

March 11, 2015
East Bethlehem Township, PA

The regular monthly meeting of the East Bethlehem Township Commissioners was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at the Sewage Authority Building, 522 Front Street, Fredericktown PA.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Commissioner Paul Battaglini. The roll call was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present were Paul Battaglini, Brenda Bennett, Leisa Conklin and Mike Packrall. Also present was Secretary Maryann Kubacki.

Public Participation

Les Faulk, Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority presented plans for a new administration building that LTMJSA plans to build at the Williamstown Treatment Plant Site and questioned permitting regulations. He was advised to contact the township office for zoning and building permit rules. He stated that LTMJSA has discussed an Act 537 plan to sewer the Besco Area. The cost of the plan would be paid 50%. Mr. Battaglini requested that the engineer provide a cost estimate to determine if East Beth Twp. would be able to afford assistance in funding the Act 537. He also stated that the curb in front of his house was destroyed by the plow truck and needs repaired.

Ron Revi, Millsboro, thanked the road crew for doing a good job keeping the streets clear. He asked for an update on the proposed school zone designation near Calvary Chapel. Mrs. Conklin informed him that Penn Dot has been contacted regarding the school zone and that she will meet with Calvary Chapel representatives again to discuss their future plans as there is a rumor that they are moving.

Bill Giovanelli, Millsboro, commented on the good job done by the road crew.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Packrall motioned and Mrs. Conklin seconded to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2015 Regular meeting as received. The motion carried.

Secretary's Report

General Fund Receipts	\$59,941.27	General Fund Expenses	\$43,918.11
State Fund Receipts	\$90,000.60	State Fund Expenses	\$23,134.72
Municipal Share Receipts	\$ 0	Municipal Share Expenses	\$ 2,271.04
Act 13 Receipts	\$ 0	Act 13 Expenses	\$ 0

Mr. Packrall motioned and Mrs. Conklin seconded to accept the secretary's report and pay the bills as presented. The motion carried.

Tax Collector's Report

February 2015 Collections:

Real Estate \$17,206.23 Per Capita \$442.96 Fire Service \$889.99
Total Collections \$18,539.18

Ms. Bennett motioned and Mrs. Conklin seconded to accept the Tax Collector's Report as presented. The motion carried.

Solicitor's Report

The secretary reported that she attended the Conservatorship Hearing with Attorney Berrgren due to the absence of our solicitor. She stated that the judge awarded the conservatorship to the township and explained the process. Within 60 days, the township must submit a "plan of action" to the judge outlining what will be done with the property.

Police Department Updates

Mrs. Conklin requested that EBT Code Enforcement be asked to contact Centerville Borough Code Enforcement regarding several properties in Vestaburg. She asked that they work jointly on properties that are on the border of the two municipalities.

Mr. Packrall motioned and Mrs. Conklin seconded that Officer X be removed from the roster due to certifications not being current. The motion carried.

Mr. Packrall motioned and Mrs. Conklin seconded to advertise for part-time police officers in the Observer-Reporter newspaper. The motion carried.

The secretary was instructed to call Bee Graphix to find out the status of door decals that were ordered for the police office door.

Old Business

Mr. Hess provided copies of proposed garage buildings for the commissioner's review.

Ms. Bennett reported that she and Mrs. Conklin met with Tri-County Joint Municipal Authority Manager Dave Bojtos and Board Member Mike Hughes to discuss the water authority plans. She stated that she left the meeting confident that the authority is moving in the right direction and has no reservation about granting an extension to the charter. She reported information that was provided to her about future endeavors and current repair plans. Ms. Bennett motioned and Mrs. Conklin seconded that the township advertise the proposed Ordinance to extend the charter of Tri-County Joint Municipal Authority to 2050 for adoption at the April 8, 2015 meeting. Mr. Battaglini opposed. The motion carried.

The board was previously emailed a copy of a proposed Dangerous Structure Ordinance for review. Ms. Bennett stated that she and the secretary will review the ordinance. Mrs. Conklin motioned and Mr. Packrall seconded that after review by Ms. Bennett the ordinance be sent to the Solicitor to review for the April 8 meeting. The motion carried.

Ms. Bennett proposed that the alley behind Vesta Avenue be opened as it was in years past to alleviate the parking issues on Vesta Avenue. Discussion was held on the plowing issue and the need for easy access for emergency vehicles. Ms. Bennett motioned and Mrs. Conklin seconded that the upper alley be opened behind Vesta Avenue. The motion carried.

The Vestaburg Park grant is awaiting approval from the DCED. The LSA Dock Grant and DCNR Restroom Grant final plans have been submitted for review and are waiting on orders for construction to proceed.

Discussion was held on the Clarksville Property. The solicitor was authorized in January to send a letter to the Clean Streams Foundation regarding voiding the lease agreement with LTV. There were no updates.

New Business

Mr. Packrall motioned and Mrs. Conklin seconded that the township apply for a road closing permit for SR0088 North for the Riverfest and Fireworks to be held on Friday, July 3, 2015 and that the Chamber be permitted to use Bower Park for a petting zoo. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on the mineral rights lease agreement due to expire on March 24, 2015.

PennDot will hold their community outreach on March 26, 2015.

The board was informed that health care costs will increase \$65.66 per employee beginning April 1, 2015.

Mr. Battaglini called for an executive session at 7:30PM for personnel matters. The board returned to regular session at 8:10PM.

Mrs. Conklin motioned and Ms. Bennett seconded that Secretary Maryann Kubacki and Street Department Laborer Richard Queen attend ESM Training in Washington on May 6 and 7, 2015. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Mr. Packrall motioned and Mrs. Conklin seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Maryann Kubacki, Secretary