

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2013
(Approved March 11, 2013)

The Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 11, 2013. Present for the meeting were supervisors Ray Kolb, W. Atlee Rinehart, Michael Albert Moyer, and Karen Nocella. Also present were Bernard A. Rodgers, Township Manager, Andrew R. Freimuth, Township Solicitor, and Brady L. Flaharty, Township Engineer. Mariea Geho was not present.

Mr. Kolb called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Freimuth stated that an executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. immediately preceding this meeting to discuss two matters of litigation and one matter of potential real estate acquisition.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of January 14, 2013

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2013 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

- James Dowd of 12 Springhouse Lane was present to discuss the current lien on his property for the costs of connection to the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Rodgers noted that Mr. Dowd has requested that the Board of Supervisors authorize an installment payment plan of \$200/month for he and his wife to pay off the lien.

Mr. Rinehart moved to enter into an installment payment agreement with Mr. & Mrs. Dowd to pay off the lien on their property and authorize the Township Solicitor to prepare such agreement at Mr. & Mrs. Dowd's expense. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

3. REPORTS

Township Manager's Report

Frens and Frens Proposal

Mrs. Nocella moved to approve the proposal from Frens and Frens LLC dated January 15, 2013 in the amount of \$3,800.00 for an Interpretative Program Script for Frick's Lock Village and authorize Frens and Frens LLC to proceed with the work. Mr. Kolb seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Township Engineer's Report

Stream Cleanup

Mr. Rinehart moved to enter into the minutes a statement as follows and presented by the Township Engineer, *The Township's 6th Annual Stream Cleanup will be held Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 10:00 AM (rain date being Saturday, April 27, 2013), with the northwest quadrant of the*

Linfield Road/Route 724 intersection as the official gathering place and cleanup location as Pigeon Creek from Route 724 to the Schuylkill River. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Mr. Rinehart 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

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve the reports from the various departments and committees. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

4. SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENTS

5. ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATIONS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2013-06 – Records Disposal

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-06 for the disposal of records. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Resolution No. 2013-07 – Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual

Mr. Moyer moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-07 approving the addition of a policy to the Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee

Mr. Rodgers provided an overview of his memorandum dated January 31, 2013 noting that the Board of Supervisors at their next meeting will need to appoint an Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee to consist of three farmers, one Board member and one citizen.

2013 Road Projects

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve the 2013 Road Projects in accordance with Public Works Director’s memorandum dated January 30, 2013. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

The project consists of the following:

Work Location	Work Proposed
Kulp Road (between Ebelhare Road and Ellis Woods Road)	25mm buildup and 1.5” overlay
Bishop Road (800 feet from Schoolhouse Road)	1.5” overlay

Porters Mill Road (from Ebelhare Road to Bard Road-one lane)	1.5” overlay
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Farm Leases

Heyser Tract

The bids results for the Heyser Tract bid are as follows:

Bidder	Address	City State	Zip	Total
Warihay Farms and Harvesting	580 N. Colebrook Road	Manhiem, PA	17545	\$10,471.00
Charles N. Marshall	1040 W. Schuylkill Road	Pottstown PA	19465	\$9,400.00
George Strutynski Jr	1129 Schoolhouse Road	Pottstown PA	19465	\$7,650.00
Steve Ussler	938 Schoolhouse Road	Pottstown PA	19465	\$6,750.00
Arthur A. Kulp	1520 Harvey Lane	Pottstown PA	19465	\$6,750.00

Mr. Moyer moved to award the bid for the lease of the Heyser Tract to Warihay Farms and Harvesting for the five-year total of \$10,471.00. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Creekview Property

The bid results for the Creekview Property bid are as follows:

Bidder	Address	City State	Zip	Total
Warihay Farms and Harvesting	580 N. Colebrook Road	Manheim PA	17545	\$32,851.70
Charles N. Marshall	1040 W. Schuylkill Road	Pottstown PA	19465	\$18,800.00
Arthur A. Kulp	1520 Harvey Lane	Pottstown PA	19465	\$17,000.00
George Strutynski Jr	1129 Schoolhouse Road	Pottstown PA	19465	\$15,000.00
Cory Mowrer	2980 Coventryville Road	Pottstown PA	19465	\$10,000.00

Mr. Moyer moved to award the bid for the lease of the Creekview Property to Warihay Farms and Harvesting for the five-year total of \$32,851.70 subject to the area north of Pigeon Creek containing the pump station and the trail installed by Heritage not being part of the leased property. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Roger Kolb of 768 Ebelhare Road expressed his concern of the local farmers being outbid and felt that the bidding process should be limited to local farmers. Mr. Rodgers noted that the

Township Solicitor had advised that bidding had to be open to all and not limited to a particular group. Limiting to one particular group could open the township up to a challenge.

Sally Kolb of 231 Baptist Church Road noted that surrounding townships limit the bidding to local farmers only. Mrs. Kolb also noted concern about those leasing township property not adhering to the conservation plan and if the plan is adhered to depletion of the soil would not occur.

Larry Tietjen of 131 Maack Road stated that the corporation that he works for specifies particular groups in their hiring and bidding processes.

Scott Allen of 1898 East Cedarville Road asked about the large bales of hay out in the farm fields and Mr. Kolb noted that is the proper procedure for storing the bales.

Mr. Moyer moved to authorize the Township Solicitor to further investigate the area of the law that covers bidding regulations and if bidders can be limited to a particular group. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

CCATO

Mr. Rinehart moved to authorize Mr. Rodgers and Mrs. Geho to attend the 2013 CCATO Spring Conference. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

MS4 – NPDES Permit

Mrs. Nocella moved to approve the articles for use for the annual MS4 NPDES permit requirement as presented by the Township Planner. Mr. Kolb seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and **the motion** carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

7. PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Rinehart moved to pay bills as presented:

General Fund	\$103,384.57
Fire Hydrant Fund	\$473.23
Open Space Fund	\$450.00
Sewer Operating Fund	\$17,369.25
Sewer Capital Fund	\$9,995.00
Traffic Impact Fee Fund	\$435.00
<u>Highway State Aid Fund</u>	<u>\$13,321.65</u>
	\$145,428.70

Mrs. Nocella 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

Tax Collector

Mr. Rodgers noted that this is an election year for the position of Tax Collector and every four years the compensation for the Tax Collector may be reviewed and Mr. Rodgers noted that he does not recommend any changes be made to the compensation level.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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