

**WEST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP
1645 ART SCHOOL ROAD
CHESTER SPRINGS, PA. 19425**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING AGENDA
JANUARY 21, 2008**

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met on January 21, 2008 at the Township Meeting Room. Those in attendance were Robert Shemonsky, Chairman; Richard R. Barker Jr., Supervisor; Harold Hallman III, Supervisor, William Cracas, Supervisor; Jeri L. Diesinger, P.G., Township Manager; Shane Clark, Chief of Police; Guy Donatelli, Solicitor; Harry Miller, Director of Facilities and Joan Matthews, Township Secretary.

Mr. Shemonsky announced that Dr. Bright, Vice Chairman is currently at Reserve Duty in California and will participate by telephone conference call.

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 PM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS – Mr. Shemonsky announced the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on January 21, 2008 for personnel reasons.

IV. MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL

- A. *Minutes of January 7, 2008 Reorganization Meeting* – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2008 Reorganization Meeting. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Mr. Barker and Mr. Hallman III stated their corrections to the minutes. After no further discussion, the corrections were noted, and the motion was carried by all voting Aye.
- B. *Minutes of January 7, 2008 Business Meeting* –Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2008 Regular Meeting. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III stated he had corrections. After no further discussion the corrections were noted, and the motion carried with all voting Aye.

V. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

- A. *Mr. Shemonsky* – Mr. Shemonsky wished to express his disappointment in the Township's response to hazardous road conditions that were created by winter weather on January 17, 2008. Mr. Shemonsky further stated that every effort will be made to improve the Township's response to hazardous road conditions.

- B. Beth Madarang asked the why policies in place regarding winter highway safety were not practiced during the recent storm. Mrs. Diesinger stated that the response was slow due to conflicting weather reports and time needed for preparation to equipment.
- C. Bob Plater Zyberk asked the Board why the Roadmaster was removed from his position and why he could not be hired back. Mr. Barker responded that in his opinion, without a compelling reason, the Township Supervisors should not hold another position in the Township.
- D. Mr. Hallman III informed the Board the adopted Winter Maintenance Policy and Procedures 2003-01 was designed to handle such snow emergencies and the policies should be practiced.
- E. Suzanne Kaplan asked if the Board would consider creating a parking plan for the entire village of Historic Yellow Springs, and restore the area of diagonal parking back to parallel. Mr. Cracas responded that it is not the Township's responsibility to provide parking on private property. Mr. Rob Lukens stated that this is a matter handled by Historic Yellow Springs as property owner. Chief Clark stated the parallel parking plan was put into place due to vehicles limiting the traffic throughway, and the perpendicular parking plan did not meet PennDOT specifications. Mr. Shemonsky suggested that Historic Yellow Springs consider measures of design to make the perpendicular parking safer.

VI. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer's Report – Mr. Shemonsky gave the Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2007. Mr. Hallman III stated that the Township does not have a Treasurer at this date since a background check has not been completed of Mr. Mochwart. Chief Clark will complete a background check by Tuesday, January 22, 2008.
- B. Police Report – Chief Clark gave the December 2007 Police Report.
- C. Building/Zoning – Mrs. Diesinger gave the December 2007 Building/Zoning report.
- D. Planning Commission – Mr. Miller gave a summary of the January 14, 2008 Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Miller noted the Commission's concerns regarding a conflict of interest in Yerkes Associates representing the Township as Engineer, and also being the engineer for ACMEC of North America. Mr. Donatelli stated that Yerkes should not be involved in the ACMEC Subdivision Plan, and the Township should seek an alternate Engineer.
- E. Fire and Ambulance – Mr. Shemonsky gave the Fire and Ambulance Report. Mr. Hallman III attended the Uwchlan Ambulance Corps Municipal Relationship Committee Meeting on January 16, 2008 and gave a summary of the meeting.
- F. Park and Recreation – Mr. Carreiro gave a summary of the January 3, 2008 Park and Recreation Meeting.

- G. *Motion to receive the reports* – Mr. Cracas made a motion to receive the reports. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

VII. BUSINESS OF REGULAR MEETING

A. *Bills Submitted* – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the bills submitted. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III noted that adjustments to the payment for Doneright Gutters will need to be made. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye. Mr. Hallman III abstained from check #1006.

