners provided an additional \$400,000 as a match to the grant. The Township will have to pay for the project and then request reimbursement from both DCNR and Chester County. This agreement will provide the basis for the Township to request reimbursement from the County. A motion was made to accept the Reimbursement Agreement between The County of Chester and East Coventry Township by Ms. Nocella. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Rinehart asked for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Consideration to Appoint a Representative to serve on the Steering Committee for the Owen J. Roberts School District.

Mr. Duffy will serve as the Representative for East Coventry Township on the Steering Committee.

Consideration of Public Utility Status of DAS Providers – Impact on Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinance.

Mr. Hosterman reviewed the House Bill 2564 and how this will affect the Township. He stated this Bill would strip the municipalities of their power to enforce zoning regulations on the DAS providers in a township road Rights-of-Way. Mr. Hosterman suggested that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Township Manager to email or send a letter to Representative Hennessey and Senator Rafferty asking them to oppose House Bill 2564. Mr. Moyer made a motion for the Township Manager to contact Representative Hennessey and Senator Rafferty. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Rinehart asked for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Consideration of Approval of the annual Cub Scouts, Troop 4, Wreaths Across America Ceremony on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 12:00 pm at Ellis Woods Revolutionary War Cemetery.

Mr. Duffy made a motion to approve the annual Cub Scouts, Troop 4, Wreaths Across America Ceremony. Mr. Kolb seconded the motion. Mr. Rinehart asked for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Consideration of Review of the 2019 Proposed East Coventry Draft Budget.

Mr. Rodgers reviewed the 2019 Proposed East Coventry Draft Budgets. Mr. Rodgers stated no action is needed at this time but at the November meeting the Board of Supervisors will need to authorize advertisement of the proposed 2019 Budget for adoption at the December meeting.

Consideration of Approval of the job description for an Assistant Public Works Director.

Mr. Kolb stated he would like to appoint Mr. Dave Rishel as the Assistant Public Works Director. Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve the job description for Assistant Public Works Director and appoint Mr. David Rishel to that position effective immediately. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Rinehart asked for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Consideration of Approval of the Bid Submittal for the 2014 Dodge Durango.

Mr. Rodgers reviewed the two bids received for the 2014 Dodge Durango which consisted of a bid from Susette Wilson for \$6,152.00 and a bid from Yousef Dabbagh for \$4,568.00. Mr. Duffy made a motion to approve the bid from Ms. Wilson. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Rinehart called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Consideration of Agreement with Schuylkill River Greenways to install water quality sensor at Towpath Park.

Mr. Rodgers reviewed Schuylkill River Greenways wanting to install water quality sensor at Towpath Park. He stated that a zoning permit is not needed because the Township owns the land but an electrical permit will be required. Mr. Rodgers stated that the Board of Supervisors should approve the installation of water quality sensors at Towpath Park and approve an agreement for that purpose acceptable to the Township Solicitor between the Township and Schuylkill River Greenway. Mr. Kolb made the motion to approve the installation of water quality sensors at Towpath Park and for Mr. Hosterman to prepare the appropriate agreement. Ms. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Rinehart asked for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Consideration of submission of grant to PAHWF for Pickleball Court installation.

Mr. Rodgers discussed the Pickleball Court installation. He stated stormwater management is needed and a SWMP has been prepared by Mr. Brady Flaharty. Mr. Kolb has prepared a list of materials required for the installation that amount to approximately \$16,000. The Township Public Works Department will install the Pickleball Court. A grant application is due by November 1, 2018 to the PAHWF. A grant up to \$25,000 can be requested. Mr. Rodgers suggested that Mr. Rick Tralies prepare and submit the grant application. A motion was made by Ms. Nocella for Mr. Rick Tralies to prepare and submit the grant application by November 1, 2018. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Rinehart called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Consideration of Application for Special Fire Police Services

Mr. Rodgers recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the following application:

- Owen J. Roberts High School Best Buddies 5K Run, Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 10:30 am to 11:30 pm. Mr. Kolb made a motion to approve the Special Fire Police Services for Owen J. Roberts High School Best Buddies 5K Run. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Rinehart called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Consideration of approval of the Township Engineer's Report

Mr. Flaharty was absent tonight. Mr. Rodgers discussed the stormwater issues on Harley Road. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Flaharty both visited the site and have determined that due to the impact on the Township's roadway the Board should hire a hydrologist to determine the cause of the issue and what needs to be done to abate the problem. Mr. Hosterman discussed hiring Kevin Seck per Mr. Flaharty's recommendation. Mr. Rinehart made a motion for Mr. Hosterman to contact Mr. Seck. Ms. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Rinehart called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve the Township Engineer's Report. Mr. Kolb seconded the motion. Mr. Rinehart called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Consideration of approving reports from various departments and committees

Mrs. Nocella discussed the "Walk in the Parks" event on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 10:00 am. with a rain date of Sunday October 28, 2018 at 1:00 pm. She would like to invite Mr. Brian Harris to this event.

Mrs. Nocella stated the Run is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2019 and it will be a Memorial Run for John Doyle. Jason Stouch will be taking over organizing the Run.

Mrs. Nocella also stated that the Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee feel that the port-a-potty at Ellis Woods Park is an eyesore and people should use the bathrooms in the building outside instead. Flora Kapp stated there should be signage to show the public where the bathrooms are located instead of using the port-a-potty. Mr. Kolb's concern about getting rid of the port-a-potty and only relying on the bathrooms in the building outside is that they are only available from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and there is a possibility that the pump could keep running which would cause a problem.

Mrs. Nocella discussed a proposal she received from Alta Planning & Design for Professional Design Services Signage and Wayfinding. This proposal is for the signage for the East Coventry Township parks and walking trails. The total cost that was proposed is \$33,675.00. Mr. Rodgers said there are two grant programs through the PAHWF. He stated that they can apply for Foundation money for this project as well as for the Pickleball Court installation project. Mr. Rodgers also stated that it is possible for the Open Space Fund to fund the project and that installing signage identifying the various Eagle Scout projects that have been completed over the years should be part of the project. A question was asked regarding putting signage on property that is not Township property. Mr. Hosterman is to review the sign ordinance. Mr. Rodgers recommends applying to the PAHWF for funding next year. The consensus of the Board was that Mr. Harris would research funding options for this project, including the Eagle Scout signage, when he begins his employment.

6. SUBDIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

No submittals brought before the Board.

7. ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATIONS

There were no applications to consider.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2018-19 – A Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds to the Township Capital Reserve Fund from the Township General Fund. Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-19. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Rinehart called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

9. EXONERATIONS

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

10. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Duffy made a motion to approve the payment of bills as presented.

<u>Fund Name</u>		<u>Amount to Pay</u>
General Fund	\$	383,715.34
Open Space		2,509.00
Sewer Operating Fund		9,235.54
Sewer Capital Fund		-
Traffic Impact Fee Fund		12.08
Capital Reserve		-
Highway State Aid Fund		4,715.88
TD Escrow		-
Totals	\$	<u>400,187.84</u>

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kolb made a motion to adjourn the monthly meeting at 8:55 pm. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Rinehart called for the vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard A. Rodgers
Township Manager