B. Unfinished Business

1. *Appointment of Electrical Permit Reviewer/Inspector* – Mr. Cracas made a motion to appoint Middle Atlantic Inspection Services at the rate of the 2007 proposal submitted. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
2. *Approval of 2008 Fee Schedule Resolution 2008-01-09* - Mr. Cracas made a motion to further review Resolution 2008-01-09 with regards to the fees for use of the pavilion being over 40 persons and more clarification of fees for event planning assistance, and other fees relating to events at the Cultural Center. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
3. *Motion to accept the Unfinished Business* – Mr. Hallman III made a motion to accept the items of unfinished business. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

C. New Business

1. *Request to conduct Traffic Studies on Messner and Horseshoe Trail Roads* – Mr. Shemonsky stated that residents have requested a speed study be done regarding the stated roads due to speeding. A discussion ensued regarding the need to review Messner Road being made into a two way road to assist the residents of Chantilly Lane when the Horseshoe Trail Bridge is flooded. Mr. Cracas made a motion to have the traffic engineer John Caruolo Associates conduct a speed and signage study of Horseshoe Trail Road and Messner Road and to evaluate the one way of Messner Road being made two ways during off peak hours or during flooding of Horseshoe Trail Bridge. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

2. Anselma Mill Final Plan – Mrs. Diesinger reported that she has received written approval from Tom Cook regarding the ADA requirements of the parking detail. Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the Anselma Land Development Plan, Phase I and Phase II as conditions set forth in E. B. Walsh & Associates letter of June 25, 2007 being satisfied and written approval from Tom Cooke, Building/Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer regarding the ADA requirements of the parking detail. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye. Dr. Bright abstained from the vote.
3. Herb Society – Mr. Barker moved to approve the Philadelphia Unit of the Herb Society of America to use the municipal parking lot May 8-10, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. during their annual herb sale at Historic Yellow Springs field on Art School Road, May 8-10, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. subject to compliance to Tom Cooke’s approval, with restricted use of the parking lot for parking only. Parking shall be in a designated area only. No parking signs shall be erected along Art School Road and Clearview Drive. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
4. In Car Camera Grant – Chief Clark reported that he has been informed by Congressman Gerlach that the Township has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$376,000. The grant will benefit ten (10) police departments for police car video cameras.
5. Motion to accept New Business – Mr. Cracas made a motion to accept the items of new business. Mr. Barker seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Mr. Shemonsky requested a moment of silence in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King.

VIII. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

- A. John Henssler commented that residents of Messner Road requested the road be made one way due to the entrance on Route 401 being hazardous.
- B. Linda Glaum requested the Board look into obtaining a generator for the Township building for use during emergency situations so residents could use the building for relief. Mr. Shemonsky requested the Township Manager look into this.
- C. Linda Glaum requested that the Board have a rental agreement in place with Tom Oats for use of Township property. Mrs. Diesinger stated that the agreement is currently being put in place.

D.Sandy Heilman requested the Township Engineer inspect the bridge at Pine Creek Park to assure its safety. Mr. Barker made a motion to have the Township Engineer do an inspection of the bridge at Pine Creek Park and report to the Board recommendations for any improvements or repairs that may be needed. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

E.Beth Madarang asked if the current Cultural Center Facilities Agreement includes a fee that would cover costs if a Township Employee would have to be present at an event. Mrs. Diesinger stated she will review the facilities agreement.

F.Sandy Heilman stated that she felt the present site of the proposed additional playing field at Pine Creek Park is not compliant with the Comprehensive plan for the park. Mr. Hallman III stated that the Board of Supervisors made a motion at a previous meeting to approve the temporary field, and the second field will be by reviewed by the Park and Recreation Committee.

G.Marguerite McCreight stated she would endorse a user fee for Lionville Youth Association use of Pine Creek Park. Mr. Barker stated that such a fee could be looked into.

H.John Matthews recommended the Board of Supervisors consider Regional Planning being established in the Phoenixville area and Townships north.

Adjourn – Mr. Cracas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan C. Matthews,
Township Secretary